

## SUMMER [NEWS](#): July 31, 2007

The administrative and Summer Camp personnel have had a very active and exciting summer, and we hope you have enjoyed the summer weeks as well. We will be mailing Orientation materials in the next few weeks, but here are a few events to mark in your calendar.

Aug 29, WED @ 7 PM           \* Parent Orientation Evening

Sept. 4, TUES, 9 AM - NOON   First Day Celebration (optional for parents)

Sept. 18, TUES @ 7 PM       \* Board "State of the School" Assembly

***\* At least one parent must attend these events although both parents are preferable.***

The following are updates we would like to share with you:

**NEW TRUSTEE** — Trustees welcomed Karl Hawes to the Board at their Annual Day-Long July Planning Mtg. Karl brings nearly 20 years experience as a senior executive of Entertainment Publications to Steppingstone. He brings experience and skills in organizational development, strategic planning, marketing/recruiting and cost effective practices to his appointment as Chair of the Finance Committee and position as Treasurer of the Board. You will have an opportunity to welcome him on September 18th.

**BOARD** — In addition to reviewing annual committee reports, financial updates and document reviews, the Board focused on the work outlined by Trustee Tom Herbst for completing our ISACS self-study in anticipation of the ISACS Team Visit and accreditation review. This visit has been tentatively scheduled by Pete Pullen, Head of Eton Academy and Head of our ISACS Visiting Team, for April 13-17 and will involve the participation and input of all Steppingstone groups, including parents and students. As an introduction, the Board has scheduled the "State of the School" Assembly, noted above, at which to share several aspects of the Board's activities and responsibilities.

**NEW FACULTY** — Pat Pettit, Human Resources Director, and Keiko Morse, Faculty Chair, have been reviewing numerous applicants. Final candidates will be providing teaching demos in the next few weeks, and as soon as selections have been made, we will let you know. We are particularly excited by one of the music teachers.

**FUND-RAISING** — The Board has asked that we return to the policy of focusing fund-raising on 3 major efforts — A Raffle, Annual Giving, and the Auction. These activities provide the greatest return for the time and effort put into them. The only other fund-raisers that we will be doing this year will be those that are considered a support/service to parents such as the Scholastic Book Fair before the holidays, those that do not require extra effort such as the Target Red Card, and those that are run by students such as the pizza lunches that finance the tortoises and the aquariums.

Hope you're enjoying the summer!

Kiyo A. Morse, Head of School