

RPDS Happenings ~ Spring 2008

Beaver Run

- An Orientation Breakfast was held for SU Interns and Mentors on Jan.29th. Interns placed at BRS and those placed in our partner school, Willards Elementary, were invited.

Piney Orchard Elementary School

- Piney Orchard Elementary School is hosting two interns that have made a positive difference. They implemented a recycling program to collect recyclable paper and cardboard. The collections are weighed and the school receives money from them. The money will be used to enhance and beautify the Piney Orchard Elementary School playground.



- After putting this into place, one of the interns left for New Zealand. Before leaving she taught her 2nd grade students a little about New Zealand and she taught them how to write postcards so that they can become pen pals with the children she will teach halfway around the world.

Pittsville Elementary/Middle School

- PDS interns were welcomed to Pittsville on the afternoon of January 28th. The interns asked many excellent questions to clarify routines and responsibilities. Legacy projects were discussed as well.

Sandy Hill Elementary & Choptank Elementary

- Sandy Hill is thrilled to have two Salisbury University interns completing their first teaching experience. Stephanie Abt is with Mr. Hughes in grade 5 and Christine Benefiel is with Mrs. Guesfeird in grade 1. Upon completion of their first experience both interns will be moving on to the paired site, Choptank Elementary, to complete their second experience. Stephanie Abt attended MSDE Math Training with Pat Turner and when she returned to Sandy Hill shared her wealth of knowledge with the rest of the staff at a Professional Development Day on February 12th.

Snow Hill Elementary School

- The 1st Mentor Training session was held in December with a great turn out. SHES now has clinically trained teachers in every grade level! Clara Outten was recently added to the site coordinator team; she joins Jackie Brown and Beth Shockley-Lynch.

Snow Hill Middle School

- 18 teachers have been trained as "clinical mentors."

- Ali Faucher, 7th grade ILA teacher and mentor, will present on Arts Immersion at the NAPDS Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Wicomico High School

- Wicomico High School will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" Session on February 20th. It will be an opportunity for all Mentor Teachers and Student Interns to get together in a casual yet informative session. Goody bags and information packets will be distributed to all Students Interns as a welcome to Wi Hi!

Wicomico Middle School

- Wicomico Middle School welcomes the following SU interns for first placement this semester: Mark Jaep and Stephen Miller in PE; Nicole Dipresso in Health; Ashley Luck in 7th grade Science; Chris MacGuigan in 6th grade Math; Nicholas Manning in 7th grade Social Studies. Everyone is off to a great start and is supporting our school-wide learning goals.

Worcester Schools

- 3 Worcester mentors and 2 interns will be presenting at the National PDS Conference in Orlando: Clara Outten, Angela MCCracken, Alison Giska, Lindsey Shreck, and Brooke Hollingsworth
- Keith Conners, Stacie Siers and Joel Jenne made a well-received PDS presentation at the Worcester Administrators and Supervisors meeting on January 17th.
- The SU Math Department is offering a "contract course" for Worcester teachers this semester and another contract offering is being planned for primary grade teachers and paraprofessionals.
- Congratulations to the six PDS mentors at the schools in the Worcester ELED cluster for being named their building's teacher of the year for 2007-08: Nyoka Mumford (SHES), Becky Geesaman (SHMS), Karin Lertora (SES), Amy Gallagher (SDMS), Diane Rayne (BES) and Pam Yingling (BIS).
- Worcester PDS faculty teaching as adjuncts at SU in 2007-08 include: Amy Gallagher, Clara Outten, Alison Giska, Angela McCracken, Angela Cassels