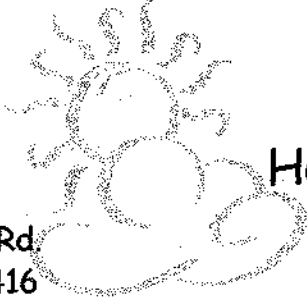


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VISION FAIR

The 2007 VISION Fair will take place on Thursday, April 26th. This year's celebration of learning will again be held at the Delta Christian Church from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. All VISION Learners and Families are encouraged to attend and/or participate. Tables will be available to display projects. Performances have always been a big part of the fair. In the past there have been musical performances ranging from electric guitars to recorder duets. Sandwiches and drinks will be served at no cost, and really cool door prizes will be given out several times during the event (You must be present to win.). Performances will take place from 5:00 to 6:30. The times before and after the performances are for visiting with friends and checking out all the projects and learning activities on display. To reserve a table, you need to call the office and leave a message for Elaine. Learners interested in performing need to contact Gerry Lell (874-8777) by Monday, April 23rd. Our end of the year celebration is always a ton of fun, so come on out and enjoy the festivities!

The Delta Christian Church is located at the corner where 1600 Road meets I Road in North Delta (detailed maps are available in the office).

From the Director

The VISION Home & Community Program strives to reflect, celebrate and improve just like its participants. Learners, staff and RCs continually assess whether their plans are working and their requirements are being met. After these evaluations are made, goals are set accordingly. This accountability process is mirrored at the program level too. There have been many opportunities in the past year to gain insight into our strengths and weaknesses. This knowledge provides an opportunity for us to adapt our process in order to provide a wise educational choice while maintaining our mission and philosophy. Through the external Accountability Site team visit, conversations with district and state officials, and observations of participants, we have identified areas to celebrate and areas to focus upon for a bright future.

In our reflection we have found ways in which we serve our Learners well. The relationships that I have observed over the past six years have grown in depth, trust, and challenge. This encourages the optimal environment for a Learner to grow, explore, and succeed while knowing that there are people who will not only catch them if they fall, but also encourage them to take a larger step. The opportunities for our Learners have expanded too. We now have space for more classes, which has increased the number of educators who serve our Learners. We have listened carefully to requests, and as a result, we now have specialists for curriculum, struggling Learners, and post graduate options. Families are sharing resources, not just items that are checked in and out of the program but also knowledge and opportunities. We look forward to new ideas for opportunities for our Learners.

Areas that need some attention surface when we genuinely reflect upon this program. Through the charter application, it became clear that although we maintain a high level of accountability, it doesn't look the same to those outside of the program. We must find a way to translate the success of our Learners. In order to translate well we must understand traditional terminology, gather relevant data, and present it in a manner that clearly articulates our Learner's achievements. We gather a lot of paper for accountability; however, right now it is difficult to translate it to others efficiently and effectively. We are looking for possibilities to decrease the paperwork while increasing the amount of data that can be used to demonstrate our accountability. It is critical that we find a way to tell the world how hard our kids are working and acknowledge the fruits of their labor.

We have many goals to strive for in the future. We recognize that there can never be enough opportunities for the Learners and their main supporters. We would like to increase the quantity and scope of program sponsored workshops. In the past we have sponsored such workshops as "Step up to Writing" and "Response to Intervention". We are always on the look out for ways to empower both the RCs and Parents to be better resources for their Learners. We intend to train the RCs to translate what the Learner is doing, what they want to be doing, and their goals into terminology that others can easily understand. Finally, we want to strengthen our Five-year Planning Committee and empower them to move into the future with the desires, needs, and dreams of a strong, diverse educational foundation for our Learners.

As we move forward into the next school year as a contract school, I look forward to our march toward increased awareness within the community. This will only strengthen the support for our children beyond our VHCP community. We will continue to celebrate the uniqueness of every Learner and provide the skills and resources to help them move farther into a successful future. Just as the Learners are dreaming of possibilities and how to get there, we are dreaming about how to help them pave the way.

Library Update

Come check out all the new books now available. Accelerated Reader quizzes are available for most of the books in the library. The quizzes now include vocabulary as well as reading comprehension questions. There is a curriculum that needs a new Learner, and Learner Activity Boxes that are ready for week long check outs. If you have questions about anything associated with the library, talk to Jennifer Quinn.

Box Tops

Keep up the good work! So far this year over 850 box tops have been redeemed by Delta VISION HCP, at a value of over \$150. When you shop, look for the Box Tops 4 Education logo, save the top, and bring it to the office. There is also a [boxtops4education](http://boxtops4education.com) shopping web site that will kick back money to our program. Contact Jennifer Quinn for more information.

VISION Explores Paperless Possibilities

The Delta VISION HCP is in the process of trying to eliminate many of the paper trails we have grown to know and love. Digital information may soon replace some of the reams of documentation now in place. If you would like to be involved with this process, the paperless committee meets on Friday mornings at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Office Depot Incentives

Office Depot's Taking Care of Education Program earmarks 5% of certain purchases to educational programs. Whenever you make a purchase at Office Depot, just mention the number below, and VISION will receive credit toward certain supplies.

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Learner Pages

VISION Outstanding Performers



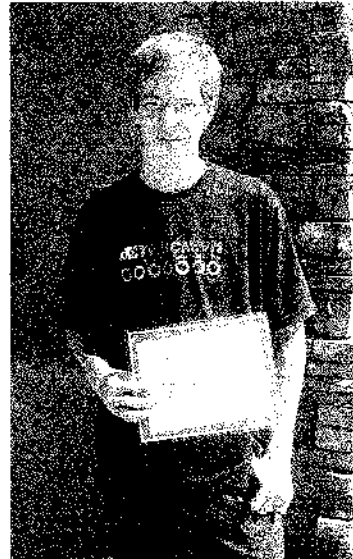
Nathaniel Bryant

Fourth grade Learner Nathaniel Bryant is the VISION Outstanding Academic Performer for the month of April. He has worked very hard this year and has improved his skills in all academic areas. Nathaniel has also devoted a lot of time to guitar practice. He can now jam with the older kids and knows a number of cool songs.

Tim DeCosta



Tim Foster



The April Community Achievement Award will be shared by Tim Foster and Tim DeCosta. Last December, both boys went to Vietnam. While they were there they spent several days working at a Red Cross kitchen. They helped out with street kids, serving meals and assisting with craft projects.

Congratulations!

April

VISION OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS

Wednesday Classes

There is a new procedure to sign up for Wednesday Classes in order to give Learners an equal opportunity to participate. From now on, we will not let Learners sign up until two days after the newsletter has been mailed. Please remember to bring a lunch if you are coming for the entire day and also call the office to sign up for the classes that interest you because space is limited. (There may be a cost for materials if they are provided by the teacher). **If you are unable to attend please call the office to let us know so others can participate.**

Delta Vision Fair

We have scheduled the Vision Fair for April 26th from 4 - 7pm at the Delta Christian Church. This is a great time to show the community what you have learned this year by performing on stage or having a display! We want to have everyone participate in some way this year so contact Elaine at the Vision Office to let her know your plans!!

April 11:

Tennis Workshop

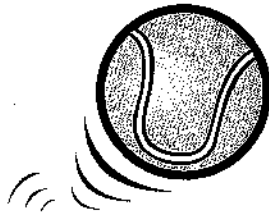
Come and brush up on your tennis skills now that the weather is nice!! **This class will be held at the Rec Center tennis courts outside.**

TIME: 9am - 10am 5 - 8 yrs
10am - 11am 9 - 12 yrs
11am - Noon 13 - 18 yrs

MATERIALS: Tennis racquet (if have one)

LIMIT: 8 Learners

TEACHER: Ron DeLeau



April 18:

Spring Crafts & Treats

Come and have fun with us while we make several Spring crafts including butterflies and flowers. We will make treats to go with them!

AGE: K - 3rd grade 1pm - 2:15pm
4th - 6th grade 2:30pm - 4pm

MATERIALS: \$5

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Jennifer Quinn



April 11:

Family Preparedness Seminar

Are you and your family prepared for a natural, financial or civil emergency? If you had to leave your home with little or no notice, do you have a plan or what to do and what to take? This class will have a follow up class in a month. The class today will include discussion and displays, sharing of resources and ideas, and setting preparedness goals. In the follow up class we will be sharing progress toward our goals, discuss concerns and answer questions

AGE: 10 and up

TIME: (two classes offered)
10 am - Noon
1pm - 3pm

MATERIALS: Pen & Paper

LIMIT: 15 Learners

TEACHER: Liz Ackerman



Parents Welcome!!

April 18:

Portfolio Workshop

Come and get help with putting your end of the year school stuff in your portfolio. This is especially critical for Seniors!! Lots of ideas and assistance will be provided.

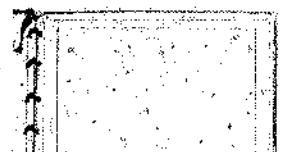
AGE: all

TIME: 9 - 2:30

MATERIALS: Portfolio Stuff

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Lynette Clock





Special Activities Page

April 25:

Mother's Day Vase

Come and use your imagination to decorate a pretty pottery vase for Mother's Day! This would make a great gift for either your mother or grandmother.

AGE: 5 - 9yrs 10am - 11:30
10 - 18 yrs Noon - 1:30

MATERIALS: \$5

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Gini McNair



March 7:

Machines & Levers

Machines and levers teach us about friction. You will be able to define friction, identify three types of friction, and describe its effects. Come and do some scientific investigation concerning friction with us.

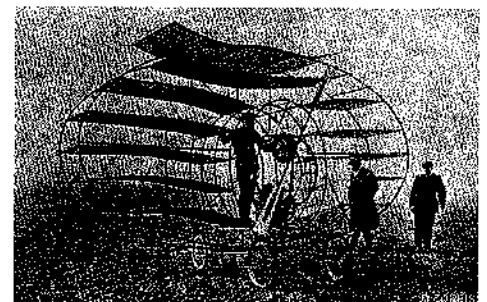
TIME: 1 - 3pm

AGE: 10 - 15

MATERIALS: pencil & paper

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Kathy Gates



May 2:

Plant an Herb Window Box

Come and decorate a window box and fill it with your favorite herbs! This could help you learn ways to use herbs in cooking for the future.

AGE: 5 - 9 yrs 10am - Noon
10 - 18yrs 1pm - 3pm

MATERIALS: \$5

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Trona Denny



May 2:

Portfolio Border Class

Come and learn how to make your own borders for your portfolios instead of having to buy premade. This will be the last portfolio class before Senior Presentation Night so if you need help with some final touch ups this would be a good time to come.

TIME: 1 - 4pm

AGE: 10 and up

MATERIALS: \$5

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Jennifer Quinn



Math Help Class

Julie Mulford continues to be available on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 - 9:30 to help with any math question you may have.

Policy Meeting

A policy meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month at noon, unless no policy proposals have been submitted during the prior week. Call the office for the latest information.

DAC

The District Accountability Committee (DAC) meets the third Monday of each month at 4:30 PM at the District Office. This meeting is always open to the public. If you have any questions, you can call the office for details.

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