



Academy For Integrated Arts
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Dear AFIA Families,

Our new school year is off to a great start. To those of you who are returning, welcome back! To those of you who are new, welcome to the Academy for Integrated Arts! We welcomed 230 smiling faces through the doors of AFIA yesterday.

Thank you to those of you who came to Meet the Teacher Night. We had a tremendous turnout and appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to attend. **We hope you will also join us on Thursday, September 27, for Curriculum Night.** On this night you'll have the opportunity to learn more about our curriculum and expectations for the school year.

We are so grateful to have a strong group of classroom teachers returning to AFIA. Our top-notch teachers make AFIA a great place to learn and grow! We are excited to announce that Asha Moore, former sixth grade teacher, has a new role as AFIA's Dean of Students. As the Dean of Students, one of Ms. Moore's primary roles is oversight of AFIA's behavioral systems to facilitate a positive and productive learning environment. Additionally she will serve as an instructional coach. You may also recognize other familiar faces serving in new roles this year as our school grows:

- Mr. Alex Cole - Assistant Teacher
- Ms. Asha Moore - Dean of Students
- Ms. Brenna Hart - KCTR Resident in PK/Kindergarten
- Ms. Jess Smith - Fifth Grade Teacher
- Ms. Kathryn Farkas - KCTR Resident in 2nd Grade
- Ms. Maddie Scott - KCTR Resident in 4th Grade
- Ms. Megan Mills - PK/Kindergarten Teacher
- Mr. Mike Carroll - Theater Teacher
- Ms. Shilo Canady - Sixth Grade Teacher

New Staff Members

We are also happy to welcome the following new staff members to our team:

- Ms. Allie Wadsworth - Literacy Lab Tutor
- Ms. Ameerah Sander - Literacy Lab Tutor
- Ms. Braisen Cain - PK/K Assistant Teacher
- Ms. Colleen White - Third Grade Teacher
- Ms. PaTricia Stark - Speech and Language Teacher

Tomorrow we will send home, via text blast, our first Wednesday Weekly; this weekly memo is our main method of communicating important details and upcoming dates. Please be sure that your current phone number is on file with the front office so you receive this weekly update.



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As a reminder, our first professional development day of the school year will be on Friday, August 31st and school will not be in session on this day.

Lastly, please review AFIA's Family Handbook and return the attached acknowledgement form by Friday, August 17. You can access the handbook via this link: <http://bit.ly/AFIAhandbook>. If you would prefer a paper copy of the handbook, please mark that option and return the form so we can send home a copy with your oldest scholar.

We look forward to a wonderful year of working together!

Your Partners in Learning,

Karren Colbert
Principal

Tricia DeGraff, Ph.D.
Executive Director