

Anansi Charter School July News Blast!

Anansi Staff 2014-15

The faculty and staff for the 2014-2015 school year has been confirmed and I am pleased to introduce you to our team of qualified, enthusiastic, and bright professionals! Our new year includes the addition of our sixth grade class and teacher, Ms. Genger who will be teaming with Ms. Elsbeth in fifth grade. For the first time this year, Anansi will have an official physical education teacher, Mr. B. We are also welcoming a new arts facilitator, Ms. Hollie who will also offer after school arts enrichment. In the office you will now find Ms. Karina behind the counter and Ms. Roberta will now be in charge of the finance office. Ms. Kendra has moved from the special education reading lab to the position of reading coach, and Ms. Lisa will now be our special education teacher along with Ms. Margarita. In addition we have two new educational assistants, Ms. Paula will be in the first grade with Ms. Tammy and Ms. Dora will provide reading support in grades two and up under the supervision of our reading coach. I feel good about our new staff members and the fresh energy and commitment they will bring to our school.

Kindergarten:	Blue MacHardy
Kindergarten Ed. Assistant:	Ashle Florenzano
1st Grade:	Tammy Dobbs
1st Grade Ed. Assistant	Paula Medina
2nd Grade:	Nancy Stotts
3rd Grade:	Hugh Garrott
4th Grade:	Kelly Farewell
5th Grade:	Elsbeth Atencio
6th Grade:	Genger Holt
Educational Assistant:	Jean Frye
Spanish & Music:	Philip Handmaker
Special Ed Teacher:	Lisa Woolery
Special Ed./Spanish Teacher:	Margarita Maes
Enhancement Teacher:	Liana Bayles
Reading Coach:	Kendra Peralta
Reading Intervention Assistant:	Dora Romero
Physical Education Teacher:	Robert Berkman
Arts Facilitator:	Hollie Laudal
Speech Therapist:	Helen Rynaski
Occupational therapist:	Kendra Risinger
Aftercare Teacher:	Stephanie Chalfant
	Jennifer Cobran (Wednesdays only)
Office Manager:	Karina Gersten
Administrative Assistant:	Roberta Martinez
Director:	Michele Hunt

Middle School Facility Expansion and Renovations:

The middle school expansion is underway; our contractor will be breaking ground in July and will be working toward a mid-year completion date, so that we can be in our new facility by the start of our second semester. We are now completing the renovation of our former library/computer lab to provide a classroom for our fifth grade students and then our sixth grade will be in the former third grade class room; therefore our third and fourth grade classrooms will be adjacent rooms in the furthest east classrooms. We will have a reception office where it has always been for the first semester; however, Ms. Roberta and I will have an office to the north of the school facility. I will be a mobile school director, working where space allows during the school day, then in the office later in the afternoons. The director's office will

then be used to provide a small group working space for teachers and students. We will all be happy to see the completion of the beautiful addition to our campus.

Paper Work for Student Files:

If you have not turned in your enrollment paper work for next year, you probably received a phone call from Ms. Karina or Ms. Roberta. Please stop in on a Tuesday or Thursday in July to complete your enrollment for your student and retain your spot in the school.

School Supply Lists:

Attached you will find a school supply list for your students' grade levels. You can take advantage of the Tax Free weekend, August 2nd-4th. The school supply list is also available on the school website:

www.acstaos.org.

Save the Dates & RSVP:

Please review the dates below *and let us know if you are unavailable to attend an assessment appointment on August 13th, 14th, or 15th*. You will then receive an appointment card for your scheduled appointment with your student's teacher. Here are the important dates to keep in mind:

- August 13, 14, 15: Assessment appointments or kindergarten home visits (RSVP if you are gone any or all of these dates)
- August 18th 5:30pm: Groundbreaking Ceremony, School Wide Back to School Orientation (bring your school supplies) and Barbeque Potluck Dinner (bring a side dish to share)
- August 20th: First Day of School

See you in August; enjoy the rest of your lovely summer,

Michele,
Director, Anansi Charter School