



# Windsor C-1 School District

November 2013

## First Semester Progressing Quickly

It is hard to believe that summer has passed, school has started and that we are well into the month of November; it doesn't take long for time to pass. I am sure that the majority of you feel the same way, as it seems your children are continually growing and progressing through their school years.

Each child only has a small window of time where they will be in school preparing for class assignments and school activities and before you know it, graduation is upon them (and you). It is our sincerest hope that each child reaches their fullest potential for success and discovers the best fit for a post secondary education or vocational field of their choice, upon their graduation.

It is never too early to ask probing questions of your child and their interests, as well as opening the lines of communication with our building principals, teachers, and counselors in an overall search for the best career path for your child. Please feel free to establish working relations with all of those involved with the education of your child, in order to find the best opportunity for their development and future.

I hope each of you have a very positive first semester with Windsor C-1; we look forward to continued success with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools

## New Web Address

<http://windsor.k12.mo.us/>

Check out the District's new website for all information related to the District. Schedules, activities, and contact information.

## Strauser's Corner

This is my 16<sup>th</sup> year in the Windsor C-1 School District and my 36<sup>th</sup> overall. I am very proud to embark on another successful year for our students and school district. I greatly enjoy my responsibilities which include being involved with our K-12 curriculum, as well as with our Special Services Department. I also enjoy my interaction with our staff, as we continually prepare through appropriate measures of professional development, in order to provide the best education possible for students.

Although I have various duties in the District, the one thing that keeps me returning each year is my love for students and the joy I receive observing them achieve and develop as wonderful young people of our society. I will put the quality of our children, as students and as people, with any in the country. We are very blessed to have the opportunity to educate your child and we do not take that responsibility lightly.

I wish the best of luck to each of you as you progress through the school year.

Yours in education,

Sherri Strauser, Assistant Superintendent

## Windsor 2011 Bond Issue

Along with our Board of Education, we would like to again thank the patrons of our District for the passing of our 2011 "No Tax Increase" Bond Issue that passed with an approval of 73.93%. That demonstrates outstanding support of our school and we are very thankful for everyone's input in our projects.

The projects that were accomplished through this measure are as follows:

- Expansion of high school library/media center – additional computer labs/study rooms/publications room
- Construction of new science/biology classrooms/labs
- New artificial turf football field
- New 8-lane track
- 2 New Tennis Courts
- Renovation of Middle School Football locker rooms
- Additional Middle School Gym bleachers
- Construction of new 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing at the Intermediate Center
- Construction of new gymnasium w/stage at the Intermediate Center
- Construction of new concrete bus parking lot and water drainage systems at the Transportation Department.
- New Promethean Boards for every classroom K-12.

## School Safety

School safety will be a topic that we will continue to discuss for many years to come. Until we can solve all of the problems occurring across our nation, schools will continue to have these issues subjected to them, as well.

The key to school safety is communication. Our children tell us many things, they show signs of various issues, and we often overhear potential things that may be occurring in their lives. We all must be more cognizant and aware of these things and make every effort to protect our children. If you hear, see, or observe situations that don't "feel" or "sound" right, please contact your child's building principal, so they can check out these potential situations.

Please note your child's school bullying/safety hotline number. We have a different contact number for each school. Please text or call; one will remain anonymous, unless you choose to leave your name. Bullying is one of the worst things that a child can encounter and it is very prevalent in most schools. Also, situations of drug use and school violence/safety issues continue to become more common. With your help, we hope to help eliminate these issues from becoming of greater magnitude.

High School – 636-224-4964  
Middle School – 636-642-4822  
Intermediate Center – 636-642-4821  
Windsor Elementary – 636-642-4823  
Freer Elementary – 636-642-4824

Our District is currently establishing a Bullying Prevention Committee, in order to review our current policies, practices, and procedures, as well as to look at additional programs and avenues to help deter bullying in our schools. The committee may be looking for additional members; if you have interest in becoming involved, please contact Mr. Michael Holland, IC Assistant Principal and Committee Chairperson at [mholland@windsor.k12.mo.us](mailto:mholland@windsor.k12.mo.us).

## Windsor C-1 School District Main Phone Numbers

Central Office – 636-464-4400  
High School – 636-464-4429  
Middle School – 636-464-4417  
Intermediate Center – 636-464-4451  
Windsor Elementary – 636-464-4408  
Freer Elementary – 636-464-2951  
Transportation – 636-464-5572  
Latchkey – 636-464-4406  
P.R.I.D.E. – 636-464-4423

## Getting to Know Your Board of Education



**Mr. Tim McCraw** has served on the Windsor C-1 Board of Education since his first election in April 2005 and has been re-elected for his continuing terms, ever since that time.

Tim is a realtor/broker with Re/Max Results. Tim and his wife, Sue, have two children, Nicole and Taylor.

### Some of the accomplishments that have occurred during his 8 years on the Board of Education:

- Currently serves as the Board President.
- Served on the Board for the past 2 "No Tax Increase" bond issues; Tim served as the Campaign Chairperson on the 2004 bond issue, prior to his election to the Board
- The District has received "Accredited with Distinction in Performance" for 8 consecutive years.
- Served on the Teacher/Administrator/Board negotiations.
- Served on the District's school calendar committee.
- Helped with financial oversight to increase the District's balances to over 20%.
- Serves as the Missouri School Board Association's delegate.
- Member of the Missouri School Board Association's Advocacy Network and Legislative Committee.
- Earned all hours required for Advanced/Master level certification as a Board Member.
- Early Childhood Development Committee Member.
- Served as a St. Louis Consolidated School District Board Member.
- Featured speaker at the 2013 Missouri Association of School Business Officials Spring Conference.

### In addition, he is also involved in the following:

- Arnold Rotary Club – 16 years
- Member of the Realtor's Political Action Committee, serving as the State Director for 5 years
- Bayberry Farms Board Member
- Imperial Youth Association, CYC, and YMCA former coach

## **Featured Windsor C-1 School District Staff Member**

### **Janelle Dinwiddie 2012-13 Teacher of the Year**

Janelle Dinwiddie was awarded the Windsor C-1 2012-13 Teacher of the Year Award at the conclusion of this past school year. Janelle is the Early Childhood Coordinator (ECSE and Title One Preschool), Process Coordinator for Kindergarten at Windsor Elementary, and PAT Coordinator. Janelle has spent over 5 years in the Windsor C-1 School District and prior to coming to Windsor, she worked for the Special Services Cooperative and St. John's Child Development Center. She is a high school graduate of Hazelwood East and completed her Bachelor of Science in Deaf Education at MacMurray College, earned a Masters in Communication Disorders from Fontbonne University and is Missouri certified in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education. Janelle is married to Tom Dinwiddie who is a social worker at Barnes Hospital and they have 3 children: Jordyn - 22 (Saint Louis University Senior), Kara - 18 (Greenville College Freshman) and Alex - 12.

Janelle states that the reason she went into the field of teaching is because she "enjoys children and cannot imagine doing a job that did not include them. The reason I went into special education is inspiration from a relative who ran an interpreter referral service. I saw how she was able to assist deaf people and hopefully make their lives better, and I hoped that one day I could do the same. I enjoyed teaching deaf students, but I wished that I could do more to improve their speech and language skills. At that time, I went back to school to complete my master's degree in Communication Disorders. A few years later, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to teach an early childhood class of deaf and hard of hearing students, and realized that I most enjoyed working with students in the Early Childhood age group".

Janelle describes one moment which rises above others in that her position is having a positive impact on our students and community. "Standing in front of the over 300 people who attended the preschool graduation ceremony at Windsor Elementary last year. It really hit me how much our Early Childhood program is impacting the lives of children and families in the district".

When discussing her time at Windsor C-1, Mrs. Dinwiddie states, "I have been amazed at the support of the staff at Windsor Elementary and more recently Freer Elementary with the support they have given for the Early Childhood Program. I have also received invaluable support from all levels of administration as well as from the families in the district. The year I began working for the district, we started with 1.5 ECSE classrooms at Windsor Elementary. This year we have 3 ECSE classes at Windsor Elementary, one ECSE class at Freer Elementary, and one Title One preschool class at each building. The teachers, paraprofessionals and therapists I work with are the best I have ever encountered. When I was given the teacher of the year award last year, I truly felt it should have been a group award; I could not do what I do every day without the support of those around me".

When Janelle is not working diligently for the students of the District, she finds time to chauffeur her youngest child to all of his hockey and school events. She also enjoys reading, and as a family, they enjoy attending cultural events, as two of their children were adopted from Asia. We are very proud of Mrs. Janelle Dinwiddie, her accomplishment of being named the "Teacher of the Year", and we look forward to many more years of her continued commitment to the students of our district.