

September Monthly Update, 2009
**"Teaching is more than telling, and
learning is more than remembering."**

Dear Families,

I have not been able to find the individual who made the insightful comment above but, I wanted to include it in the first monthly update; a little something to think about. What does teaching and learning look like in your home school? What is important to you as a teacher?

DS has always valued developmentally appropriate instruction and hands-on opportunities for students. We enjoy seeing them apply new information to other life experiences and have their love of learning spill over into our hallways. Along with you, we hope that Deerstreamers will do more than remember what they are told, especially in their spiritual, social and academic growth. We trust that the start of your school year reminds you why you chose to homeschool as you teach and your children learn.

*Fondly,
Amy Chauncey*

We are still in the process of admitting several new students to Deerstream which will delay sending out the class roster. As soon as these admissions decisions have been made and new students have been assigned to classes I will email a class roster. I apologize for the delay.

Reminders for the month of September:

Sept. 14, Monday, Opening day for humanities classes, the 5/6, 6/7s, and Junior Division English. Student drop off is no earlier than 9:05. Classroom assignments will be posted in the hall and on the class roster. Please stay in your cars for pick up at 12:15.

Sept. 14, Monday, Board of Trustees' meeting. For more information contact Amy Graham, Board Chair, at algraham@nc.rr.com

Sept. 16, Wednesday, Opening day for all Wednesday science classes, and afternoon classes. Be sure to send a snack and water for the morning session and a nutritious lunch and water for those enrolled in the afternoon sessions. Classroom assignments will be posted in the hall and on the class roster.

*******Sept. 16, 9:15-9:30 Meet the teachers.** Please come by your child's class to briefly meet their teacher.*****

*******Sept. 16, 9:15-10:15 Parents Welcome**, gather with board members, returning and new families at the gazebo after dropping off your child and meeting their teacher.

Please remember that students will not be able to participate in our morning or afternoon classes until we have the necessary copies of their Emergency Form. One form for each morning and afternoon class a student is enrolled in, AND an additional copy for the administrative files.

We are going to be more cautious regarding sick students this year. We will keep all classroom doors closed until 9:05 at which time, the teacher will open the door and each student will use hand sanitizer before coming into class. If a student appears to be sick upon arrival we will separate the student and call the parent immediately. Please do not send your child to Deerstream if you think they are sick or getting sick. For more information see the Deerstream Student Handbook.

PLEASE NO PEANUTS OR TREE NUTS of any kind in snacks or lunches prepared at home. We have several students with severe and dangerous allergies. Thank you for your support in this important matter.