

## RPDS Happenings ~ Spring 2007

### **Bennett Middle/ James M. Bennett High:**

- On February 6<sup>th</sup> the paired site held a combined after-school intern/mentor orientation. A total of 22 mentors and interns were in attendance for a meeting highlighting information for completing the 16 week internship experience between the two schools. We celebrated our partnership and new initiatives with pizza!

### **Stephen Decatur Middle School:**

- On February 6<sup>th</sup> SDMS held their intern orientation. Nine interns from the MAT and Elementary Education programs attended the meet and greet along with Dr. Ross and Site Coordinator Cherie Townsend. The orientation provided packets about the school, information on the WC school system, and intern gifts donated by OC Tourism or purchased from Educational Supply, followed by a catered luncheon for interns and mentor teachers.

### **Denton Elementary School:**

- On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Stacie Siers provided school-wide professional development on the collaborative/ co-teaching model for PDS internships.
- DES is currently hosting an onsite section of EDUC 411: Internship Seminar taught by mentor teacher Sara Parker.
- Dr. Dorsey Hammond is teaching an onsite section of EDUC 573: Reading Comprehension. Our faculty is delighted to participate in this unique opportunity!
- There are currently 5 SU interns and 5 methods candidates at DES.
- Our PDS bulletin board has now been displayed to promote our rejuvenated partnership with SU!

### **Pittsville Elementary School:**

- On January 31st, Pittsville welcomed their interns and hosted an orientation dinner at the new Station 7 restaurant. Interns were given the Pittsville Intern Handbook and enjoyed getting to know other interns and mentors. SU liaison Mrs. Virginia Holloway joined the group for dinner.
- SU interns are preparing for their legacy project. The project will center on interns taking a survey of the most widely used graphic organizers in each grade. The identified organizers will then be placed around the school on sidewalks and parking lots. Students will be able to go outside and use the graphic organizers in a novel way.

### **Pinehurst Elementary School:**

- On February 1<sup>st</sup> Pinehurst held an informative orientation for interns and mentors.
- SU interns participated in creating a personalized PDS bulletin board. The display was updated with new PDS information and each intern provided a biographical piece with photo as a way for the staff, students and parents to get to know them a little better.

### **Beaver Run Elementary School:**

- Intern Angela Curtis did a fantastic job in her first field experience at Beaver Run. Her students were engaged throughout a showcase lesson in which they traveled to four different countries within the classroom (Australia, Japan, Mexico, and Ireland). The students created passports, suitcases, graphic organizers, and flags. Angela's lesson was very well received by the students and the mentor teachers.
- Intern Chris Ricketts has proven that a big football player can also be the best teaching intern for young children. Chris has taken the students under his wing and has given them every opportunity to be successful through his lessons. He is a master teacher in the making!!

### **Worcester Elementary Cluster:**

- Buckingham: An intern orientation breakfast was held on February 1<sup>st</sup> for new interns, their mentor teachers, and administrators.
- On site courses: The Worcester Cluster is hosting three on site courses. Dr. Dorsey Hammond is teaching EDUC 427: Reading Assessment. Dr. Keith Conners and several Worcester mentors are co-teaching ELED: 411 Internship Seminar. Nineteen additional teachers are enrolled in an Arts Integration course taught by Brandy Terrill.

### **Wicomico High School:**

- On February 8<sup>th</sup> Su interns and their mentor teachers attended an orientation in which Rachel Beil from the Wicomico County Staff Development Center, Karen Leimann, Wicomico County PDS Liaison, and Paul Gasior, Coordinator of Field Experiences at SU, were also in attendance. Snacks, beverages, and handouts were given to each intern, in addition to a Wi Hi long sleeved t-shirt in order to promote school spirit. The orientation was a great way to kick off the spring internship experience.

***More on the back!***

**Mardela Middle/High School:**

- Dr. Dorsey Hammond provided a Reading and Literacy Workshop for Mardela Staff in January. THANK YOU!
- Mardela Middle and High School had an Orientation/ Meet & Greet at Brew River, February 15th. In attendance: Interns/Candidates: Ashley Campbell, Mike Sleplesky and Brian Kuhn, Mentor Teachers: Jeff Baer, Ron Wainwright, Cindy Taylor and Patti West-Smith, Principal: Lori Batts, PDS Site Coordinator: Karen Lutz, SU Liaison: Ron Siers, SU Field Placement Coordinator: Paul Glasior, and Dr. Nancy Michelson, Chair of the Education Department.

**Piney Orchard Elementary:**

- SU fall interns created the most fantastic U.S. map on our playground for their legacy project. They raised the money for the supplies by coordinating a fund raiser at Chevy's Restaurant.
- POES held an intern orientation meeting for the new set of interns and mentors on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the orientation we held a school-wide luncheon to thank our mentors and teachers for their willingness to host SU candidates and interns in their classrooms.

**Salisbury Middle:**

- SMS PD coaches conducted an in-service for the entire faculty regarding action research utilizing the presentation provided by Dr. Joel Jenne and Dr. Star Weaver last spring. Each grade level team is coming is developing action research questions for the next meeting, so we can assist SU interns with ways to collect the data.