

Investigations...

Carolina School for Inquiry

July 29, 2010

Dear families:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2010-11 academic school year. We have been working hard this summer reevaluating our current programs and researching avenues to make your child's learning experiences even more meaningful and explorative. As I type, I'm listening to President Obama's speech on education to the Urban League. This administration is extremely supportive of charter schools and we have BIG shoes to maintain.

We have scheduled an upcoming Open House to better acquaint you with the mission, philosophy and expectations for the coming year. Please feel free to ask questions, seek input and offer advice to enhance our home/school relations. During this meeting you will be welcomed by your child's teacher. You will receive a CSI family handbook, school calendar and pertinent information from your child's teacher. In addition we will ask you to complete a free/reduced meal application (even if you do not qualify, the school may receive monies for other programs), provide/update family medical information, and sign the FERPA requirement. You will have the opportunity to join Friends of Carolina School for Inquiry (FoCSI), our parent and community organization.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be available this evening for you to build your child's home library and to purchase any needed school supplies. We are looking forward to an awesome evening of learning and growing together.

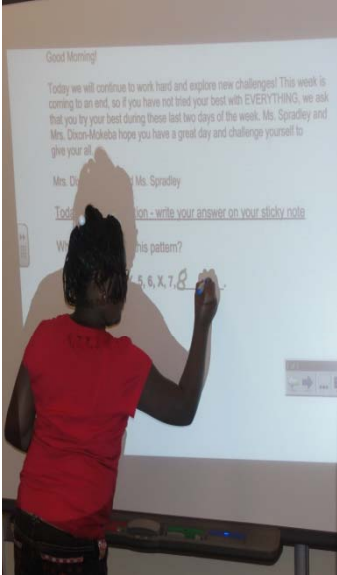
We have two new full time staff members joining our team this year.

Christen Sistare: Christen has a Masters of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood Education from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Francis Marion University where she studied Theatre Arts and English. After obtaining her undergraduate degree, Christen taught Fine Arts & English at the high school level. While earning her masters degree she taught at a tutoring center where she worked with small groups of multi-aged students. Christen and her husband have a son, Holden, who was born in October 2009. Christen is so excited to join the CSI family and cannot wait to meet her students and their families!

Sheryl Wechsler: Sheryl has Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Columbia International University and is certified in both early childhood and elementary education. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from New College of Florida where she studied both gifted education and multiple intelligences. Between her degrees she enjoyed working at the Lexington County Museum and volunteering as a Cub Scout Den Leader and Cubmaster. She has two sons: Evan, who is a sophomore at Clemson University, and Sean, who is a sophomore at Dutch Fork High School. Sheryl is very excited about joining the CSI family and looks forward to meeting her students and their families!

The staff and I are excited about our new colleagues and are geared for a great school year. Classroom assignments have already been established. Please note your child's teacher at the bottom of the publication.





Returning Community Team Members:

Janice Greene-	Office Manager
Patsy O'Brien	Nutrition Manager
Erica Spradley	Upper Elementary Teacher
Chris Richards-	Upper Elementary Teacher
Damon Hodges	Upper Elementary Teacher
Jacqueline Boulware-	Early Elementary Teacher
Verdie Samuels	Primary Teacher
Lindsey White	LD Resource
Tanya Wilson	Speech Pathology
Dr. Gable McCollough	School Psychologist
Jacqueline "Dukes" Sawyer	Art Education
Tony Thomas	Physical Education
Bevis Gray	Music Education
Wanda Davis	Instructional Assistant
Ashley Davis	Instructional Assistant
Dr. Gloria Boute ² -	USC Instructor/Research
Dr. George Johnson	SC State Instructor/Research

Please frequent the website to find current information about our staff and updates. www.carolinaschoolforinquiry.org

Upcoming Events:



August 13, 2010 Back to School Bash from 6:00-8:00 pm
Special Presentation from William Boyles "I am Hip Hop Science"

This is a fun meet and greet for all families. You will have the opportunity to sign your child/ren up for extra curricular activities after school: Tae Kwon Doe, Art Academy, Jr. Chef's Academy, Crafts Academy, Jazz Ensemble Academy, Young Artist Academy, Basketball Academy. Literacy Academy, Mad Science, After School Program, Chess Club and much more.

August 16, 2010 Students Return

We are looking forward to an awesome school year. If you have any questions, concerns or any other inquiries, please feel free to contact me at 691-1250 or via e-mail vdixon-mokeba@carolinaschoolforinquiry.org.

I am looking forward to seeing returning faces and meeting new ones. I'll see you all really soon!

My very best,

Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Director/Lead Teacher