

The dePaul School

Respect ♦ Teach ♦ Challenge ♦ Inspire

Recognizing Expertise

At dePaul School, our use of evidence-based approaches to reading and learning in the classroom has rightfully earned us the reputation as the local experts in the field of dyslexic education. Now, there is a way to formally recognize that our teachers have the specialized knowledge and skills to teach individuals with dyslexia to read.

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is beginning to certify teachers through their partnership with The Center for Effective Reading Instruction (CERI), an organization that they established to further the use of evidence-based approaches to reading and learning. The purpose of these credentials is to appropriately assess a professional's ability to provide the necessary remediation for individuals with dyslexia and offer information to the public to choose qualified professionals.

The dePaul School has set a goal that all our reading teachers are certified as Structured Literacy Teachers through this IDA initiative by December 31, 2018. We are excited to have the opportunity to promote this objective and nationally recognized level of teacher professionalism and expertise to our parents and our community over the coming months!

Vicki Howell
Head of School



Upcoming Events

February 1

Re-Enrollment begins

February 2

Team Jersey Day

February 12

Informational Open House
8:30 a.m.

February 15

Cracker Country Fieldtrip
Traditional Students

February 15

End of 2nd grading period

February 16

Pro-Ed day

No School for Students

February 19

Presidents Day **School Closed**

February 23

Progress Reports online

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, MAY 5

dePaul School

..... Gala 2018
SPEAKEASY
NIGHT



Welcome Mrs. LaCorte

We are happy to welcome Mrs. LaCorte to the Delta Program. Mrs. LaCorte is a highly qualified and experienced math teacher with a BA degree in Secondary Mathematics Education from USF. She has taught Middle School and High School Math at various schools including Berkeley Prep in Tampa, Emerson Waldorf School in Chapel Hill, NC and most recently at Learning Gate Community School in Hillsborough County. Added to her education and teaching experience is the fact that she has a dyslexic husband who attended the dePaul tutoring program in its early days and has a dyslexic daughter! Needless to say, she is a great fit for our school!

Re-Enrollment Begins February 1, 2018

Re-enrollment information will be mailed to all currently enrolled families next week. Parents will be able to guarantee their child's spot for the upcoming school year online through Gradelink beginning February 1st through February 28th. Open enrollment will begin March 1st, 2018.

Mr. Kenny, Ms. Brown Receive Certifications

This summer, Mr. Kenny attended a "Google for Educators Bootcamp" at an EdTech Conference in Memphis and became a Google Level 1 Certified Educator! He has since been running a paperless classroom and is helping other teachers integrate Google Classroom and other Google tools into their classrooms as well. Great work Mr. Kenny!

Ms. Brown spent many hours this fall studying to sit for the CERI certification exam and on Saturday, she passed the exam! She is the first of our teachers to become IDA certified as a Structured Literacy Teacher. Congratulations Ms. Brown – we are very proud of your accomplishment!

Class Notes....

....**Mrs. Barlow's** Science classes are studying Earth Science. Students are studying the water cycle and working on a story about a drop of water's journey through the cycle. Others are studying the sun, moon and Earth, looking at phases of the moon using Oreos. Another class is looking at Earth's rotation, revolution and tilt and how they affect life on Earth....**Mrs. Stanziani's** youngest Social Studies group is working on The ABC's of Florida, singing the Florida alphabet song and creating their own alphabet book....**Mrs. Edwards'** Social Studies class is working on a 50 states booklet....**Mrs. Barbaro's** group is practicing their decoding skills, reading words with short vowel sounds. In math, students are using Touch Math while learning subtraction....**Mr. Kenny's** Technology classes are working with iMovie and will create how-to videos. Some classes will be introduced to basic coding as well....**Mrs. Schorr's** Writing class is working on subject descriptors and using them in sentences and learning how to write a summary and type it in google docs....**Ms. Brown's** Writing students are working on 5 paragraph essays in conjunction with **Mrs. Nicolo's** Social Studies class. The research for the essay is being done in Social Studies....**Coach P's** PE students are in a Basketball unit while Health classes are learning about conflict resolution and drug and substance abuse

Mindset Matters!



Gala Planning Underway

Co-Chairs Molly Davis and Honor Rodgers are hard at work planning for the 2018 dePaul School Gala! The theme this year is a roaring 20's Speakeasy, with the event venue being an elegant and historic 1920's mansion in St. Pete.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018. At this time, help is needed to find event sponsors and donations for the silent and live auctions.

Gala information and forms that families can use to request donations from employers, restaurants, stores and businesses will be coming home with students in the next week.

Donations of all types - large and small - are appreciated and necessary! Ideas include event tickets, sports memorabilia, electronics, tech items, jewelry, certificates for restaurants, movies, travel, lodging, outdoor activities, kids activities, theme parks, golf, spas and gift cards of all types. The list goes on and on...use your imagination! It can't hurt to ask...the worst anyone can say is "no"!