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School News

by Katie O'Leary



A New School Year Begins at Susan B. English

Summer is over! I repeat summer is over! The news is true. Susan B. English School is back in session. On Tuesday August 22nd, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. the 2006-07 school year officially began in Seldovia. This year is a fresh start for some, an ending for others and just another year for the rest.

This year is a little different than the past few because for the first time in four years the school has the same principal two years running. Curtis Liberty (Mr. Liberty) is back for another year of administrating and teaching. The other teachers teaching in the school are Karen Bornheimer, Sherry Hingley, Paul Chissus, Damara Burnett, Tim Winters, Ronene Gain, Shannon Riley, Vivian Rojas-Mickelson, and Dede Higman.

Karen Bornheimer is returning and everyone is happy about it. She has taught all the way from kindergarten up to sixth grade. Unfortunately, due to the diminishing numbers of students in that age group her class is now only kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Mrs. Hingley is new to SBE this year and has taken on a handful with the 4th through 8th grade class. She is a wonderful lady and I encourage the entire community to become acquainted with her. This class would be a challenge for any teacher due to the broad age range of the five grades.

Mr. Liberty is teaching two high school classes, one hour of the 4th through 8th grade class, and one hour of kindergarten through 3rd grade class. The two high school classes he is teaching are Film as Literature and History of Drama.

Mr. Chissus ("Mr. C") has taught construction at SBE in past years, but this year he has decided to take on a new challenge. He is now teaching Health, Digital Photo, as well as Construction I & II. In addition to a larger teaching schedule this year Chissus is also the Class of 2009 student advisor. Having Chissus as an authority figure is nothing new for the high school students; they all know him from his former position as the Boys and Girls Club Director. Having him as a teacher is great news for everyone.

Language Art's is an important part of a high school student's career. The person to take on this job is Damara Burnett. Throughout the past years she has substituted short term and long term at SBE. She is teaching two classes of Freshman English. Last year Burnett took on the job as coaching the girl's high school basketball team and did an awesome job. Having Burnett join, as a permanent staff member is a fantastic addition to SBE. Burnett will be the Class of 2010 student advisor.

Tim Winters will be teaching the following classes this year: Marine Biology, Biology, Algebra A, Algebra, Geometry, and Pre-calculus and Foods I. Seven classes in six periods with one prep hour, I think he's in for yet another fun year. Being the class advisor for the Class of 2008 (a class of all boys at the moment) will also be an adventure. This will be Tim Winters third year as the high school math/science teacher at SBE.

Ronene Gain, Shannon Riley, Vivian Rojas-Mickelson, and Dede Higman are all teachers with specific teaching skills and switch from class to class. Vivian Rojas will be the Class of 2007 student advisor. Each of these ladies has taught at SBE in the past and is being welcomed back with appreciation.

So begins one hundred eighty days of learning, tests, homework, research papers, and pop quizzes. This, however, is only part of the high school experience. Gossip, laughter, in between classes, extra curricular activities, all fun and exiting, and all an integral part of the school year at SBE school year of 2006-07. Wish us luck and stay posted for updates.

