



Journey's School of Teton Science Schools

Academic Excellence · Extraordinary Relationships · Place-based Education · Global Citizenship

August 11, 2011

Dear Journey's School Parents:

Greetings from Coyote Canyon! Summer is nearing the end and Journey's School is ramping up for an incredible 11th year. I have spent the summer reflecting on the years past and the years to come. Most poignant, I read a history about a school much like Journey's School, but thirty years older. The veteran (and original) head of school, when asked what to look for in a school, simply stated, "Do the faculty and staff love children?" Underlying the topics of excellence, innovation, and student engagement, this reminded me that every decision should be based on what is best for children. I have often said that I work at schools because I want to change the world. A daunting task, no doubt, but without the children at the forefront, this end goal is impossible.

The campus has been very active with Teton Science Schools' summer education programs. New faculty begin training today and all faculty return this coming Monday to plan for the 2011-12 academic year. We have a big year coming up as we evaluate, practice and refine all of our programs as part of a larger Curriculum Project and Strategic Plan. Some highlights include:

1. Revise our elementary school math program to include the Singapore Approach model.
2. Complete authorization for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program.
3. Graduate our first International Baccalaureate diploma candidates.
4. Begin implementation of our strategic plan (adopted this summer).
5. Complete alignment analysis and documentation of our entire program as part of a curriculum mapping project.

Many faculty have worked on curriculum design over the summer and are eager to start the year. To help the faculty implement the changes in both the Curriculum Project and the Strategic Plan, we are working with a variety of outside providers throughout the year, including:

1. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Design (ASCD)
2. Harcourt Math professional development training
3. Curriculum mapping training
4. Phi Delta Kappa International
5. International Baccalaureate

All of this energy reinforces our four programmatic pillars of academic excellence, extraordinary relationships, place-based education, and global citizenship. Most importantly, our faculty are more engaged than ever to create an extraordinary place of learning for your children.

I look forward to seeing you all again. Contact me at any time if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Nate McClennen
Head of School



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Get involved with your child's education by attending the following fall events and supporting the Journeys School Annual Fund. Your financial contribution will help complete the Fall Harvest by raising \$523,000 before December 31, 2011.

New Parent Orientation – Monday, August 29 (9-10 AM): New families should attend this orientation to Teton Science Schools and Journeys School. This is also a chance to get final questions answered before the start of the school year. Childcare provided. Location: Jackson Campus Education Center.

Family Back to School Day – Monday, August 29 (10 AM-12 PM): All families are invited to engage with faculty for a fun morning preparing the school and getting to know other students. Parents of Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade students must attend with their child. Location: Journeys School.

Back to School Potluck/Class Meetings – Thursday, September 1 (5:30–7:30 PM): All families are asked to attend welcome meetings with faculty at each level at 5:30 PM followed by our annual potluck at 6:30 PM. Childcare is provided for all children during the 5:30 PM meeting time. Location: Jackson Campus Dining Lodge.

Old Bill's Fun Run – Saturday, September 10 (10 AM): Please participate in this community wide event. Wear your Journeys School t-shirt proudly and donate to Teton Science Schools/Journeys School to support a good cause. Location: Jackson Town Square.

Grandparents' & Grandfriends' Day – Friday, September 23 (9:30 AM–12:30 PM): Let your child's grandparents know about this annual event that is open to all grandparents and grandfriends. Great classroom experiences followed by a wonderful lunch will make all grandparents want to attend Journeys School. Please RSVP to 307.733.3729. Location: Journeys School.

Teton Science Schools Board Meeting – Thursday, October 27(4:30 PM): Stay up to date on all that is happening at Teton Science Schools. This meeting will be focused on Journeys School. Location: Jackson Campus Education Center.

Fifth Annual Bunnery Benefit – Saturday, November 5 (7 AM–3 PM): Thanks to the generosity of the Labbe and Yvernault families, all proceeds from the day will be donated to Journeys School of Teton Science Schools. Join friends for breakfast or lunch at the tastiest fundraiser around! Location: The Bunnery, 130 N Cache, downtown Jackson.

State of the School Dinner – Wednesday, November 9 (5:30-7:30 PM): Enjoy a great dinner with friends and hear the current and future vision of Journeys School. Location: Jackson Campus Dining Lodge.

Journeys School

2011-12 Faculty and Staff List

| First Name | Last Name | Department | Education |
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| Nate | McClennen | Head of School | BA, Biochemistry, Bowdoin College MS, Zoology, University of Wyoming |
| Betsy | Trowbridge | PreK-5 th Grade Coordinator Elementary School Faculty | BA, English, Kenyon College MA, Education, University of California, Berkley |
| Shannon | Shuptrine | PreK-5 th Grade Assistant Coordinator Elementary School Faculty | BA, English, Lewis and Clark College MA, Education, Antioch College |
| Erin | Smith | Pre-Kindergarten Faculty | BA, Early Education, University of Vermont |
| Jessica | Barksdale | Pre-Kindergarten Faculty | BA, Environmental Education, Warren Wilson College |
| Charlotte | Davis | Pre-Kindergarten Faculty | BA, Linguistics, University of Michigan |
| Emmy | Kean | Adjunct Pre-Kindergarten Faculty | BA, Human Services, Elon University |
| Brittany | Buckley | Adjunct Pre-Kindergarten Faculty | BA, Environmental Studies, St. Lawrence University |
| Bari | Bucholz | Elementary School Faculty | BA, Elementary Education, University of Montana |
| Jill | Wright | Elementary School Faculty | BA, English, University of Alaska MA, Education/Arts, University of Montana |
| Mandy | Hullander Horne | Elementary School Faculty | BA, Human Ecology, The University of Tennessee at Knoxville MS, Early Childhood Education, University of Tennessee at Knoxville |
| Tracy | Mulligan | Elementary School Faculty | BA, Journalism, University of Central Florida |
| Erin | Niebling | Elementary School Faculty | BA, Visual Communication Sequence, University of North Carolina MEd, Elementary Education, University of Phoenix |
| Bridget | Killian | Elementary School Faculty | BS, Elementary Education, University of Vermont MEd, Special Education, Florida Gulf Coast University |
| Kjera | Henrie | Pre-K and Elementary Faculty (Spanish) | BA, English and Spanish, Utah State University MEd, Curriculum and Instruction, Lesley College |
| David | Porter | 6 th -12 th Grade Coordinator High School Faculty (English) | BA, English, University of North Texas MA, Comparative Literature, University of Utah |
| Tom | Marshall | 6 th -12 th Grade Assistant Coordinator Middle School Faculty (Social Studies) | BA, History/Political Science, University of Colorado |
| Margot | Angstrom | Middle School (English) | BA, Biology and Religion, Colgate University MEd, Secondary Education, Montana State University |
| Sarah Kate | Gessford | Middle School Faculty (Science) | BA, Biochemistry, Lewis and Clark College MA, Interdisciplinary Science Education, Montana State University |
| Kate | Schelbe | Middle School Faculty (Spanish) | BA, Spanish and Latin American Studies, Emory University |
| Bart | Liles | Adjunct Middle School Faculty (Math) | BS, Environmental Biology, Auburn University |

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| Ethan | Lobdell | High School Faculty (Math/Science) | BA, Mathematics/Computer Science, Vassar College |
| Drew | Overholser | High School Faculty (History) | BA, History, Ohio-Wesleyan University MA, American History, Montana State University |
| Samantha | Smith | High School Faculty (Math/Science) | BA, Science Education/Biology, Eastern Carolina University |
| Shoshana | Kobrin | High School Faculty (Spanish) | BA, Liberal Arts/Spanish, Colorado State University |
| Cate | Roscoe | Adjunct Middle & High School Faculty (Math) | BS, Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz MA, Biology, Humboldt State University |
| Erin | Gibbons | Adjunct High School Faculty (Math) | BS, Architectural Engineering, California Polytechnic State University MS, Structural Mechanics and Materials, Georgia Institute of Technology |
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| Charlotte | Quesada | Adjunct High School Faculty (Spanish) | BA, Latin American Studies, University of Virginia MA, Multicultural Education, Prescott College |
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| Travis | Gay | Learning Needs Coordinator | BA, Child Psychology, Hollins College MSW, Walla Walla University |
| Laura | Remmy | Literacy Specialist | BA, Elementary Education, Johnson State College MEd, Education, Southern New Hampshire University |
| Khale | Reno | Physical Education/Activities Coordinator | BA, Sports Medicine and Health Education, Linfield College MEd, Interdisciplinary Studies, Montana State University |
| Siri | Lindquist | Program Intern | BA, English, Kenyon College |
| Olivia | Wheeler | Program Intern | BA, History, Yale University |
| Tammie | Van Holland | Admissions/Finance | BFA, Children's Theater, West Virginia University MA, Nonprofit Management, University of Nebraska |
| Sam | Kitchen | Administrative Assistant/Registrar | BS, Zoology, University of Idaho |
| Heather | Marks | College Counseling/Alumni Relations | BA, Human Biology, Stanford University MS, Resource Ecology, University of Michigan |