

Ice Cream Time!

# Steppin' Into a Cool School Year



August 2008

## Orientation

## From the Principal's Pen

Ms. Diane Talo

**Welcome Back!**

I hope you've had a restful and fun summer. We are very excited to begin a new school year. Over the summer our teachers, School Improvement teams, custodians, maintenance department and volunteers have been working hard to make DKMS a place where every student will succeed. We've painted walls and waxed floors, moved classrooms and pulled weeds, learned about and developed our brand

new Math and Language Arts curriculum, said goodbye to beloved staff members and acknowledged teachers who will be new, or returning, to Delton Kellogg Middle School. Happily, we have also had the pleasure to welcome back colleagues who had been on lay-off.

### Focus on Writing

This year we will be implementing a new Math and Language Arts curriculum. You will see new textbooks and, more importantly, brand new

ways of learning to read, write and think mathematically. The main goal of Delton Kellogg Schools will be to improve achievement in writing and reading. You will see your students writing, writing, writing and reading, reading, reading. To help your students, you can expect to see Home Connections that will assist you in understanding how to help your child achieve.

Be on the lookout for a curriculum parent night date, at which we will explain our new Math and Language Arts programs.

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 2 is the first day of school. We will be in session for a half-day. Students will report to their Homeroom or Flex teacher. We will have a whole school assembly at which time we will go over expectations and important fundraiser information.

### New Faces and Places at DKMS

Elisha Hatton	Art
Mike Marcinek	5th Grade
Dirk VanDiver	5th Grade
Aaron Tabor	Music
Sara Nevins-Pate	Tech
Carolyn Nash	8th Grade
Deb Butterfield	Title I Rdg.
Rhonda Sturgeon	Sp. Ed.
Deb Finedell	5th Grade

## What's New in Language Arts and Math??

We have a new Language Arts and Math programs at Delton Kellogg Middle School!

Language Arts: Our new core program in Kindergarten through sixth grade is **Storytown**, a literature-based program that will have your child

engaged in reading activities for 90 minutes each day, and writing activities for 40-50 minutes each day as well. Seventh and Eight grade has a new series entitled **Elements of Literature**. This program is focuses on writing strategies and adolescent literacy.

Mathematics: **Everyday Math** will be taught for 90 minutes each day. The new math program is activity based and filled with hands-on learning games.

Look for parent components for each program!



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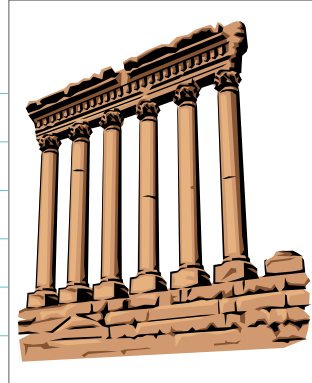
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Welcome Back!

## Ice Cream Time!

Remember to join us in the cafeteria for a refreshing ice cream before you leave!

6:45

### The Low Down on Dress Code

Students are expected to dress and maintain an appearance that is not disruptive to the educational environment. We encourage the following:

- Clothing with appropriate advertising or messages. No alcohol, tobacco, profanity, violence, racial or sexual references.
- Clothing that covers the midriff, shoulders and neckline. No low necks, cut-off shirts, spaghetti straps or halters. Straps must be two fingers wide, and no undergarments may be visible.
- Appropriate length shorts. The hem of your shorts should be at or below the tip of your thumb when arms are held comfortably at your sides.

Please review the full Dress Code in your student planner for more specifics about clothing and accessories.

## SK2R Culture at DKMS

One of my favorite things about DKMS is the manner in which students and staff treat one another. There is a genuinely caring attitude that you can feel when you are in the building.

Delton Kellogg Middle School practices SK2R, the initials representing:

**Safe**  
**Kind**  
**Respectful**  
**Responsible**

We at Delton Kellogg Middle demonstrate Safety by following the rules, letting adults know when things aren't right and honoring others' personal space.

We practice Kindness by helping one another when needed, and considering others first.

Respect is seen when we use courteous language, and behave appropriately in class. We also take care of the property of others as if it were our own.

Responsibility is obvious at DKMS when homework is turned in on time, people arrive when they are supposed

to, and we do what we say we will do.

Practicing SK2R keeps our middle school a wonderful place for students and staff to enjoy a healthy school environment that is beneficial to everyone.



**We're a team at DKMS!**