



# GAZETTE

"It is the mission of Devonshire School to provide a quality education for all students."

## WELCOME BACK

### P.B.I.S.



I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to another year at Devonshire School. It has been a great start to the year, and I am enjoying getting to know all of our new students. Our current enrollment is 438 students, which marks the sixth straight year that our student enrollment has grown. I would like to thank everyone who was able to make it for our Parent Orientation on the first day of school. As a school, we had over 85% of our families attend this event, which I think was an outstanding total. I really did like the feel of having our parents start off the year in the building with their children, so I do hope that we will continue this format in some way next year. I also wanted to thank the PTO for sponsoring the ice cream social on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. That event was also extremely well attended and ended our first week in a very positive way. Finally, I wanted to take a moment to encourage you to be involved in your child's education this year. The educational foundation that we provide at the elementary level is so important in preparing our students to be successful for life. Please do all that you can to help ensure that your child has a successful year this year.

As we mentioned at our Parent Orientation Meeting, Devonshire will be fully implementing the PBIS program this year. We have included copies of the Behavior Matrix, which is the main component of the program. In addition, all of our students have participated in training to review our expectations in each of the areas reflected in the Behavior Matrix. Students will have the opportunity to earn S.H.I.E.L.D.'s (**Students helping to improve the environment of learning at Devonshire**) by consistently demonstrating the appropriate behaviors. These shield cards can be turned in for individual prizes or will help us earn school-wide incentives. The students started earning their shield cards this week, and they have shown great enthusiasm for the program.

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

I would like to officially welcome our new staff members to the Devonshire family.

### **Martina Perez**

Martina will serve as the Assistant Principal this year. Martina has been a teacher in the district for many years, and most recently has served as the Bilingual Coordinator for the district.

### **Marcela Gonzalez**

Marcela will be teaching our 4/5 Bilingual Spanish class this year. For the past two years, Marcela has been a Bilingual teacher in Melrose Park.

### **Carolina Bermudez**

Carolina will serve as our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bilingual Spanish teacher this year. Carolina has taught bilingual classes for the past two years near Harvey, Illinois.

## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

When your student is going to be absent from school, for any reason, **please call the school**. The phone number is **847-593-4398**, there is an answering machine on before 8:00 a.m. If you would like the teacher to put together homework, this would be the time to request it. We would then have the work ready to be picked up in the office after school, or have it sent home with a friend.

If you know that your child will be leaving school early on a particular day, we ask that you send a note to the teacher to inform them what time you will be picking him/her up. This way, the student will have his/her things ready when you arrive at school.

Also, if there will be a change with the way your child is going home, it is necessary to send a note to the teacher. If at the end of the day a student comes to us and says that plans have changed, unless we have received a note or a call from you, we will assume that there is no change and the student will keep to the normal routine.

By taking care of these few things, it makes things go smoothly at school.

You can also reach myself or Mrs. Zurawski by e-mail at:  
[carstens.jane@ccsd59.org](mailto:carstens.jane@ccsd59.org) or [zurawski.inge@ccsd59.org](mailto:zurawski.inge@ccsd59.org)

Thank you, Mrs. Carstens and Mrs. Zurawski

## Dates Ahead

Sept. 10 - Early Dismissal  
 Sept. 11 - School Pictures  
 Sept. 17 - Early Dismissal  
 Sept. 23 - Autumn Begins  
 Sept. 24 - Early Dismissal  
 Sept. 26 - Family Fun Night  
           6:00 - 8:00 - MPR  
 Sept. 30 - Market Day



**Happening  
This Month!**

## BUZZ BOOK

Once again this year, the office will be putting together the "Buzz Book". For new families to the school, the Buzz Book includes name, address, phone numbers, names of parents and classmates of your child, and your e-mail address. We have found this to be a very useful tool for students and families. Every student should have already received a sheet with their information listed on it. We are asking you to look it over, cross out any information that you do not want in the book, or leave it as it is, sign the paper and send it back to school. Without your permission we will not be able to include your information in the Buzz Book. Please return the sheet regardless of whether or not you want to be in the book. Thank you!



# SAFETY PATROLS



As is customary, the first day at Devonshire began with 5th graders of the Safety Patrol on duty at their assigned posts overseeing the arrival of students. These students were chosen from lists of children recommended by Devonshire fourth grade teachers. To be recommended, these students must be excellent role models of our new PBIS program and model for all students how to be responsible, respectful and safe. They must sign a promise to set the right example for all Devonshire students and have the permission of their parents.

There are always more children recommended than there are posts. As the year goes on, the list of recommended students will be reviewed and updated. Current members of the Safety Patrol understand they may be asked to relinquish their job to allow other deserving students an opportunity to serve their school. They also understand that serving on the Safety Patrol is both a responsibility and a privilege. The current members of the Devonshire Safety Patrol are:

**There are currently  
63 5th grade  
patrols**



## Safe Driving Reminders

### Overall Safety Tips

1. Do not park in the staff parking lot from the hours of 8:00-4:00.
2. Obey the traffic signs that are posted throughout the school area.
3. Avoid making three-point turns in the drop-off or pick-up areas.

### Drop Off Information

1. Students should be dropped off in the back of the school on Windsor Drive, or in the front of the school on Roxbury Avenue. Supervision begins behind the school at 8:40 and breakfast is served at 8:40.
2. Do not pull into the circular drive on Pennsylvania Avenue. This area is reserved for the busses.
3. Avoid double parking, as it is illegal and dangerous for the students.

### Pick up Information

1. Students in grades K-3 will exit out of the front of the school.
2. Students in grades 4 and 5 will exit out of the back of the school. They should be picked up along Windsor Drive.
3. Students should exit out of the door of the oldest child in that family. That will be their designated pick-up area.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We will continue to offer a breakfast program for our students this year. Breakfast will be served in the multi-purpose room from 8:40 to 9:00. The cost of breakfast will be \$1.30, and can be deducted from your child's lunch account.

For those students that are lactose intolerant, please be aware that we have juice for your child to choose at lunch.

CHORUS FOR  
4TH & 5TH GRADE  
STUDENTS STARTS ON  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH.**

DUE TO THE NEW SCHOOL START  
TIME, CHORUS WILL NOW  
START AT 8:00 A.M.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED  
INTO THE BUILDING BEFORE  
8:00 A.M.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR  
REGISTRATION FEE, THE COST THIS  
YEAR IS \$55.00 FOR FULL TIME  
STUDENTS AND \$35.00 FOR 1/2 DAY  
STUDENT.

THERE IS ALSO THE TECHNOLOGY  
PROTECTION FEE BY GRADE LEVEL.

**K - 2ND** IS \$10.00

**3RD - 5TH** IS \$25.00

IF YOU PAY BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE  
YOUR CHECK OUT TO  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 59.

REMEMBER YOU CAN PAY YOUR FEES  
ON LINE NOW.

## NEW HOURS FOR SCHOOL:

9:00 - 3:50

A.M. Kdgn. dismiss @ 11:50

P.M. Kdgn. starts @ 12:40

Every Wednesday dismiss @ 2:50

## Parent Orientation Night Feedback