

New teachers join Dallas School District faculty

The Dallas School District has hired new professional and support staff for the 1994-95 school year. We would like to welcome our new professional staff members and support personnel to the community.

Dallas School District and would like to introduce them to the community.



MRS. KERRY ABELL
Dallas
First-grade teacher,
Dallas Elementary



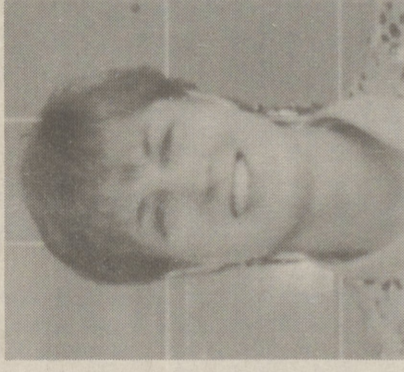
MRS. BONNIE BASSANO
Dallas
Instructional aide



MRS. CATHERINE T. FAUERBACH
Dallas
Computer aide



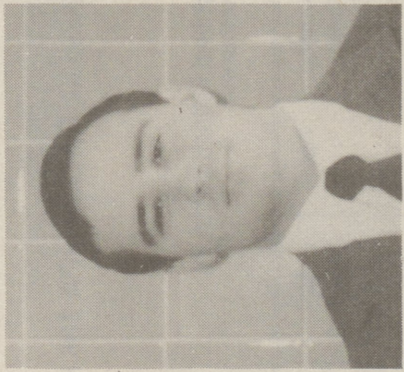
MRS. MICHELE GEISER
Shavertown
Library aide, Middle School



MRS. DONNA KING
Shavertown
Athletic secretary



MRS. YVONNE L. MOULD
Dallas
Library aide, Senior High School



MR. EDWARD NOVAKOSKI
Plains
Part-time science teacher,
Middle School



MRS. DEBRA PIKE
West Wyoming
Music teacher,
Westmoreland Elementary



MS. MELISSA REES
Dalton
Part-time music teacher,
Middle and Sr. High



MS. MARYANN YURKO
Wyoming
Second-grade teacher,
Dallas Elementary

Staff, faculty work to 'restructure' curriculum

Pennsylvania has defined the academic knowledge and skills students are expected to have by the time they graduate from public schools. It is up to the local school districts to:

1. Design a curriculum that will allow students to achieve the learning outcomes and meet graduation requirements.
2. Design a system to measure student progress toward the state and district outcomes. School districts have a considerable amount of flexibility in determining the path they want education reform to take in their community. This process has been referred to as restructuring.

Restructuring has the following implications:

For the teachers: Teachers must focus, select and emphasize what is most important. The teacher must give basic tools, basic ideas and show how these ideas were derived and can be used. Developing more in-depth analytical skills will be the center

of a teacher's work. Teachers will serve less as deliverers of information and more as coaches to students developing the habit of learning on their own.

For the students: The students will do better if the teacher covers fewer things. The teachers must get the student into the habit of learning on their own.

For the curriculum: Improvement of the curriculum means narrowing the tasks the student is asked to take on and raising the standard that the student is expected to meet. As we begin this school year, we dedicated this year to one of discovering. Examining different plans developed by other school districts is our major focus.

On October 11, 1994, the following teachers visited Lake Walenpaupack High School: Joan Duddick, Kathy Wega, Ron Rybak, Pat Fosko, Sally Kennard, Lou Isaac, Claire Morris and Frank Galicki.

On October 24, 1994, the following teachers visited Lake Walenpaupack High School: Nancy Garvey, Todd Hunter, Brian Judge, Len Matysczak, Arno Miller, Sandy Sprau, Maryann Storz, Donna Trebitox and Mike Shevock.

On November 3, 1994, the following teachers visited Harbor-Horsham High School: John Chapple, Candy Fike, Jay Pope, Charles Preece, Bill Wagner, Maureen Whalen, Pat Russin and Frank Galicki.

The information gathered will be shared with the entire faculty. Other educational trips will be taken in the winter and spring to other school districts. All faculty members will have an opportunity to make a visitation. The knowledge gained from these trips will allow teachers to make a decision on what type of restructuring model they support.

By Frank P. Galicki,
high school principal

Computer projects update

The Dallas School District is involved with the following computer projects for the 1994-1995 school year. Additional stations are being added at the Dallas Elementary and Westmoreland Elementary Schools. These will be funded through Federal Funds and will be utilizing the Jostone's Integrated Electronic Curriculum in Reading, Mathematics, Keyboarding, Composites, Electronic Encyclopedia, and Writing. In addition the Chapter 1 laptop computer take home project will be expanded with the addition of several new notebook computers and additional software.

At the Dallas Middle School, the entire scheduling has been restructured in such a way that the students in grades 6, 7 and 8 have been assigned to the Jostone's Lab as part of their regularly scheduled English and Mathematics classes. As part of the program, their work will be closely monitored by their classroom teacher (who is also in the computer lab with his/her students). Student performance will be counted as part of the normal grading process and will be reflected on their report cards each

marking period. In order to facilitate this, the District has hired Mrs. Cathy Fauerbach as a computer aide in the Dallas Middle School for the school year. As part of her duties, she will be running the management system in the computer lab and working with administration, classroom teachers, and the computer coordinator.

At the Senior High School, the teachers are continuing to pilot the WICAT software provided at no cost to us by Josten's Inc. Various training sessions have been scheduled throughout the year, with a decision to be made by April, 1995 as to whether the District will purchase the software. The Senior High is also having a computer lab moved and renovated so as to provide additional upgrading for the Business Department. As part of the renovation, Room 16 will be converted to a Computer room and will be networked to the file server in the Atrium Lab. The lab from Room 13 will then be moved to Room 16 to complete the networking.

By Jack Wega,
Computer Coordinator

American Education Week, November 13-19, 1994

Building the future, one student at a time



The Dallas Senior High School will observe American Education Week November 13-19, 1994, with planned activities throughout the week. Parents are invited to visit their child's classes on the following days: Monday, November 14, Ninth Grade; Wednesday, November 16, Tenth Grade; Thursday, November 17, Eleventh Grade; and Friday, November 18, Twelfth Grade.

On Tuesday, November 15, Senior High School Career Day will be presented to tenth grade classes. It will be jointly sponsored by the Citizen's Advisory Committee and Dallas Rotary Club. Eight speakers have volunteered their time to speak to students about careers in the following occupations: mechanical engineering, education, personal financial services, career changes, printing, social services and manufacturing.

On Wednesday, November 16, over seventy-five colleges and universities will have representatives in our gymnasium to share information with our seniors and juniors. Both two year and four year institutions are represented.

On Tuesday, November 15, an evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Mr. James Marinello, Adult Probation Officer of Luzerne County will speak on "Understanding Youth Gangs - National and Local Trends." The parents will then be invited to the cafeteria for refreshments. Following the break, Dr. Gilbert R. Griffiths, Assistant Superintendent, will update parents on the school's strategic plan. To close the evening, Mr. Anthony Martinelli, Principal, will talk with parents about their role as volunteers in the middle-school program.

Special program about gangs

In observance of American Education Week, the Dallas Senior High School and Dallas Middle School will co-host an evening program at the Dallas Middle School on Tuesday, November 15, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. The main program will feature Mr. James Marinello, Adult Probation Officer of Luzerne County, who will speak on "Understanding Youth Gangs - National and Local Trends." Following the general session, the high school and middle school will conduct building-level meetings. Pictured seated from left to right: Mr. Frank Galicki, high school principal; Mrs. Eaelene Daring-Cliszewski, middle school guidance; Mrs. Pat Russin, senior high principal; Mr. Anthony Martinelli, middle school principal.

Standing left to right: Mr. David Bieri, high school assistant principal; Mr. Michael Shevock, senior high guidance; and Mr. Jack Wolensky, middle school guidance.

American Education Week Schedules Elementary Schools

- DALLAS ELEMENTARY**
- Monday, November 14: parent conferences.
 - Thursday, November 17: Dress rehearsal; second grade Thanksgiving program, 2:15-3:15.
 - Friday, November 18: Second grade Thanksgiving program 1:30-2:30, parents invited.
- WESTMORELAND ELEMENTARY**
- Monday, November 14: Parent conferences, no school.
 - Friday, November 18th: Second grade "Harvest Hoedown" program, 2:00 p.m.
- Dallas School District Administration Offices**
Church Street
Dallas, PA 18612
- DALLAS BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**
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 - Mr. Thomas Landon
 - Mr. Clarence Michael
 - Mr. James Richardson
 - Gerald Wycallis
 - Superintendent
- Who is that bearded man?**
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