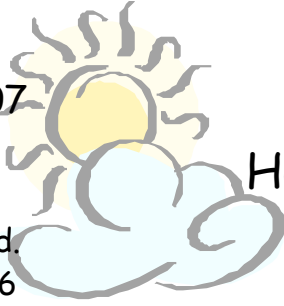


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The Delta Home and Community Program web page (www.deltavision2.com) is an excellent source for tons of important information. The "Calendar At A Glance" section lists all important dates and activities and is updated several times a month. The "Latest News" column always provides important details on information from the Director, Stewards, District Administration, and School Board. Loose track of your newsletter? No Problem! There is always a digital backup on the web page. There are also links to curriculum information and dozens of forms you might need to complete your monthly paperwork. The most recent class offerings are always available with just a click of a mouse, as well as Educator listings. So, check out this great resource and let us know what you think.

Coming Soon

VANGUARD News & Views

The new VISION school newspaper

From the Director

As a parent within the Delta VHCP, many of you have already immersed yourselves in your child's education. You are an active part in deciding the best method, materials, and instructors. Do you feel that you are an active part of the school? Do you want to be? Every school within the district has an Accountability Committee. This committee works toward improving the offerings, opportunities and quality of the school. It works toward a plan that includes these items, as well as specific tasks ("charges") set forth by the Delta County School Board. In the past the charges have focused on healthy children, at risk learners, and making relationships a key focus within the schools. Now the Delta VHCP has an added charge from the district.

This year, the Delta VHCP has been placed on Academic Improvement. This was determined by three factors:

- ⊗ The elementary grades of the Delta VHCP did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as determined by the No Child Left Behind ACT. AYP is based upon the number of unsatisfactory scores on the CSAP in reading and math.
- ⊗ The CSAP cut scores (the number of percentage points of proficient students within a school compared to the number of percentage points of proficient students within the state) went from -215 in 2006 to -345 in 2007 for the whole VHCP.
- ⊗ 54% of students were proficient in reading, 34% were proficient in writing, and 27% were proficient in math

This designation requires a specific improvement plan targeting areas deemed unsatisfactory by the district. The Accountability Committee for the Delta VHCP will be a strong factor in the construction and implementation of this plan. Our target areas designated by the district include:

- ⊗ Grades 4-6 Writing
- ⊗ Grades 4-10 Math
- ⊗ Grade 4/5 Reading
- ⊗ Grade 9-10 Writing

Ultimately, the only way to get off of Academic Improvement status is to improve the Delta VHCP CSAP scores. The Delta HCP Accountability Committee will be addressing this challenge while also focusing on other areas of improvement deemed necessary by the program's committee. Your voice is important as we go forward into the future. Please consider joining this committee in order to help us meet the expectations of the district while focusing upon the children within the program. While the first draft of the Improvement Plan must be submitted by November 7th, there is much work to be done throughout the year for this committee. The committee will meet on November 5th at 1:00 PM to continue with its march toward improving the Delta VHCP. Our mission directs us to find the optimal learning environment for each Learner. What is missing from your Learner's resources, opportunities, or educational tool box?

Fund Raisers

Purchase Pampered Chef items and benefit VISION. This fund raiser runs from November 1st until November 19th. Dianna Shirley will be hosting any purchases made through her website and donating the regular 15% toward the program, PLUS an additional 15% out of her own portion of the sales. Contact the office for more details: 874-8226, or click on the link below to view and purchase items through the website. Be sure to identify the VISION program in your purchase.

<http://www.pamperedchef.biz/ladydi>

Now you can buy eBooks online using a special cost saving code that will also benefit the VISION Home & Community Program! Anyone can use this code and save money, not just people in the VISION program.

Keybookshop.com is working with the Delta VISION Home & Community Program to provide discounts on a wonderful variety of digital teaching and learning resources while at the same time providing a way to raise money for the VISION Program. To participate in the program, all you need to do is shop at Keybookshop.com. When you are ready to check out, follow the directions below to enter the code and save an additional 5% on each purchase. A portion of each sale using this code will be donated to the VISION Program. You are welcome to pass the code and the site along to anyone who may be interested in the eBooks and teaching resources. The more the code is used, the greater the benefit to the VISION Program. To use the discount code: Go to: <http://www.keybookshop.com/deltaVISION.htm>. Shop for and select the books you would like to purchase. At the checkout screen, enter the code "KBS764" in the coupon field which is located in the green bar just above the list of eBooks in the cart and then click the "Activate" button. When the activate button has been clicked, the system will calculate the 5% discount for the purchase. Additional books can be added to the cart and the discount will be updated appropriately. Again, this discount code can be used as often as you would like until the end of December 2007. So, please take advantage of the offer for yourself and pass the code along to someone else. Remember, the code is KBS764.

VISION Teen Group Movie and Pajama Party

This month the VISION teen group will meet on the first Tuesday of the month (November 6th) for a movie and pajama party. The movie will be Meet The Robinsons. Festivities will start at 5:30 PM at the VISION office. Appropriate attire for the party would include t-shirts, sweats, and flannel pajamas. Snacks will be provided.

Seniors Bowling Party

All Delta HCP Seniors are invited to a night of bowling and fun on Friday, November 16th. This event will take place at the Rose Bowl in Montrose from 9:00 PM till midnight. A DJ will provide music. Transportation will be provided from the VISION office and from the bank in Olathe (meet under the clock). There will be a \$5.00 charge. You must RSVP with Marie in the office by Monday, November 12th.

Musicians Wanted

We are looking for Learner musicians to accompany the the VISION Choir or perform solo at the December RC meeting. Contact Marie at the front desk for details.

Help Wanted

We are looking for Learners to help build a float for the Parade of Lights. If you are interested, contact the office.

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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.

Educator Spotlight

Mike Ackerman



Mike has been involved in the Delta Vision Office for two years now. He is currently teaching a "History & Mysteries and Surprises" class and taught a Mime class for one of our Wednesday classes. He grew up in Lake Orion, Michigan on an island. Water was his life and he didn't realize until going to college, that others didn't know how to swim and enjoy the water like he did.

Mike got his B.A. in Theatre Arts at Kalamazoo College in Michigan and took some education classes to become a teacher. After doing his student teaching he decided public school wasn't for him.

Mike likes history and caves. He is drawn to subjects people back away from and likes to get Learners to ask questions like "What really did happen?" and learn for themselves.

There is more on the back.

Educator Spotlight

Liz Ackerman



Liz started working with the Delta Vision Office the same time her husband Mike did. She currently teaches "Making Dollars from \$ense" and various Wednesday classes. Liz grew up in Michigan also and enjoys water sports as well.

Liz got her B.A. in Biology at Kalamazoo College in Michigan and worked for the Park Service in Estes Park as a Naturalist. She and Mike got married and now have 6 children ranging from 12 to 25 yrs and felt very strongly they wanted to homeschool. When they began homeschooling they lived in Summit County and several times were turned into Social Services and ended up with the Truant Officer on their doorstep. They heard Montrose was much more homeschool friendly and ended up moving there and found work. Their older children have gone on to college and four have received college degrees

Liz enjoys teaching, learning, gardening and singing as a family!
We are thankful they found VISION and joined our team.