

2009–10 AWARD RECIPIENTS



Debbie Harris

Science Department Chair

Seventh Grade Earth Science Teacher

In the summer of 2010, Mrs. Harris will be participating in Yellowstone National Park's ranger education program and traveling through Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska, where she will be experiencing firsthand the natural wonders of our nation and the scientific processes that helped shape it. She plans to take pictures and keep journals throughout her trip, and then share a whole new perspective on earth science with her students when she returns.



Harriet Mitchell

Fifth Grade Science Teacher

With her award, Ms. Mitchell will bring a \$1.2 million traveling exhibit to St. Francis in April 2010. The exhibit, known as the Mobile Offshore Learning Unit (MOLU), uses curriculum-based, hands-on activities to teach students about energy and the sciences and technologies that fuel the oil and natural gas industry.



Michelle Symonds

Head of Primary School



Andrea Noser

Toddler Teacher

St. Francis' Primary School has taken steps toward adopting a Reggio Emilia-inspired approach, which builds upon students' interests and encourages them to construct their own learning as competent individuals. Mrs. Symonds' and Ms. Noser's trip with the North American Study Group to Reggio Emilia, Italy, will help them further their understanding of the exemplary programs in Reggio Emilia as they experience the school's culture and philosophy. They plan to integrate what they learn with St. Francis' mission, culture and values upon their return.

SARAH W. WOOLRICH



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