March 1, 2006

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Kim Dallas and on March 6th I will be beginning my student teaching experience in your son/daughter’s Chemistry class. I wanted to send this letter home to make you aware of the fact that while Ms. Woods will still be the classroom teaching, she will be sharing the responsibility of educating your children with me.

I have recently graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Chemistry (May 2005) and am now perusing a Master’s degree in Education. With this program comes the opportunity for me to participate in a student teaching experience. It is this placement which has brought me to Upper Darby High School. I am eager to begin teaching because I feel that I have really found my calling in life. I love chemistry and very much enjoy working with students. I had an opportunity to be a Teaching Assistant for one of my Chemistry professors at Villanova and this was the first realization I had that I truly wanted to become a teacher.

I want to ensure you that I will be working closely with Ms. Woods over the next 12 weeks of my student teaching placement to cover all the material required in the chemistry curriculum. In addition, I hope to bring some of my own ideas to the classroom to create a learning environment that is fitting for your children.

In closing, I want to encourage you to contact me with any questions. The use of Ms. Woods’ extension is the best means of reaching either myself or her with any concerns. I am looking forward to a wonderful experience and it is my hope that your students will learn as much from me as I can learn from being their teacher over the next few months.

Sincerely,

Kim Dallas
Student teacher to Ms. Nancy Woods