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★ ★ Director's Message: ★ ★
Dr. Tammy Pawloski

This edition of our newsletter marks the final quarter of the Center of Excellence's fourth year of funding. As you read about recent activities and study the calendar of future events, I hope you'll agree that the Center is now providing a wide range of teacher development activities that are uniquely suited to those who serve schools in the Pee Dee.

Please take a moment to read about Lauren DuBose, FMU student teacher at North Vista Elementary School and one of 5 FMU teacher candidates who wrote successful COE-funded grant proposals. It is exciting that project activities like these are supporting FMU undergraduates, local schools and their students at the same time. Approximately \$38,000 has been awarded to FMU faculty, teacher and FMU student teacher grant writers this academic year.

An overarching principle of the original COE grant is that every effort will be made to financially reward teachers and schools for their participation in voluntary professional development activities. Since 2004, \$346,839.25 has been returned to teachers and schools in the forms of payment for participation, scholarship awards for travel to attend training, and grants for schools to fund activities. Given current funding levels, this tradition will continue in future years. Thank you for your support and participation!

"CLAWS - Children Love Animals With Spunk!"

Grant winner, Lauren DuBose, takes students to the zoo!



The Bulletin Board



Group at the Zoo

I have been a student teacher in Mrs. Wellington's second grade classroom at North Vista Elementary and I noticed that the children were really interested in animals. I decided to build on this interest by taking the children to Riverbanks Zoo. I used the COE's grant to fund an animal project that I entitled CLAWS (Children Love Animals with Spunk). The purpose of this trip was to build background knowledge about animals, so that we could study them further after the trip. The grant purchased disposable cameras for each child and paid for the film to be developed. The children picked a favorite animal photo and wrote about it in a paragraph for the bulletin board. The grant also purchased journals for each student to write in and include pictures about their experiences at the zoo. The journals also allowed us to research interesting facts about what we saw in the pictures. We also used the funds for animal activities such as being a zoo-keeper with our new guinea pig and making presentations of our favorite animals with our purchased craft materials. Thank you, Center of Excellence!

By Lauren Dubose

Registration Now Open!
COE Summer '08 Institute

Reservations accepted through the Center of Excellence at 843-669-3391, Ext. 28 or by email at coe@fmarion.edu.

June 10 & 11, 2008
8:00 – 3:00
Poyner Adult
Education Center

Registration is free to all Partner District educators and college students with IDs. There will be a fee for all others, payable on site.

The COE Summer Institute is a two-day event designed to provide participants with practical, research-based information focusing on the needs and abilities of children of poverty. The program includes daily keynote addresses and over 30 breakout sessions. On June 10, former Wilson High School principal, Dr. Allie E. Brooks, Jr. will be the featured keynote speaker. Nationally-recognized speaker, John M. Vitto, will speak on June 11.

John M. Vitto
Keynote Speaker
June 11



Relationship – Driven Classroom Management:
Strategies That Promote Student Motivation

"Positive teacher-student relationships are an important factor in increasing student achievement and motivation. Learn how to proactively and positively manage your classroom and students and build on their inherent strengths and talents, rather than focusing on negative behaviors and outcomes." (John M. Vitto)

COE Awards \$12,000 in Spring Grants!

P – 12 Professional Development Grants

- ★ Clarendon School District Two – Shanna Morgan & Allyson Goff – Manning Elementary – "Let the Music Play"
- ★ Clarendon School District Three – Dee Driggers, Danielle Culick, & Fave Gamble – East Clarendon Middle – "Smart Sewing"
- ★ Darlington County School District – Ryan Milling – North Hartsville Elementary – "M.A.P. to Achievement"
- ★ Dillon School District Three – Krista Byrd & Charley McIntyre – Latta Early Childhood Center – "A Whale of a Tale"
- ★ Dillon School District Three – Ronald Wiggins & Martha Heyward – Latta Middle School – "TEAM Read"
- ★ Florence School District One – Edwina Faulkenberry & Elizabeth Jackson – Henry Timrod Elementary School – "Gotta Love 'Em"
- ★ Florence School District One – Debra Purvis, Brenda Windham, & Lynn Pew – Henry Timrod Elementary School – "My Home Town"



COE Activities



- ★ **Revised Bloom's Taxonomy Training:** On June 9, 2008, preceding the COE Summer Institute, Dr. Lorin Anderson will conduct training in the theory and application of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.
- ★ **Grant Writing Workshop:** On June 12, 2008, following the COE Summer Institute, Dr. Cindi Nixon will conduct a workshop on how to write a winning grant.
- ★ **Online Journal: Call for Papers:** The Center will publish an online journal for educators, researchers, policy makers, and other advocates for children of poverty. For general information and author submission guidelines, visit the COE website at www.fmucenterofexcellence.org and click on *Online Journal*, *Call for Papers* and *Guidelines for Authors*. **Deadline: September 2008**
- ★ **Math Bridge Project:** The Math Bridge Document, prepared by Dr. Lorin Anderson, has been posted on the COE website and distributed to teachers. Teachers involved in the Math Bridge Project will participate in intensive week-long workshop, June 16-20. The training will prepare teachers to return to their school districts and train their colleagues to use the math units. These units are being revised from the "old" math standards to the "new" standards.
- ★ **Faculty Seminars:** Thank you to FMU's **Dr. Wayne Pruitt** and **Dr. Tom Sawyer** for serving as featured speakers at the Spring 2008 Faculty Seminars.

FMU Student Section

Student Teacher Grant Winners!

- ★ **Mary Renee Coker "A to Z at the Zoo"** Dewey L. Carter Elementary School – Florence School District One
- ★ **Lauren DuBose "CLAWS – Children Love Animals with Spunk!"** North Vista Elementary School – Florence School District One
- ★ **Sarah Dixon "Under the Sea and Beyond..."** Henry Timrod Elementary School – Florence School District One
- ★ **April Usher "R.A.P. – Reading Aloud Project"** Cheraw Primary School – Chesterfield School District
- ★ **Lacey Nicole Gaster "Animals and their Habitats"** Dewey L. Carter Elementary School – Florence School District One

Professional Organization

COE Teacher Candidate Association

The newly developed Teacher Candidate Association has elected officers and approved by-laws. We are working on our first event which will be Arts Alive on April 5, 2008 at FMU. Please visit our booth and become a member of this new professional organization. Our mission is to increase the achievement of children of poverty by improving the quality of teacher preparation, instruction and curriculum at the undergraduate level. We will also have one event each semester designed to provide children of poverty with a needed resource. For more information about the COE Teacher Candidate Organization, contact Dr. Janis McWayne, 843.661.1467; jmcwayne@fmarion.edu.

Please join us at Arts Alive!

Officers

President: Melissa Cooper
Vice President: Michael Burkmeir
Treasurer: Angel Brown
Secretary: Diana Green
Membership/Recruitment Chairperson: Position Open
Development/Service Projects Chairperson: Kelley Cooke

COE Partner District P - 12 Professional Organization

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Officers

Co-Presidents: Lauren Tomlinson and Stacy Stafford
Vice President: Lisa Hawkins
Treasurer: Frances Thomas
Secretary: Harlena Vaughn
Membership/Recruitment Chairperson: Emily DeAloia

CALENDAR – SPRING 2008

April 2008

02	Spring COE Newsletter release		
03	NNPS New Member Training	8:00 – 3:30	PDEC
28	Math Bridge	3:30 – 5:00	PDEC
29	NNPS End-of-Year Luncheon Celebration	12:00 – 3:30	Palmetto Rm
30	Spring Math Curriculum Project Wrap-up	3:30 – 5:00	PDEC

May 2008

06	Leadership Recognition Breakfast	8:30 – 10:00	Palmetto Rm
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June 2008

9	Revised Bloom's Taxonomy Training	TBA	TBA
10-11	COE Summer Institute	8:00 – 3:30	Poyner
12	Grant Writing Workshop	TBA	TBA
16-20	Math Bridge Training	8:30 – 4:00	PDEC

NNPS NEWS

NNPS District Leadership Institute

April 17 – 18, 2008

Baltimore, MD

Congratulations Florence One, Florence Three, and Darlington School Districts!

Three school districts – Florence One, Florence Three, and Darlington will be sending representatives to this two-day intensive workshop designed to prepare district leaders to lead and support schools in building sustainable goal-oriented programs of school, family, and community partnership using the NNPS research-based model.

NNPS End-of-Year Luncheon Celebration

April 29, 2008

Palmetto Room

NNPS Partnership Schools will come together for an *End-of-Year Luncheon Celebration* to share their schools' best practices and to learn what others have done this year to reach all families and to support student success in school. Each school in attendance will have the opportunity to receive a \$100 mini-grant for bringing at least three members and presenting a poster display showcasing their "promising practice."

For more information about these two NNPS events please contact the COE by phone 843- 669- 3391 Ext. 27 or email coe@fmarion.edu.