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A weekly Desert Christian Elementary newsletter for grades K-5  
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# the CHRONICLE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Dear Parents,

It is with sadness and joy that I write this final Chronicle article. In just a few days, our school year will come to an end and I will finish my career at Desert Christian. What incredible memories I will take with me! I have had the privilege of instructing, guiding, and leading hundreds of children who have taught me many important lessons while blessing me as well. You and your children are a special part of that blessing. Thank you so much for the privilege of sharing in your child's education.

God continues to be faithful to our school by providing an incredible administrative team for next year. Mrs. Lisa Horner brings with her three decades of teaching and administrative experience to the principal role. She is a gifted and capable leader who will prayerfully lead the elementary school. Mrs. Veronica Gatling, who has done an incredible job, is continuing in her role as Vice Principal of Academic Services. We are excited to have Mrs. Julie Shirar take the role of Vice Principal of Student Activities. She brings a wealth of teaching experience and strong administrative skills to this important post.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs. Susan Terrell. We will miss her gentle strength and incredible teaching abilities which have blessed many students over the 12 years she has been with us. I know God will continue to use her to influence young lives.

Change is inevitable, but it brings with it a reminder of how faithful God is. Faithful to provide the right people in the right places, even though our plans might be different. The challenge for us is to embrace the changes and give God a chance to work out HIS plan in every situation.

One of my favorite verses is Philippians 1:3, which has been used in the lyrics of a song entitled "Recollection of Joy." These words express my feelings perfectly:

*I thank my God when I remember you  
For He has blessed my life with yours.  
With every prayer of mine for you I'm filled with joy,  
For I hold you, I hold you in my heart.*

Serving Him,

*Patti Cyr,*

Almost Retired Elementary Principal

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

## JUNE

- 9 3rd Grade to The Oaks
- ♥ 1st Grade to Marie Kerr Park
- 10 Last Day of School,  
NOON DISMISSAL
- 16 Summer PF Begins
- 20 Teacher Request Forms  
Due

## JULY

- 7 Summer School Begins

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 2008/09 School Year  
Begins

**"[The Resurrection of Christ] Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," - 1 Cor. 15:1, 3-4**

## TEXTBOOK COLLECTION

will begin soon. Be sure your child returns all of the hardback textbooks issued for use during this school year. Missing/lost books will incur a replacement cost.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to our yearbook committee for producing a fantastic memory of this school year. Our committee was: Mrs. Bott, Mrs. Bridge, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. Stull, Mrs. Velasco, and Mrs. Wahlberg.

No yearbooks are available for purchase at this time. Be sure to pre-order next year!

## TUESDAY, JUNE 10

is a **minimum day** with school dismissal at 12:00. Peach Factory is available—be sure to sign up in the main office if you don't currently attend. Bus service will be provided on a schedule 3 hours ahead of regular times.

## RENWEB UPDATE:

- Teachers will be finalizing grades through Friday, June 13. Changes will occur during this time.
- If you are having problems accessing RenWeb, please contact the business office at Ext. 216.

## REPORT CARDS AND SATS

will be mailed home during the week of June 16.

## LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAINTAIN YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC SKILLS DURING THE SUMMER?

BJU Press has a workbook called *Vacation Stations*, which reviews math, reading, and language arts skills with 2 pages of activities per day. The cost is \$19. These workbooks are available for students in all elementary grades. Go to [www.bjup.com](http://www.bjup.com) and search "Vacation Stations" to order.

Tri-C Publication, Inc. also has workbooks for review in math and language arts entitled *Summer Skills*. Each book (which reviews one subject) costs \$19 and is available for students finishing grades K-6. Order information can be obtained through their website at [www.summerskills.com](http://www.summerskills.com).

Sample copies of both books can be viewed in the elementary office.

## TEACHER REQUEST FORMS

Teacher Request Forms may be picked up in the main office. Forms are due back by Friday, June 20 to be considered in priority number order. Beginning Monday, June 23, they will be considered by date received.

## TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS 2008/09

### Jr. Kindergarten

Mrs. Kathy Lopez

### Kindergarten

Mrs. Mary Hrabik

Mrs. Judi Sparling

Miss Julie Tanner

### First Grade

Mrs. Jo Marie Brandon

Mrs. Donna Henwood

### Second Grade

Mrs. Wendy Butcher

Mrs. Rita Morden

Mrs. Lori Nystrom

### Third Grade

Mrs. Linda Galloway

Mrs. Karen Patterson

### Fourth Grade

Mrs. Donna Clason

Ms. Jackie Johnson

Mrs. Mary Rall

### Fifth Grade

Mrs. Rhonda Alford

Mrs. Dana Cheney

Mrs. Valerie Wright

## SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

The library will be open on Mondays only from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. beginning 6/23 and ending 8/11. The theme for our Summer Reading Program is "Ticket to Reading" so come in to the library to book your trip to fun & adventure! Package includes a book bag, bookmark, and reading passport. AND you can earn FREE BOOKS! The program is open to students going into Jr. kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. As always, the library is open to all for book check-out.

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR?

## LOST AND FOUND

It is full and overflowing! The contents will be donated to a local charity on Friday, June 27.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

DCS is looking to hire individuals interested in learning how to drive a school bus. Contact Kelly Pounder at Ext. 217 if interested.

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."—St. Francis of Assisi