

RPDS Happenings Fall 2007

Showell Elementary:

- Methods students have been an invaluable asset to Showell this Fall semester in their observations of Pre-K through 3rd grade classes and assistance with an author visit.

Beaver Run Elementary:

- Interns developed helpful and creative legacy projects including: supply buckets for recess, an “ABC’s of Maryland Book,” and a movie of a first grade class dramatizing “The Boy Who Cried Wolf.”
- Interns recreated the staff faculty bulletin board with updated pictures/names of the staff.

Sandy Hill Elementary:

- The first intern to be placed at Sandy Hill was welcomed into a first grade classroom.
- Sandy Hill was approved for the mini-grant project and progress is under way for data collection regarding impacts on student achievement.

Princess Anne Elementary:

- Interns offered a much needed “facelift” to the Parent Resource Center. Motivational quotes in English and Spanish have been used to decorate the area and resources have been updated.

Denton Elementary School:

- All four of DES’s Spring 07 interns were hired to begin teaching in Fall 07. Three were hired in Caroline county and one was hired in an adjoining county.
- Current interns who will graduate in December have turned in their applications to teach and are being snagged by county principals as long term substitutes for the winter and spring.
- DES hosted its first DES/SU Orientation in August to welcome interns with refreshments.
- A grant proposal was approved by SU and data collection began with an intern and two site coordinators working with selected students documenting reading improvement.
- A bulletin board stating “Ten Important Reasons We Enjoy Having SU Interns” received many comments and is periodically updated with pictures and descriptions.
- The mentor training workshop took place on November 14th. Debbie White and Sara Parker trained nine teachers in an inservice.

Piney Orchard Elementary School:

- The mentor teacher training was very successful with fifteen teachers and many of the interns and observation students in attendance. Participants enjoyed learning about the co-teaching strategies.
- On Dec. 13th, at the AACPS PDS meeting, 10 interns will hold a gallery walk to share their action research projects, showcase lessons, and legacy projects with all the PDS partners in the county.

Stephen Decatur Middle/ High School:

- Many teachers have recently received their National Board Certification, including: Amy Gallagher, Kristen Belcher, Shelly Phillips, and Lauren Harmon. Other National Board Certified teachers include: Susan Porter, Myrna Dyson.
- Amy Gallagher taught ELED 313: Elementary Social Studies Methods for Salisbury University this semester.

Delmar Elementary:

- Delmar Site Coordinator and Mentor Jessica Payne received her National Board Certification, as did Mentor Kelly Kaiser.

Choptank Elementary:

- Choptank Site Coordinator, Cathy Hanson, featured a full page PDS story in the “Hummingbird Feeder” October newsletter. The article included a brief explanation of the PDS partnership between the school and SU as well as an introduction of new terminology and new interns for the benefit of students, parents and faculty at CES.

Wicomico High:

- Site Coordinators, Jen Pahl and Julie Vickers along with SU liaison Nancy Michelson successfully presented the Mentor Training workshop to participating mentors on Thursday, Nov. 30th. Wi Hi opened its doors to mentors from Mardela Middle & High school, who were unable to attend the training at their own site. Productive conversations about hosting SU interns were shared by all!