

ALICE DEAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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PTA Newsletter

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September 2010



Principal's Welcome Back Message

Welcome, Vikings! We have sailed, with great success into the 2010-2011 school year (cue the sound of victorious Viking horns)!! Alice Deal continues to be the largest and highest-performing middle school in the city! Our students come to us from all quadrants and Wards in the city; from California, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Washington state; and from around the world – Bulgaria, France, Cambodia, Ecuador, and Vietnam.

The diversity of ethnicities, cultures, languages and traditions that our students bring into our community is what makes Deal so special. Deal students learn to navigate, communicate, and excel in a school that is a microcosm of the world.

Today, we are 924 students strong! Our large size enables us to offer three different World Language options serving 98 percent of the students, a complete music program, a dynamic art program, a comprehensive health and physical education program, robust academic departments, a counselor and assistant principal for each grade level, an assistant principal for IB and curriculum, and a vast range of extra-curricular activities.

We have designed smaller learning teams of about 100 students each so that students are in essence attending a small school-within-a-school. I am confident that the organizational structure of Alice Deal will allow our talented teachers to do what they do best. I cannot wait to see how our students will rise to the high expectations and soar beyond them during this school year. Parent actions are essential to student

performance. Please make time in your family routine for the following:

- **Focus on being present & punctual.** Across the nation, student school attendance has fallen. When I was a student, missing a day of school was not an option. Many of us received perfect attendance awards. Something in our culture has shifted. Now we have students who stay home when they have a stomach ache or who came in late because they felt under the weather. We also have students who leave school early to accommodate parent schedules. Please do not misunderstand me – with the flu (both H1N1 and seasonal), it is in the best interest of all of us if sick students stay home. But if it is just a bit of allergy, or a headache, or stomach cramps? Send your child to school. Catching up is not so easy. Please emphasize punctuality. Timeliness is an important habit.
- **Focus on responsibility & reflection.** There are many new responsibilities for middle school students to manage. They may be taking public transportation alone for the very first time. They may be responsible for coming home on their own. They are learning to manage academic, family, and social demands on their time. As the adults in their lives, we need to teach them how to be responsible and reflective. Deal teachers build this into their program by using agendas to record daily homework, by providing deadlines in advance, by offering test corrections and extra support, and by integrating time for reflection into their lessons and assessments. Students are ex-

pected to complete homework on time. Edline is our school's school-home connection for parents and students to stay informed of academic progress.



- **Focus on effort.** Our students will succeed if they put in effort. Students need to hear the message from each of us that they will get it if they try. Alice Deal Middle School has to be the place where they try, maybe even fail, but also learn that there is no harm in trying. They have to flex those muscles of mind and emotion to build up stamina. Effort is as simple as doing the homework every day and coming to class prepared!

Finally, if you have not already done so, please join with me by joining the Deal PTA. The Deal PTA is our biggest and strongest partner. The members of the Deal PTA have been able to address issues and enrich our school for the benefit of our teachers and students. As you know, my goal is to have every parent commit to our school and our mission, with 100 percent of our parent body joining the PTA. Please help Alice Deal become a school of distinction with your commitment and support. I look forward to a fantastic school year!

— Principal Kim

Lots of Ways to Support Deal!

PTA Launches 'Promotional Sponsorship' Program

Hopefully, you have seen and heard about our very generous Deal PTA sponsors! This year the Deal PTA is seeking what we call "promotional sponsors" to help support the academic and extracurricular programs that make our school so special. In exchange for a \$1500 donation to the PTA, the sponsors receive recognition in the weekly on-line newsletter, a half page ad in the directory as well as in the auction catalog, a placard displayed in the front hall at all school events, and the business's name and logo displayed on the Deal website along with a link to their own website. Through these partnerships we hope to raise additional needed funds to support the many school programs that enhance the learning environment. If you are interested in becoming a promotional sponsor or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Diana Rojas at nogroj@yahoo.com or Lisa Oakley at oakleyhome@rcn.com.

We'd like to thank the sponsors that have already signed up:
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**Save the Date for the
 Deal Auction,
 Saturday, February 26,
 2011!
 More info, page 5**

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The deadline for the November newsletter is Wednesday, November 10.

**Send contributions to
 dealnewsletter@gmail.com**

Visit the School Store on International Night

Deal's school store, The Viking Ship, launched its first opening at Back to School Night this year with new apparel for the fall: newly designed t-shirts and hip zip-up sweatshirts. Besides the new clothing, shoppers can look forward to new water bottles and car magnets this season. "We wanted to get some 'student approved' items," said Jane Meroney, Deal PTA co-president. "The clothing has been vetted by current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students." At its opening night, the t-shirts and sweatshirts – both available in limited supply – sold briskly. Sales on popular staple items -- gym bags, change purses and shopping bags, pencils and bumper stickers – were heavy.

The Viking Ship will re-open at International Night on October 7. Cash and checks are accepted, but unfortunately, credit cards are not. For shoppers unable to visit the store at its scheduled openings, contact Diana Rojas at nogroj@yahoo.com to make arrangements for buying products at other times. All proceeds from The Viking Ship sales benefit the Deal PTA.

Calling All Volunteers for Deal International Night, Thursday, October 7th, 6-9pm!

This school-wide potluck dinner celebrates the unique and exciting diversity of Deal Middle School. This year's event will take place on Thursday October 7th, 6 - 9pm.

Food is served from 6-8pm in the cafeteria & a musical performance by the children follows from 8-9pm in the Gymnasium.

Don't miss out on an evening of delicious food from around the world and great student entertainment. Please sign up now to bring a food dish for any of the International tables and to volunteer to help. Tables include African, American Regional, Asian, Caribbean, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, desserts, and beverages. If you would like to volunteer to bring a dish or help serve food please contact Amy Tanen at amytanen@comcast.net 537-3591 (h) or Diana Rojas (Habla Español) at nogroj@yahoo.com or 758-2074.

Support Deal at the Politics and Prose Book Fair November 6 & 7

Deal will receive 20 percent of the price of all books purchased on November 6 & 7 by the Deal community. We will have lists of books requested by Deal teachers and staff that you can purchase and donate to the classrooms. Required reading lists will also be available. You can also purchase books to donate to the Alice Deal Media Center or get a head start on your holiday shopping. The fair runs Saturday, November 6, 9am-10pm, and Sunday, November 7, 10am-8pm. For more information, contact Beryl Voigt (berylvoigt@comcast.net) or John Katz (johnkatz@comcast.net) 202-362-9531.



Deal PTA Co-Presidents
Diane Torresen and Jane Meroney

From the PTA Co-Presidents

Thank you for joining the PTA. The school year is off to a great start, thanks to the new and returning members of the Deal PTA. If you have been thinking of joining but just haven't found the time, please do so now. If you can't find the dues envelope it is no problem! You can now pay on-line at www.alicedeal.org or put an envelope in the PTA mailbox in the main office at school. There is always time to join!

Thank you for volunteering. We are thrilled that so many Deal families have signed up to volunteer. We are in the process of sorting through the volunteer forms that have come in and getting the lists of volunteers to the PTA committee chairs. We are working as fast as we can, but if you haven't heard from a committee chair for an event you volunteered for that is coming up soon (like International Night Oct. 7), please contact one of us and we'll get you connected with the committee chair.

The 31st Annual Deal International Night on Thursday, Oct. 7. We are looking forward to celebrating the rich diversity of our school from 6–9 pm. Thanks to the hard work of our chairs, Betsy Anderson (eanderson@aail.org), Martha Sacoccio (marthans@aol.com) and Amy Tanen (amytanen@comcast.net), we know that this year we will continue the Deal tradition of enjoying great food, great per-

formances, and great conversations with fellow Deal families.

The Deal directory is on its way. We hope to publish the Deal directory by the middle of October. We plan to post a draft copy of the directory on edline and ask parents to send changes and updates to the directory editors at alicedealdirectory@gmail.com. Please look for an announcement on the Deal listserv soon. We will distribute a printed directory to each family.

Thank you for buying Sally Foster and supporting Deal. Thank you to Anita Seline for coordinating the sale. You can still place orders online at www.sallyfoster.com. See below.

November Preview

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the **Deal Fall Book Fair**, scheduled at Politics and Prose on Saturday and Sunday November 6th and 7th. Contact chair Beryl Voigt (berylvoigt@comcast.net) if you would like to help out.

Dianne Torresen
(torresen@comcast.net) and
Jane Meroney (meroneyj@yahoo.com)

The Sally Foster deadline has passed but you can still order online! The school receives 40 percent of every purchase! Follow these easy steps to ensure that Deal gets credit for your purchase:

1. Go to www.sallyfoster.com
2. Add items to cart
3. When you are ready to check out, the site will automatically direct you to the Seller/Group credit page. Select Group/Account Number Enter Deal's account number: **507655** Follow the prompts to complete your purchase Questions? Contact Sara Durr (sarakufflerdurr@aol.com) or Kim Gross (kingross@gwu.edu).



Thanks to Beth Allaben, Coach Downing, Felicia Ganote, and Coach Ngwa for the photos in this issue of the newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars

October 6 (Wednesday)

- Family Math Night, 6:30pm

October 7 (Thursday)

- International Night, 6–9pm

October 8 (Friday)

- 8th Grade Trip to Mount Vernon

October 11 (Monday)

- Columbus Day—No School

October 13 (Wednesday)

- NHD Workshop, 7pm

October 15 (Friday)

- Student Portraits

October 18 (Monday)

- No school
- Parent conferences, 12–7pm

October 28 (Thursday)

- End of advisory, 12:15 dismissal

October 29 (Friday)

- Professional Dev. Day—No School

November 2 & 3 (Tues & Wed)

- DCBAS Testing

November 11 (Thursday)

- Veterans Day—No School

November 12 (Friday)

- Report Cards Issued

November 25&26

- Thanksgiving Break

December 4&5 (Saturday & Sunday)

- Holiday Greens Sale
- PTA Phonathon (Sunday)

December 11&12 (Saturday & Sunday)

- Holiday Greens Sale

December 16 (Thursday)

- Winter Concert & Art Show, 6:30pm

December 20–31

- Winter Break

January 3, 2011

- School Resumes

Looking Ahead to the Fall ...

Deal Debate Team Heads Into 2010 – 2011 Season

The Deal Debate team is looking forward to another award winning season. We will compete in five tournaments this year against other public, charter, and private middle schools in the metropolitan area. We are members of the DC Urban Debate League and their web site, www.dcdebates.org, is full of information about the dates, locations, and topics for our upcoming competitions. The first event is November 6th at the Lab School. We have a great need for more parents to be trained as judges. Right now the two of us have to judge every round so we are not able to see our own students compete and give them feedback. Feel free to contact Ms. Sweeney or Ms. Ruiz with any questions at dealmiddledebate@gmail.com

— Ms. Sweeney

National History Day Workshop for Students & Parents: Wednesday, October 13, 7:00pm

Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences

Come see what all the excitement is about with Deal's NHD program at an introductory workshop for parents and students. This is your first opportunity to see examples of excellent work from last year, to find out what this program has to offer and what it requires. This year's theme is *Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences*.

The program is sponsored by the Department of Humanities and will be held in the Deal gym at 7:00 p.m.

8th Graders Tour Mount Vernon on October 15

All eighth grade students and faculty will tour the grounds of Mount Vernon on Friday, October 15. Mount Vernon was the private estate of the nation's first president, but today's Mount Vernon boasts a first class museum, an interactive education center, three excellent films, two botanical gardens, a grist mill, a distillery, the house itself and several colonial era farm buildings. Mount Vernon teaches both the story of George Washington but the larger story of life in colonial Virginia, the American Revolution, and the first precarious years of the new republic.

We will be outside most of the day, so students should dress for the weather and will need sturdy walking shoes. Some of the paths require a bit of climbing, and students will visit barns and fields within the grounds of the site. Students are asked to report to Deal by 7:45 am on the 15th and to bring with them a bag lunch, bottles of water, cameras, clipboards and pens, and pocket money for souvenirs. We are scheduled to return to school by 4:30 pm, for weekend dismissal.

— Ms. Mostoller

Student Reporters Share the News about Deal

A group of over twenty Deal 6th, 7th, and 8th grade writers have signed up to report the news of Deal for the *Northwest Current*, our local neighborhood weekly paper. While many of those students who volunteered to write for the *Current* have done so in the past for their elementary schools, many of our writers are novice reporters. Working individually or as a team, students determine the 'big news' of the week and gather their facts and comments from classmates and staff in order to write their article in time for the Friday morning deadline. The reporters meet once a month after school (on Mondays) for editorial brainstorming and to confirm assignments and deadlines. We always welcome new reporters; stop by to sign up for an assignment in Ms. Wylegala's room (C130) and listen for announcements about our meetings. Look for our students' reporting in the "Dispatches" section of the *Northwest Current* each week!

— Ms. Wylegala



Club Corner!

7th and 8th Grade After School Book Club

The 7th/8th Grade after school book club is up and reading!! We are just finishing our first novel of the year, *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes. This wonderfully written novel tells the story of a high school English class inspired to write poetry. In the process, they begin to understand and appreciate themselves and their classmates. The next book is Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea* (Young Reader's Edition), his story of his efforts to build schools in Pakistan. Mortenson's account of life in rural Pakistan and his difficulties in raising money to fulfill his dream of bringing education to the children of this remote mountainous region will provide for great reading and discussion! We welcome 7th and 8th graders to join us for our first *Three Cups of Tea* book group meeting on Wednesday, October 6 at 3:30pm in room C130.

— Ms. Wylegala

Photography Club

The Digital Photography Club is back! This year we will focus on one technique that photographers use to help their photos stand out from the rest and then head out and practice the technique. For our first few meetings, we will cover the *rule of thirds*, *framing*, and *leading lines* as well as asking ourselves what our subject is. We meet on Thursdays in E105 for around ten minutes before heading out and about to practice our newly-learned skills. We wrap up by 4:30pm. Any student is welcome to join! See Mr. Gueltig for more details.

— Mr. Gueltig

Library Media Center Looks Ahead to Busy Year

The Alice Deal Library Media Center is off to a busy start of the 2010-2011 school year. We are meeting with all English classes to orient students to library resources and procedures. During these orientations, students reflected on a goal they had for the school year, and how the library could help them reach that goal. Many students cited academic goals and saw the benefit in a place to study, find resources, research, and access reading material.

What is one goal you have for the school	How can the library help you reach your
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To do much better in French ✓ To read at least three history books ✓ To learn how to write a new poem ✓ To get an A on at least three tests in every class ✓ To get on the honor roll at least once ✓ To find a topic that interests me in all my subjects and learn more about it ✓ To move on in National History Day and Science Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Loaning me books in and on French ✓ I can check out these books from the library ✓ I can check out a book on writing poetry ✓ It can be a good study area ✓ It can help me study and do projects and homework ✓ I can use the books and materials to find information ✓ Helping me research

— Julie Allen, Bethany Isaacson, and Tasara Redekopp

Specialized High School Open House Dates

Specialized High School application deadlines are fast approaching beginning in early December! Don't miss the opportunity to visit their upcoming Open Houses.

- Duke Ellington School of the Arts** www.ellingtonschool.org October 21, November 10, and December 7, 2-3:30pm
- McKinley Technology High School** www.mckinleytech.org October 23, November 13, 10-12pm
- Benjamin Banneker High School** www.benjaminbanneker.org November 6, 9-12pm
- School Without Walls High School** www.swwhs.org October 28, 10-12am & 6-8pm
- Phelps Architecture, Construction & Engineering School** November 13
- Woodrow Wilson High School** www.wilsonhs.org

— Ms. McAdoo

Family High School Night @ Deal Tuesday October 26, 6:30-8:30pm

Come hear brief presentations and talk to school representatives, current students and parents who will share their perspective on each school. This event is a great complement to attending the individual high school open houses. You might be impressed by a school that wasn't on your radar. Walls, McKinley, Ellington, Banneker, Phelps, Bell and Wilson High Schools should be in attendance. 7th & 8th grade students and parents are encouraged to come out for this informative evening. Contact Karen Hardy McAdoo (khmcadoo@yahoo.com) if you are interested in assisting with this evening.

Sign Up for Grocery Store Partners!

It's that time of year again! Please remember to designate Alice Deal as your school of choice with our grocery store partners. Many of us regularly shop at least one of these grocery stores. We can raise thousands easily for our school! Please share this information with friends and family around the country. Questions? Contact Katharine Coyle at katharinecoyle@yahoo.com or 202.546.8726. Thank you!

Safeway – Visit www.escrip.com and click on "1-Sign Up" if it is your first time participating or "YES RENEW" The program starts November 1 but please sign up now! Alice Deal group id - 149029772

Giant – Visit www.giantfood.com and click on the A+ link. You will be prompted for our Giant card number. Be sure to link it to Alice Deal, group id - 02423

Harris Teeter – The next time you check out at Harris Teeter, ask the cashier to link Alice Deal's account number to your Harris Teeter VIC card. Alice Deal account number - 7856

Save the Date for the Deal Auction, February 26, 2011

Help us plan this fun, community building event. We need all kinds of help to pull together a festive, financially successful event. You could help with jobs both big and small -- decorations, invitations, communications, soliciting donations, graphic design, technical support, marshalling the team of volunteers, and more. Interested? Please contact this year's auction chairs, Linda Geen at lgeen@comcast.net or (202) 249-8031, or Anne Morin at ahmorin@gmail.com or (202) 244-2734.

Team & Department Updates...

From the ELL Department and Team Timbuktu From the Visual Arts Department

Situated on the second and ground floors of the school building, the ELL Department has a diverse group of students. It is no exaggeration to say that the Department is a mini United Nations. So far this year, we have students speaking at least 10 languages representing 17 countries and five continents: Vietnam, China, Peru, Ecuador, France, Cambodia, Egypt, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, the U.S, the Philippines, Pakistan, Bulgaria and Spain. Like their American peers, ELL students have many interests outside school. They love sports and they like to make friends, too. At the start of this new school year, we in the ELL Department would like to wish everyone a successful school year.

Team Timbuktu, Mr. Mark Winn-Ritzenberg, Ms. Jihong Wang

Sixth grade artists teamed up with Mr. Ngwa's French students to create "Passports to the World." After learning about optical art, one-point perspective, and pointillism, sixth grade artists practiced using pointillism techniques to create Aboriginal symbols to represent their families. Mr. Ngwa, Mrs. Bustos, and Ms. Kouri's students teamed up to create handmade passports highlighting architectural and historical facts about three French-speaking countries in Western Africa, Europe and North America. Eighth grade artists have been hard at work emulating the techniques of Chuck Close's enlarged artworks as well as creating self-portraits to illustrate an aspect of their identity. Eighth grade artists also reflected on their public, private, and future identities to create alter egos for original comic strips inspired by their favorite comic heroes.

— Ms. Kouri

Team Teachers & Contact Info

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Science	Lauren Gill	Elyse Lerum	Andrew Miller
Inclusion	Margaret Ward & Debra Jackson		Christopher Barr

* Indicates Team Leader. Team leaders serve as the main point of contact for communication.

Department Updates Continued...

Interdepartmental Collaboration to Foster IB

The French and Visual Arts departments teamed up to show students the connection between the two content areas. For three days the students fostered their knowledge of French culture by representing the architectures of French-speaking countries on hand-made passports. Students worked together to gather research and create books exemplifying the IB learner profile traits of communicators and inquirers. At the completion of the project the teachers were extremely satisfied with the students' work and committed to doing more to foster collaboration between the two departments. The passports are displayed in the various classrooms and in the hallway from the gallery to the media center.

— *The French and Visual Arts Department*

Go Vikings Go!

Girls' Soccer Team Plays First Match On New Turf Field

Since the start Deal's modernization, the girls' soccer team had to use neighboring fields for both practice and league matches. This school year, the students returned to find a gorgeous turf field awaiting them.

In the opening game of the season on September 22, the girls played against visiting Barrie School without any major challenge or resistance, trouncing them 2-0. The first goal came in towards the end of the first half through striker Nora Charles. In the second half 6th grader Jisca Adigo dribbled her way through from the midfield, to score the second goal securing victory for Deal.

— *Coach Ngwa*



Soccer Games Needed

We are looking to schedule boys and girls soccer games with other school, club, and travel teams. Please call Coach Downing to schedule a game with Alice Deal on our new turf field. (202)327-4875 cell or coachdowning@yahoo.com

— *Coach Downing*

Soccer Newsflash

The girls played Stone Ridge on Tuesday, September 28th, with a final score Deal 3, Stone Ridge 0. The boys first soccer outing against the Barrie School will be rescheduled due to lightning.

— *Coach Downing*

Teamwork at Deal: Team Administration

The members of Deal's administrative team come from many different backgrounds, but they have one thing in common – they all love working with middle school students.



Melissa Kim has been Deal's principal since 2005. She is extremely proud of the many accomplishments by the Deal community since that time – our International

Baccalaureate designation, the facility modernization, the transition from a junior high school to a middle school, and our continuing success as the city's largest and highest performing middle school (with the happiest students)! She began her career as a Teach for America corps member teaching 4th and 5th graders. Dr. Kim and her husband welcomed their first child, Axel, in June 2010.

Diedre Neal is in her second year as Deal's assistant principal for the 6th grade. She came to Deal in 2008 after serving as principal of Backus Middle School for two years and assistant principal at H.D. Woodson High School for two years before that. A native Washingtonian and graduate of Banneker High School, Ms. Neal has also been a middle school math teacher. She looks forward to another exciting and challenging year for Deal students.



Manuel Dacoba is the assistant principal for the 7th grade. The primary duties of the assistant principals are academic coordination. They

also provide oversight of the classroom teachers, observing the teachers in action and conducting teacher assessments. Known by many as “Mr. Modernization,” Mr. Dacoba is the point person for Deal's facility and technology. With more than twenty years of service at Deal, Mr. Dacoba taught graphic arts and computer assisted design before becoming an assistant principal.

In his second year at Deal, **Clarence Humes Jr.** serves as the 8th grade Assistant Principal. Prior to coming to Deal, he spent eight years at the Capitol Hill Cluster Schools, where he was a teacher, Dean of Students and then Assistant Principal for Stuart-Hobson Middle School. Mr. Humes looks forward to working with the 8th graders and preparing them for their transition into high school.

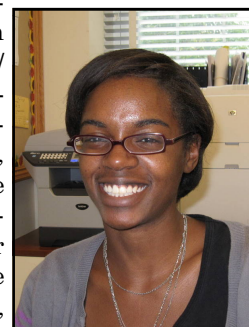


Assistant Principal **James Albright** also serves as Deal's International Baccalaureate (IB) coordinator. Mr. Albright came to Deal in 2008 from the Fairfax County Public Schools, where he was a special education teacher and IB coordinator at a middle school. He is proud of the hard work that teachers and staff contributed to Deal's authorization last year as an IB World School. Mr. Albright likes the IB Middle Years Program with its focus on skills and strategies for students to be successful, and its international perspective.



Stephanie Patton is Deal's new Coordinator of Special Education. She has worked in administration for the last nine years and relocated from Cincinnati, Ohio. She enjoys working with the staff and students at Deal.

In her second year as a member of the Deal front office team, **Caneisha Mills** greets visitors to the school and is the friendly voice on the phone. A native of North Carolina, Ms. Mills graduated from Howard University in 2009 with a BA in History/minor Political Science. As Deal's administrative aide, she is responsible for attendance records. When your child has a note after being absent, Ms. Mills is the person the student should give it to after getting it signed by his/her teachers.



If you want to schedule a meeting with Ms. Kim, **Roslyn Baxter** is the one to call. Ms. Baxter is the school's administrative assistant, and handles Ms. Kim's schedule, grade and report card recordkeeping, student registration, and attendance. She is in her fifth year at Deal.



Almost all financial matters fall under the purview of **Margo Streeter**. As Deal's business manager, she handles procurements, human resources, payroll, accounting, textbooks, and substitutes. Ms. Streeter is in her 26th year at Deal. — *Beth Allaben*