DCA School Newsletter

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Principal: Karla Paul

Principal's Message

Welcome, to all Denair Charter Academy students, families and staff. We are glad you have joined our team and look forward to the 2010 / 2011 school year. Our goal is student success through an alternative approach to education.

We provide home school support for our Kindergarten through eighth grade students and independent study for high school students leading to a diploma. Our students have come to Denair Charter Academy (DCA) for many different reasons. Please know that we value your individual strengths and will address those areas of concern. We will establish a specific education plan for each child.

I am here to support all of the members of the Denair Charter Academy team and look forward to working with you to promote the success of our students. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions, questions or any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
Karla Paul

A Healthy Child Is a Better Learner

Does your child have health insurance? **The Healthy Families Program** is a low cost insurance providing health, dental and vision coverage to children who do not have insurance and do not qualify for Medi-Cal. Working families do qualify, depending on income.

Enrolling your children in Healthy Families, will provide health, dental, and vision insurance for your children. The insurance covers most of the costs for visits to doctors, dentists, eye doctors, and specialists. You will also have access to pharmacies, laboratories, clinics and hospitals for your children's health care.

To learn more about the **Healthy Families Program**, call toll-free 1-800-880-5305, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 8 p.m. or Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. You can also visit their website at: www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov Information regarding the **Healthy Families Program** is also available in the Denair Charter Academy office.

News from the School

We are making some changes to our web site; please continue to check for any updates and new information at

http://dusd.k12.ca.us/

Denair Charter Academy

Please check with your teacher about classes offered at Denair Charter Academy; including math, language, computers, music, child development, digital photography and more.

We are also able to provide additional opportunities at the high school, community colleges and through regional occupational programs.

Counselor's Corner

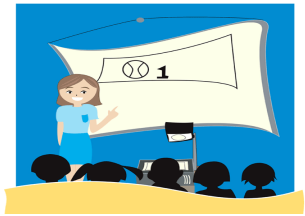
Welcome back, students! Mrs. Baker's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 2. You can schedule an appointment for academic or personal counseling during those hours. You may also drop by her office in room 43. Her phone extension is 5243.

Mrs. Baker will be meeting with incoming freshmen to go over course/credit requirements as well as to develop a 4-year-plan.

Mrs. Baker will also be meeting with senior students to discuss graduation requirements and progress toward graduation.

Planning for college can be a complicated process. Come to our College Night for Junior and Senior students and their parents on Thursday, October 7th.

There will be a field trip to Modesto Junior College on Thursday, November 18th. If you are interested in seeing the campus and learning about becoming an MJC student, let your teacher know!

Staff Updates

We are happy to have awesome new staff members here at Denair Charter Academy. The new face in the front office is our receptionist, Cynthia Valencia. We have two new teachers from the elementary and middle school. They are Kara Binkley and Quinn Waterson. Our media specialist, in our new computer lab, is Vicki Johnson. Mrs. Johnson came to us from Denair Middle School. We are so glad to have these talented and caring staff members join the DCA team. Welcome!