

## Letter from the President

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becoming a physician. What I do remember about the lakes in Minnesota is that they had tons of frogs and toads and fish. A budding ichthyologist? I seemed to always win the prize for collecting the most frogs each summer. Herpetologist too?

Now as more of an epidemiologist working with data and working in Quality Improvement and Preventive Medicine, I see how valuable the CSS experience is for kids who do not end up with a career in science. It seems in this anti-science era it is all the more important to have science literate adults and where better to learn this than at CSS. In today's marketplace where one finds unfounded but quite believable marketing claims for food supplements and me too drugs, for example, having a sense for the scientific method, for the importance of observation, for the need for data, investigation seems so important. We see all around us unquestioning and fervent belief in all sorts of weird diets

with not a lot of skepticism and request for data or scientific backup. I would like to think that after years of CSS our students are more skeptical and more observation and inquiry oriented than kids who did not have the good fortune to spend a lot of time having a lot of fun with science.

My wife and I are very grateful to CSS not only for what the school has done for our daughters these last 11 years but for the energizing fun we have had with the volunteers, staff and teachers. For me personally I also am grateful to have this opportunity to continue to work more closely this coming year with the volunteers and the board of the CSS.

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## Plan Your Summer Now!

An enrolled student is to attend class for the full three weeks or six weeks. Please do not take your child out of school to go to soccer camp, vacation or a long weekend. When a student skips class, it affects the teacher's ability to teach with continuity and classroom dynamics. It clearly disrupts class projects, field trip driving assignments, and parent desk duty assignments. Attending Science School is a privilege; daily attendance is taken.

From the Desk of CSS Administrative Director Doug Jones:

### IMPORTANT DATES



End of February:	CSS Brochures Mailed
March 31:	Registration Due
Tuesday, July 5:	First Day of Classes
Thursday, August 11:	Last Day of Classes

