

# Steller's Month at a Glance: September Edition

# 2014

Steller is a fun and dynamic place – come be a part of it. Below is a calendar to keep you up-to-date for all of this month's happenings in the Steller Community.

## A note from our principal

Welcome back to another school year! We are excited to be starting our regular semester classes after a fantastic start to our year with orientation and fall intensives. The Denali bikers outlasted cold weather and a rain delay. The Geocaching, Frolf, Hiking, and Environmental Science intensives experienced the gamut of weather, apparent by the style of appropriate clothing from shorts and sandals to down-coats, rubber boots, and raingear. The Pyrography, Latin American Cooking, Digital Design, Seventh Grade Disorientation, Print Making and Around the World in 9 Days intensives offered less weather dependent experiences but were not short on focus or excitement. (I was glad there were no bear sightings.)

The beginning of the year is off and running. I have been proud of our students from the beginning and have been particularly impressed by their ability as a whole group to listen and give support to community speakers. I've received excellent feedback from our presenters at the annual school-wide Volunteer Fair, as well as from the Salvation Army, where our 7<sup>th</sup> graders volunteered during their Disorientation.

New-to-Steller Parents' Night was a successful event with a social barbecue, an informational presentation, and informal parent-to-parent meetings. I appreciate the positive regard and energy that Steller receives from so many families. The excitement is contagious; the possibilities, endless.

The students and staff are great; I am excited to be here, and feel that I have once again found my place at Steller. I look forward to the Back to School Night (Wednesday), and to getting to know our community better. There are office systems to better understand, trainings to attend, facility needs to address, and paperwork to complete, but knowing that these jobs build the foundation for community connections and ultimately, student directed learning, makes any task a pleasure. Ask your student what they are learning; spend the time to help make their experiences worth communicating and relevant. I have already been amazed with what our students are capable of, and I look forward to observing more.

Please introduce yourself to our new staff members: Annette Johansen our nurse, Haley Stephan our Administrative Assistant, and for some, Jean Poulsen our returning Art, and Language Arts teacher.

If I can help, let me know; if you can help, let us all know. J  
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3 <b>New to Steller/ Parent Group Meeting</b> 6-7:30pm Ken's room	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <b>Back to School Night</b> 6-8pm	11	12	13 <b>ACT Testing</b> (prior registration required) ACT.com	14
15	16	17	18 <b>Ad Board Meeting</b> 6-7:30 Ken's room	19 <b>September Dance</b> 7-11pm MPR	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <b>Picture Day</b> 8:30-11am MPR <b>Mid first quarter</b>	27	28
29	30					