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This bulletin will be released each month in order to increase communication between district employees. We hope to address various items each issue that would be of interest to the staff.

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We hope to keep the bulletin short and informative each month because we know all of you have busy days!

## NEW FACES

Just wanted to let you know a few facts about some of the new faces in our buildings. We have had a few questions and want to be sure that everyone knows the scoop. ;)

**Ginger Bonham** is a new face at the high school this year. Previously she worked at King 5 days per week, but will now be splitting her time between King and the High School. Her position as Human Resource Officer (HRO) is funded entirely through Itasca County. She is working with students and families in our school district. Ginger is a great asset to our district and families we serve. Welcome Ginger!

**Shandy Geisler** is new to our district and is a 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher as well. He is very interested in getting our students excited about science. Shandy is teaching biology and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classes throughout the day at the high school. His love of science, kids, the outdoors, and nature is sure to be an asset to the science department. Shandy is a graduate of Grand Rapids High School and the University of MN. Welcome Shandy!

**Jackie Heinrich** is new to our district this year. She is also located in the high school. The district has the opportunity to hire her services because of Local Collaborative Time Study dollars (LCTS) that we receive. The LCTS is a random moment time study administered by the State Department of Human Services (DHS) that generates new federal dollars for Family Service and Children's Mental Health Collaboratives. This money must be used to expand prevention and early intervention services for children and families. Jackie's student services are greatly needed in the high school and she has been VERY busy with her duties. Welcome Jackie!

**Dale Marleau** is a new math teacher in the high school. He brings a number of years experience with him to benefit Deer River students. He has been teaching in Northome for the past 8 years and they were very sad to see him leave! We are glad that he is here! Dale teaches algebra, pre-calc, and calculus classes. We know the students need to be prepared for those college math courses if they choose to take that path after graduation. Welcome Dale!

**Sean Martinson** is not a new face, but is in a new position this year. Sean is working with staff development in the area of technology training and assistance. It is a virtual challenge to keep staff trained and able to teach our students with the technology resources available. Sean will be able to help staff utilize many more resources each day. He is working with staff to develop class websites to better communicate with the public. Have you noticed the 'new' look to the website? This position will be funded from several areas including contracting some of his time to other districts in our region, the new gifted and talented funding; staff development dollars, plus we have just applied for a Federal Title II grant that will, if approved, fund the bulk of the position. Welcome back, Sean!

**Henry Tarango** is a new face in the custodial department. This year he will be working an afternoon/evening shift at King Elementary. You may have noticed him here when he subbed last year in the district buildings. We really appreciate having clean buildings to come to work in each day! Welcome Henry!

**INVEST EARLY PROGRAM STAFF** There are a number of new faces in King Elementary and the Goodall Resource Center working with early childhood students and their families. I will send you information on this new program and the staff working in the Deer River sites soon.

That's it for this month! Email your topic suggestion(s) for future monthly issues to Colleen S. in the office.

Remember....if you are wondering about something, it is a good bet other staff members are too!

Watch for the 'District Olio' on the web in the near future!

*"Quality is never an accident: it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives."*