



Journeys School of Teton Science Schools

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August 11, 2011

Dear Journeys School Parents:

Greetings from Coyote Canyon! Summer is nearing the end and Journeys 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 Journeys 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 Social – Friday, August 17 (6-8 PM): New parents are invited to join Journeys School Staff and Parent Council representatives for a fun evening getting to know one another. Light appetizers and drinks will be served. Location: Home of Alex and Joohee Muromcew (please RSVP to online invitation).

Teton Science Schools Auction – Saturday, August 20 (2-5 PM): Attend this annual community event to support Teton Science Schools' programs for local students from across Wyoming. Call Maggie Schilling at 307.734.3728 with any questions or to set up a proxy bidder. Raffle ticket sales, live auction program, and information on silent items available at www.tetonscience.org/auction - there is truly something for everyone! Location: Jackson Campus.

New Parent Orientation – Wednesday, 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 – Wednesday, 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.

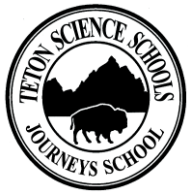
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2011-12 Faculty and Staff List

First Name	Last Name	Department	Education
Erin	Smith	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Early Education, University of Vermont
Jessica	Barksdale	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Environmental Education, Warren Wilson College
Charlotte	Davis	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Linguistics, University of Michigan
Emmy	Kean	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Human Services, Elon University
Brittany	Buckley	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Environmental Studies, St. Lawrence University
Bari	Bucholz	Elementary School	BA, Elementary Education, University of Montana
Shannon	Shuptrine	PreK-5 th Grade Assistant Coordinator	BA, English, Lewis and Clark College MA, Education, Antioch College
Jill	Wright	Elementary School	BA, English, University of Alaska MA, Education/Arts, University of Montana
Mandy	Hullander Horne	Elementary School	BA, Human Ecology, The University of Tennessee at Knoxville MS, Child and Family Studies, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Tracy	Mulligan	Elementary School	BA, Journalism, University of Central Florida
Erin	Niebling	Elementary School	BA, Visual Communication Sequence, University of North Carolina MEd, Elementary Education, University of Phoenix
Bridget	Killian	Elementary School	BS, Elementary Education, University of Vermont MEd, Special Education, Florida Gulf Coast University
Kjera	Henrie	Pre-K and Elementary (Spanish)	BA, English and Spanish, Utah State University MEd, Curriculum and Instruction, Lesley College
Sarah Kate	Gessford	Middle School (Science)	BA, Biochemistry, Lewis and Clark College MA, Interdisciplinary Science Education, Montana State University
Tom	Marshall	6 th -12 th Grade Assistant Coordinator	BA, History/Political Science, University of Colorado
Margot	Angstrom	Middle School (English)	BA, Biology and Religion, Colgate University MA, Secondary Education, Montana State University
Kate	Schelbe	Middle School (Spanish)	BA, Spanish and Latin American Studies, Emory University
Ethan	Lobdell	High School (Math/Science)	BA, Mathematics/Computer Science, Vassar College
Drew	Overholser	High School (History)	BA, History, Ohio-Wesleyan University MA, American History, Montana State University
Samantha	Smith	High School (Math/Science)	BA, Science Education/Biology, Eastern Carolina University
Shoshana	Kobrin	High School (Spanish)	BA, Liberal Arts/Spanish, Colorado State University

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First Name	Last Name	Department	Education
Cate	Roscoe	Adjunct Middle & High School (Math)	BS, Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz MA, Biology, Humboldt State University
Erin	Gibbons	Adjunct High School (Math)	BS, Architectural Engineering, California Polytechnic State University MS, Structural Mechanics and Materials, Georgia Institute of Technology
Mark	Leichliter	Adjunct High School (English/Philosophy)	BA, English, University of Wyoming MA, English, University of Wyoming
Charlotte	Quesada	Adjunct High School (Spanish)	BA, Latin American Studies, University of Virginia MA, Multicultural Education, Prescott College
Brooke	Littman	Visual Arts/Fine Arts Coordinator	BA, Art Education, The College of New Jersey MA, Art Education, Teachers College, Columbia University
Thomas	Sneed	Performing Arts	BA, Liberal Arts, University of Montana
Travis	Gay	Learning Needs Coordinator	BA, Child Psychology, Hollins College MSW, Walla Walla University
Bartley	Lyles	Adjunct Middle School (Math)	BS, Environmental Biology, Auburn University
Khale	Reno	Physical Education/Activities Coordinator	BA, Sports Medicine and Health Education, Linfield College MEd, Interdisciplinary Studies, Montana State University
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
Tammie	Van Holland	Admissions/Finance	BFA, Children's Theater, West Virginia University MA, Nonprofit Management, University of Nebraska
Nate	McClennen	Head of School	BA, Biochemistry, Bowdoin College MS, Zoology, University of Wyoming
Betsy	Trowbridge	PreK-5 th Grade Coordinator	BA, English, Kenyon College MA, Education, University of California, Berkley
David	Porter	6 th -12 th Grade Coordinator	BA, English, University of North Texas MA, Comparative Literature, University of Utah
Siri	Lindquist	Program Intern	BA, English, Kenyon College
Olivia	Wheeler	Program Intern	BA, History, Yale University



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Elementary Student Supply List

As you know, or will quickly learn, our classroom extends well beyond the walls of our building. Journey's School Elementary students should come to school each day prepared for indoor and outdoor activities. If you have any questions or concerns about this list, do not hesitate to call your student's advisor.

PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL ALL BELONGINGS!

Items to be kept in your child's mudroom cubby at school :

- ___ Backpack for day-to-day use to and from school and on journeys
- ___ Indoor shoes to wear in the classroom (*These shoes must have sturdy soles in case of a fire drill or emergency*)
- ___ Hiking or Outdoor Shoes (*Sturdy all-weather shoes appropriate for hiking*)
- ___ Snow Gear: pants, jacket, winter boots, gloves, warm hat, and warm layers (to be used in winter weather)
- ___ Rain Gear: water-proof pants and jacket (*to be used in fall and spring weather*)
- ___ Sunglasses with UVA/UVB protection
- ___ Sun Hat with a brim (*baseball type or full brim*)
- ___ Lip balm with UVA/UVB protection
- ___ Sunscreen with 30+ SPF
- ___ One-liter water bottle with screw top lid (with child's name labeled on all parts)
- ___ One or two dry or canned microwavable meal(s) for days your child forgets his/her lunch.

Kindergarten, First & Second Grade Supplies:

- ___ Oops Kit: Extra change of clothes for those "oops" days preferably in a Ziploc bag. Please include pants, shirt, underwear, and socks. Please clearly label the bag with your child's name.

Third, Fourth, & Fifth Grade Supplies:

- ___ Three sets of 5 dividers for use in 3-ring binders
- ___ One 2" white 3-ring binder with clear plastic covers. (We know this is specific, but your child will build his/her portfolio in this binder. We would like all portfolio binders to be the same).
- ___ One 1 1/2" dark green binder (Again, we know this is specific, but these binders will be used in math class)
- ___ One flash drive (1 gigabyte will be sufficient.) It can be purchased at an office supply store for around \$15.00. This device will help your child transfer electronic files between home and school computers.

Optional CLASSROOM SUPPLIES:

If you would like to donate classroom supplies, we would greatly appreciate: #2 pencils, pencil top erasers, Kleenex, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, ELMERS glue sticks, colored pencils, thick and thin CRAYOLA markers, dry erase markers and erasers, dividers, sticky notes, sponges, quart and gallon size plastic baggies, thick and thin permanent sharpies, eco-friendly dishwasher detergent, eco-friendly dish soap, and washcloths for cleaning.

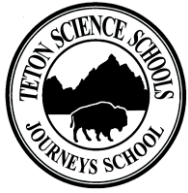
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Grades K-2 Extended Journeys 2011-2012 Tentative Dates & Destinations

Journey Date	Destination
October 4-6	Kelly, Wyoming
January 26-27	On Campus
May 29-31 (K-1 only)	Grand Teton National Park
May 29-31 (2 nd grade only)	Yellowstone National Park

Grades 3-5 Extended Journeys 2011-2012 Tentative Dates & Destinations

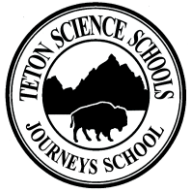
Journey Date	Destination
October 4-6	Twin Falls, Idaho
January 26-27	Jackson, Wyoming
May 29-31 (3 rd & 4 th grades only)	Yellowstone National Park
Capstone Journey (5 th grade only)	Salish Sea Expeditions
May 29-June 3	Seattle, Washington

* Specific information about each journey (including goals, schedules, packing lists, and contact information) will be provided for parents one month prior to each journey.



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Please help ensure that our pickup times run as smoothly as possible each day by filling out and returning the following form. You may add other individuals to this list at any time by calling the office.

I authorize the following individuals to pick-up my child during school, at the end of the school day or from the afterschool program:

My child's name _____

People to whom my child may be released:

(parent signature)

(date)



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After School Explorations Program (Grades PreK-2)

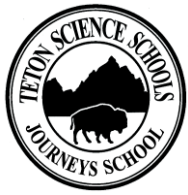
The goal for the After School Explorations Program is to provide a safe and cooperative extended day program in which children can learn, explore, play, collaborate, and be creative. We are looking forward to another happy and successful afterschool program!

- **Description:** The After School Explorations Program is available to all students enrolled at Journey's School in grades PreK-2. The program is five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 3:30-5:30 pm. Each afternoon, the children receive snack, have free choice time for play and exploration, and participate in engaging and creative activities. This program is student centered, directed by their interests and energy, and is subject to change accordingly.
- **Schedule:** The After School Explorations Program follows the school calendar, beginning on the first day of school, August 31st, and continuing through the last day of the school year, June 12th. You may enroll for one day per week, all week, or even once a month.
- **Faculty:** Bree Buckley was a Teton Science Schools' summer instructor. We welcome her to the pre-kindergarten classroom and the After School Explorations Program.
- **Cost:** The cost for students who are pre-registered for the After School Explorations Program is \$15/day. The cost for drop-in is \$20/day and notification a day in advance is requested to assure we can include your child in our limited space program. Billing will be sent at the end of each trimester.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration assures your student's participation in our limited space program. To register email Sam at sam.kitchen@journeysschool.org or leave a message at 307.734.9851.



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After School Enrichment Program (Grades 3-12)

Course details will be provided at the end of August

- **Description:** The After School Enrichment Program is available to all students enrolled at Journey's School in grades 3-12. If space allows, non-Journey's School students will be allowed to enroll in classes. Specific class information will be available three weeks before each session begins. Some classes will meet once per week, some may meet twice per week.
- **Schedule:**
 - Fall classes will meet for nine weeks, September 19th through the week of November 14th.
 - Winter classes will meet for nine weeks, January 16th through the week of March 19th, with no classes the week of February 20th.
 - Spring classes will meet for six weeks, the week of April 16th through the week of May 21st.
- **Location and Time:** Classes meet in Journey's School classrooms and will be defined with each offering. Classes will meet from 3:30-5:00pm.
- **Faculty:** Varies based on the class – Specific class information will be available three weeks before each session begins.
- **Cost:** Each nine week session will be \$135 for classes that meet once per week / \$270 if two days per week. Six week sessions will be \$90 for classes that meet once per week / \$180 if two days per week. At this time, tuition assistance aid is not available for the enrichment programs. Extra experiences, such as the Robotics tournament, will have extra costs.
- **Registration:** Students will need to sign up for an entire session; drop-in is not available for the After School Enrichment Program. All classes require a minimum of six students and are limited to a maximum of twelve students.
- **To Register:** Registration will be required no less than one week before each session begins. To register, please contact Sam Kitchen at 307.733.3729 or sam.kitchen@journeysschool.org.



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