

STONINGTON SCHOOL NEWS

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STONINGTON WELCOMES NEW STAFF!

Please join us in welcoming the following individuals to our school community:

At SHS

Aaron Czarnecki is a recent graduate of CCSU and also holds a BFA in Animation from Edinboro University. He joins the staff as a Technology Education teacher.

Jennifer McGuinn is the newest member of the science department at SHS. A graduate of The George Washington University, she brings experience as a teacher in Ledyard.

Scott Smilinich also joins the faculty as a science teacher. We thank him for his service to our country as a member of the National Guard and welcome him to Stonington.

At PMS

Courtney Bolling comes to Stonington from North Carolina. A graduate of Old Dominion, she will provide math support to students in grades 5 & 6.

Lucy Freitas will provide math support to students in grades 7 & 8. A graduate of University of Maryland Baltimore County, she has several years of teaching experience in Maryland.

At MMS

Carrie Dentch is the new guidance counselor at MMS. A graduate of CCSU, her most recent work has been in the Westerly Public Schools.

Gabrielle LaChance will join colleagues in the special education department at MMS this year. A UCONN graduate, she is a third-generation teacher in Stonington.

At DMS

Douglas Hammel joins us as the new principal at Deans Mill School. With a degree from SCSU, most recently he served as an elementary principal in North Branford.

Kristen Landry joins the DMS staff as a grade 4 teacher. She holds a degree from University of New Haven and served as a long-term substitute at DMS last spring.

Rachele Limberakis is serving as a long-term substitute in grade 4. No stranger to DMS, Rachele holds her most recent degree from Texas State University.

Christine Wilson comes to Stonington as the new integrated preschool teacher at DMS. She holds a degree from The College of New Rochelle and has taught in Ridgefield, Greenwich and in Westchester County, NY.

At WBSS

Nicole Gregoire comes to WBSS after having completed a long-term substitute position at DMS. She earned her degree from SCSU and is currently teaching grade 4.

Allyson Lubs joins the WBSS faculty after completing a long-term substitute position at PMS. With a degree from SCSU, Allyson has recently relocated to become a Stonington resident.

Jessica Palumbo is the newest member of our special education staff at WBSS. A graduate of Johnson & Wales, Jessica recently completed a long-term substitute position in Westerly.

At WVSS

Jennifer Fister joins us as grade 1 teacher. She earned her degree at Mount Saint Mary College and has previous teaching experience in New York State.

Districtwide

Brandy Bunnell joins the Special Services as Coordinator of Student Supports. She comes to us from Hartford Public Schools and is pursuing her doctoral degree from University of Hartford.

Do you know what skills your child will need to be ready for Kindergarten in the fall of 2010 or 2011?



**Kindergarten Readiness Fair
Saturday, October 24th
Stonington High School
10:00AM-12:00PM**

Come learn about at-home activities for building school readiness and speak with PreK & Kindergarten teachers about today's Kindergarten expectations!

Bring your 3 & 4 year-olds and celebrate the fall harvest with stories, arts and crafts, an obstacle course, fun with local heroes from Stonington's Fire & Police, other community helpers and much, much more!!!

This event is sponsored by Stonington Public Schools, in cooperation with local community agencies.



Stonington Public Schools Integrated Preschool






Stonington Public Schools is currently accepting typical peers for the integrated preschool program for the 2009-2010 school year. Preschool programs are available for children ages 3 years old. Following the Stonington Public Schools calendar year, children may be enrolled in 2, 3, or 4 half-day sessions. The language-based curriculum includes developmentally appropriate experiences in all areas of child development: cognitive, personal/social, creative expression, and physical.

All students must attend PAD (Preschool Assessment of Development) screening, a developmental screening offered through Stonington Public Schools. Our first PAD screening will be held on September 11, 2009. Please call for an appointment. All typical peers must use the bathroom independently and demonstrate age appropriate language and social skills. Tuition is dependent upon the number of days/week the child attends. Interested parents should call 572-0506 X4.

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SPS DISTRICT CALENDAR

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT
	8/31/09 First day of school Kindergarten Conferences	1 Kindergarten Conferences	2 First day of school for Kindergarten	3 5:30 MMS Back-to-School Night	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY  NO SCHOOL	8 5:30 MMS SBIT mtg. 6:00 DMS Back-to-School Night 7:00 MMS PTO mtg. 7:00 SHS BOE Public Forum-Superintendent Search	9 6:00 DMS Back-to-School Night 7:00 PMS Back-to-School Night	10 5:00 SHS Pasta Dinner 7:00 Central Office BOE mtg.	11 11:00 PMS PTO Coffee Social	12
13	14 4:30 DMS SBIT mtg. 6:00 SHS SEF mtg. 7:00 DMS PTO mtg. WBSS Picture Day	15 5:00 SHS SBIT mtg. 6:00 DMS Back-to-School Night	16 6:30-9:30 SHS SAT Prep Class	17 7:00 SHS Back-to-School Night WVSS Picture Day	18 6:30 DMS PTO Movie Night	19
20	21	22 7:00 SHS Special BOE mtg.	23 5:00 WVSS Back-to-School Night 6:30-9:30 SHS SAT Prep class	24 MMS Picture Day DMS Picture Day	25	26 WVSS/WBSS Fall Festival @ SHS
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Help the squirrel through the maze to find its acorns

