

Monday, July 30, 2018

Dear Parents and Students of DAAL:

The short summer is rapidly coming to a close, and time is near to get DAAL up and going for the 2018-2019 school year. Hopefully, your summer has been fun and memorable.

Thank you to all of those students and parents that participated in our summer fundraiser. We appreciate all of the help, enthusiasm and donations of condiments. Students and parents earned \$1658.55 for DAAL this summer.

We'll get this year started off with Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to come to drop off school supplies, sign up to volunteer, learn about what to expect this year and get to know the families of Delta Academy. Back-to-School will take place at 6:00 pm in our new classroom. We are excited to explore the possibilities available in our new environment.

All students will be required to register online this year. If you haven't registered already, we'll have computers set up and talk you through the process. Because of the online registration process, there is very little paperwork. Any forms that must be signed before the school year gets underway will be available at Back-to-School Night.

The school supplies listed below are in two groups, and you need to bring all items from each group by the first day of school. Please make sure your name is on your student supplies only.

**Student Supplies**

2 spiral notebooks (*1 subject each*)  
Three 1.5-inch or 2-inch size three-ring binders  
1 package of college-ruled loose-leaf paper  
4 glue sticks  
Pencils – LOTS!  
1 pencil box or bag or shoe box  
4 large erasers  
5 packages of notebook dividers  
1 package of 4 different colored highlighters (*Pre-Algebra and Algebra 1 only*)

**Classroom Supplies**

4 reams of **white** copy paper  
2 family-size boxes of tissue  
48-50 plastic forks  
48-50 plastic spoons  
50 **paper** plates, dinner size  
24 **paper** bowls  
1 sm pkg of 9 oz plastic cups

**For Technology**

1 8GB memory stick (*The one you used last year will work just fine.*)  
cheap headphones or ear buds to leave in your locker at school

Although, we do have some simple pantry items for purchase, we do not provide a daily lunch at DAAL (with the exception of some Fridays). Students will need to bring their own healthy and nourishing lunch. We do have a refrigerator to keep things cold and

three microwaves for warming up food. **Please DO NOT bring any Styrofoam products** – they melt in the microwave!

For students interested in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Cross Country or playing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade sports with Delta Middle School, please contact Delta Middle School. You will need to have a sports physical before you may participate. Typically, students walk from our school and there are fees associated with these activities.

A school newsletter will be sent home via email on Tuesday afternoons and will be posted on our website at [daal.deltaschools.com](http://daal.deltaschools.com). We will notify parents as early as possible about upcoming school activities and events in these newsletters, so please let us know if you are not receiving one. If you do not have access to the Internet or an email account, Mrs. Reed will gladly print out paper copies of the newsletter for your student to bring home. Just let us know.

DAAL, a Delta County contract school, operates on consensus basis. This is a decision-making process in which all participants share their views and evaluate alternatives until they reach a decision that everyone accepts. Consensus encourages each participant to voice their opinion and listen to other opinions openly and objectively. The final goal is to create agreements that are for the students' greatest benefit. The DAAL School Board is comprised mainly of parents and/or community members, including faculty in a non-voting status. Board members are not paid for their membership. The DAAL Board will meet monthly to guide the overall operation of the school and will make decisions regarding the following: staff employment, budgeting, policy concerns and approval of activities. All board meetings will be held in Mrs. Egging's room on the second floor at the Delta Center. If you are interested, we will need new board members this year. Regardless of whether you choose to be a board member or not, everyone is welcome to attend meetings. Meetings will be announced in the newsletters.

The first day of school is Monday, August 20, 2018. School starts at 8:10 every day - - plan for this and be on time!! School is dismissed at 3:20 every afternoon in plenty of time to catch the bus at Delta Middle School if need be. With a few exceptions, Delta Academy of Applied Learning follows the Delta County School District Calendar – available on our website.

We would like to welcome Robyn Lackey to our team of educators this year. Many of you know her from the countless volunteer hours she has completed at Garnet Mesa Elementary. She will be assisting with reading/language arts instruction and teaching PE. Staff members will be at the school sporadically until school officially starts, so if you have any questions, please contact Kim Egging at 424-8651 or Wendy Reed at 417-1217.

Everyone here at DAAL looks forward to seeing you.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!

*The DAAL Staff*