

## RPDS Happenings ~Fall 2008

### Beaver Run Elementary (BRES)

- An orientation breakfast was held in August to welcome SU Fall semester interns.
- SU interns took pictures of all staff members and created a new photo gallery for their Legacy Project.
- BRES held its first Coordinating Council Meeting on 9/22 to share the results of the Fall Strategic Planning session with the team. The PDS Action Plan for 2008-09 was revised.

### Buckingham Elementary (BES)

- SU candidates presented at the WCPS BOE and did a great job. The same candidates completed a comprehensive (pre/post test design) Action Research project in the school environment.

### Choptank Elementary (CES)

- Intern Jenn Wilber, in Mrs. Travis' 4th grade class is working on-line with a school in Australia on a science project - "The Square of Life."
- Intern Ashley Jones, 5th grade Mrs. Tolley's class, is responsible for on-line book publishing for her students.
- CES was awarded a mini-grant and Donna Bloodsworth and her 1<sup>st</sup> grade mentor, Mrs. Owens, are currently involved in taking measures to increase the automaticity of sight words.
- Interns are working on their Legacy Project by creating lesson plans that align with the Maryland VSC. The lessons will be left for our teachers to use.
- We are busy growing our own...10 teachers currently on staff interned at Choptank.

### Easton Elementary (EES)

- We're back...Easton Elementary School reestablished our partnership with Salisbury University in June.
- EES is the official site for SU candidates and interns enrolled at SU through the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College.
- EES held planning meetings to initiate our partnership, created our action plan and developed a brochure to welcome and provide information for interns and candidates.

### Denton Elementary

- Our two current SU interns have been hired as long term substitutes beginning in December! Amy Amalfitano will be at Denton Elementary, while Holly Love will be at Greensboro Elementary.

### Greenwood Elementary/Princess Anne Elementary (GES/PAES)

- Our two interns, Kelly Goldsborough Crockett and Jessica Labo, created discipline lanyards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams as their combined Legacy Project.
- GES and PAES hosted a joint Intern/Mentor Orientation on August 18.

### James M. Bennett High (JMB)

- JMB formed a more complete Coordinating Council with administrator (Kim Pinhey) mentor teacher (Jerdy Heatwole), site coordinator (Cheryl Doughty), and liaison (Doug Dewitt) SU professor all in attendance at the strategic planning meeting held at SU in September.
- We placed 22 foundation students and equipped them with a tip sheet, Ensuring a Successful Observation at JMB.
- JMB welcomed 12 interns with a handbook, a list of possible action research topics that could benefit our school goals, a list of extracurricular involvement opportunities, a survival kit that included a gift from our PTSA, and the chance to meet and greet the support team at the school and board levels during an orientation breakfast. JMB honored our mentors at the breakfast with a presentation of our school icon, an anchor, pin, presented by Kim Miles, Director of Secondary Instruction, and our principal, Lori Batts.
- JMB applied for and was granted funds from the mini grant project focusing on the delivery of the co-teaching model.

### Mardel Middle and High (MMHS)

- **MSA Grand Slam Program** - Renee Hesson (ILT Chair) will work closely with Ron Siers (SU Liaison to MMHS) & Karen Lutz (Site Coordinator) to coordinate the placement of foundations students to

assist with the program benefitting middle school students during the spring semester. This is a MSA Test Prep program for students who have been identified by Benchmark data.

- **Needs Assessment Survey** – was distributed to MMHS Faculty to identify specific professional development needs. Ron Siers will inquire among SU Faculty members regarding their ability to offer Professional Development for MMHS Faculty and Staff.

#### **Sandy Hill Elementary**

- Sandy Hill continues to receive many interns and candidates as we strive to increase the number of our mentor-intern teaching teams. We currently have 3 interns and 7 candidates working in our building.

#### **North Salisbury Elementary (NSES)**

- Mentor Kristin Briggs and Intern Melinda White worked together to host an "end of book" celebration on Grandparents Day. They had over 300 guests attend with students completing a Grandparent project.
- Mentor Teacher Debbie Wilkins and intern Izelle Van Zuylen worked on a school wide Mock Campaign Rally, Mock Election Day and Veterans Day program. Izelle is currently helping with a CIA project (Children in Action) where they are planning a visit to Lakeside Assisted Living at Mallard Landing. Students will present a Christmas program to the residents, including songs, stories, trivia and share favorite holiday traditions.
- Dr. Dorsey Hammond visited North Salisbury to host a reading workshop during a Wicomico County professional day.
- The North Salisbury Gymnasium is currently a learning experience for 7 foundation students and two interns who are actively involved in instruction and the school community. The interns and candidates volunteered at our Family Night by helping to organize and run wacky Olympic activities.
- Several North Salisbury staff members have attended workshops offered by SU, including Mrs. Phyllis Bratten, Mrs. Teresa Price, Mrs. Patti Fisher, and Mrs. Elaine Jones.

#### **Pinehurst Elementary (PES)**

- Pinehurst is excited to be involving SU candidates in their school improvement goal of strengthening their students' math skills. This semester, all SU foundations and methods candidates placed at Pinehurst will be working one-on-one with students who need extra support each morning.

#### **Piney Orchard Elementary (POES)**

- Piney Orchard is going green! Mr. Eric Bellarin, Salisbury intern in 5th grade, is holding a school-wide poster contest. Every student is invited to enter the contest to create a poster to remind POES students and teachers to recycle and save electricity. Each grade will have a winner and the winner's poster will be displayed around the school.

#### **Salisbury Middle (SMS)**

- Dr. Regina Royer (SU Liaison) spoke at the ILT team meeting, reviewed the SMS Action Plan and discussed ways that SU can assist SMS with school goals.
- SU candidates will assist at the SMS Barnes and Noble Book Night.
- Salisbury Middle School teachers, Monica Jett, Social Studies methods and Chad Pavelkovich - Science Methods, have been hired as adjuncts for SU in the Spring of 2009.

#### **Stephen Decatur High School (SDHS)**

- A "Meet and Greet" was held on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-4 in our school cafeteria. We have increased our media coverage of our program by involving our school's public relations liaison.
- SDHS faculty members attended the University's Mentor training session in September. We are hopeful and excited to integrate new, fresh mentor teachers to our mentor pool.

#### **Wicomico Middle School (WMS)**

- We welcome our new SU liaison, Marchan Ball, and a new site coordinator, Kathy Malone. Marchan recently retired from WMS after 30+ years and in addition to his liaison duties he has been working with new WMS teachers including some former SU interns.
- Nancy Michelson shared information with our RELA (Reading, English, and Language Arts) teachers at a recent professional development session.
- SU candidates have served as reading partners in conjunction with our WISE after-school program in a project called SURF (Salisbury University Reading Friends).