

You Otter Know

Dothan Brook School



August 29, 2014

New Staff



Judy
Houde Hardy
3rd and 5th
Grade



Tara
Mumford
Kindergarten



Wendy
Plante
Otter Club



Sharon
Offensend
Pre-K



Sarah
Jacobs
5th Grade



Jessi
Gardner
2nd Grade

Samantha Hudson
COTA

Student Handbook

The Dothan Brook School's staff would like to welcome your family to the 2014/15 school year. There are some changes to this year's Student Handbook. **The handbook is downloadable at <http://www.dbsvt.com/Resources/parent-resources>, but hardcopies are available upon request.** In particular, please read the sections on directory information (page 7), arrival and dismissal (page 8), food in school (page 11), and field trips (page 13). Also, please note that you may e-mail transportation and absence notices to dbsoffice@hartfordschools.net. If you are sending in transportation changes, please have them in by noon.

Open House 9/9

Based on parent recommendations from last year's survey, PTO meetings, and the school community council, we are making a minor change to this year's open house. Open house will start at 6:00 and end at 7:00. As we have done in the past, families will be able to visit classrooms and related arts. However, each grade has been assigned a slot during which each classroom teacher will give a short presentation in his/her classroom.

- 6:05—Kindergarten and 1st Grade
- 6:15—Pre-K and 5th Grade
- 6:25—3rd Grade
- 6:35—2nd Grade
- 6:45—4th Grade

Events

- September 5th—5th Grade Instrument Pick-Up from 6:30 to 7:30
- September 9th—Open House @ 6:00
- September 11th—Walk and Ride (*Drop off at Datamann between 7:30 and 7:45*)
- September 11th—PTO @ 6:00 (Parent Round Table: Hear about the ins and outs of DBS from a parent's point of view)
- September 12—School Community Council Meeting @ 7:30 AM
- October 9th—PTO @ 6:00 (Bullying Prevention)
- October 10th—Picture Day

Student Directory

To improve communication between Dothan Brook's families, the PTO sponsors an annual directory. This directory is a wonderful resource to use to invite children to birthday parties, set up play dates, and to reach out to others in your child's class. This year the school will provide the PTO with every child's contact information including name, grade, parent(s) name(s), home phone number, and parent's e-mail address. **If you do not want your child's information to be included in the student directory, please contact the school by September 30th to opt out.**

Teaching Awards

Congratulations to Linda Gilbert, one of DBS's 2nd grade teachers, who was named a finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching (paemst.org). This is a very prestigious award and it is a tremendous honor to be named as a state finalist. Linda will learn if she is the winner later in September.

Also, April Thorburn, the school's Title 1 teacher, was named as Dothan's staff member of this year. This award is very well deserved and we thank Mrs. Thorburn for all of her years of service.

School Community Council

Last year, parents, staff members, and the school principal met monthly to discuss how we can better work together to improve educational outcomes at DBS. If you would like to join this action-focused group and are able to commit to a monthly meeting, we will have our first gathering on September 12th at 7:30 AM. After that, we will gather on the 2nd Friday of each month.