The Blair Bulletin
Education Dept. Newsletter • Fall 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Research Forum / Spring Research Form
Wednesday, September 23, 2015/ Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Scholastic Book Fair
September 28 – October 2, 2015

Will Hillenbrand Visit (children’s book illustrator)
To be determined

Education Department Alumni Meet and Greet (more details later)
October 3, 2015

Wittenberg Education Department
Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi (KDPi) is the Education Honorary committed to sustaining an honored community of diverse educators by promoting excellence and advancing scholarship, leadership, and service.

Initiation for KDPi was held in the spring 2015 semester. Advisor for 2014-2015, Dr. Tracy Whitlock, would like the Education department to join them in congratulating this year's officers and new members. The officers for the 2015-2016 academic year are listed to the right.

Spring Initiates
Erika Bardnell
Erin Barrett
Kathleen Brown
Haley Cochran
Haley Conkel
Molly Hopson
Courtney Rae Long
Courtney Steinmetz

Kappa Delta Pi Officers
2015-2016

President
Rebecca Fiete

Secretary
Lily Mahnke

Treasurer
Kara Seidenstricker

Service Chair
Stephanie Rawlings

Membership Chair
Gabi Weinketz

Fundraising Chair
Alyssa Rowe

Congratulations!
WUSEA visits ARK for Dr. Seuss Day!

Volunteers from the Wittenberg University Student Education Association (WUSEA) participated in a community service project at the ARK, an after-school program sponsored by the Children’s Rescue Center. The university students and neighborhood children had fun with a variety of activities: making a Lorax, coloring Seuss bookmarks, and frosting and decorating “Cat in the Hat” cookies (seen in the photo to the left).
Witt in Wittenberg and Study Abroad

**Spring 2015**
Nathan Yoder and Madison Rhodes (Wittenberg)

**Summer 2015**
Ellen Martin (Denmark)
Maggie Kramer (Spain)
Maggie Peale (China)

**Cinco de Mayo Senior Recognition sponsored by KDPi and WUSEA**

May 5, 2015

The spring 2015 student teachers, their university supervisors, and the department faculty enjoyed this end-of-year celebration. A taco bar, chips and salsa, and churros set the stage for this holiday-themed event. Several student teachers were recognized for their exceptional performance in field experiences and student teaching (pictured right). Of course, a Cinco de Mayo celebration would not be complete without a candy-filled piñata!!
Departmental Award Winners
Spring 2015

(Left to Right)

Audrey Owens
Barbara Steel Kane Award (Education Major)

Maggie Kramer (Education Major)
Silver Apple Award

Emily Bast (Education Minor)
Barbara Steel Kane Award

Welcome to the newest member of the Education Department …

Dr. Ryan Gamm
Science Education
Blair 211

Kenya Andorfer
Brittany Garner
Adie Liefeld
Sarah Lonsinger
Lauren Ratliff
Heather Washburn
Jocelyn Washburn

MASTER’S DEGREE GRADUATES
AUGUST 2015

Congratulations!
Education Department Presentations

Spring 2015 Research Forum

Thesis presentations on math and science instruction by recent graduates of the Master’s Program

**Erica Banion:** *Classroom Hierarchies and Purposeful Teacher Response*

**Dani McCoy:** *An Early Mathematics Intervention Adapted from the Reading Recovery Framework*

**Katie Cammarn-Maliskas:** *Adapting Problem-Based Mathematics for a Student with a Significant Cognitive Disability*

**Celebration of Learning, April 10, 2015**

**Presentations**

*Analysis of Exemplary Practices of the Norfolk Public Schools* by Kennedy Cole, Tyler Jeffers, Nicole Johnson, Melissa Wolicki

*Analysis of Exemplary Practices of the Broward County Public Schools* by Kaitlin Bailey, Caitlin Cahoon, Meghan McGuire, Franchesca Noday

*Analysis of Exemplary Practices of the Pittsburgh Public Schools* by Haley Graham, Lily Mahnke, Kaitlin Murray, Stephanie Weaver, Gabi Weinketz

*Analysis of Exemplary Practices of the Metro Nashville Public Schools* by Erin Barrett, Rae Long, Margaux Mayhew, Morgan Stage

*Strengthening After School Programs* by Kate DeVantier, Emily Fitch

**Poster**

Stephanie Rawlings: *Ways to Help English Language Learners Learn*

---

*Future issues of the Blair Bulletin will feature news about other initiatives of the Education Department.*
Partnership with a Local School

A group of area educators attended a conference at the Margaret Sue Copenhaver Institute for Teaching and Learning at Roanoke College featuring Eric Jensen as the keynote speaker. The 2015 conference, Putting the Pieces Together: Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind, was held June 22-24. Three teachers and two administrators from Possum Elementary School attended and were accompanied by three Wittenberg faculty members. The two administrators also presented on their work with teachers using Jensen's book at Possum. Following the conference, the three teachers presented on mindset, one of the many topics addressed at the conference, and they also completed two additional presentations on working memory and learning intentions. Funding from the Kay Carl Partnership School Grant covered many expenses associated with Possum School's professional learning on the effects of poverty.
Welcome to ALL 4Paws Trainees and Trainers!!

Summer Camps Come to Wittenberg

Wittenberg Summer Camp was a new addition to campus this year! This camp was focused on the liberal arts and provided an experience for children that tapped into the academic areas as well as the arts and athletics in order to provide them with a well-rounded and fun experience. The series of weekly camps ran for four weeks, June 22 - July 17. The camp operated from 9:00 - 3:30 five days a week. In addition to the day camps, two of the four weeks were overnight camps. Four students served as full-time counselors and three additional students assisted in various ways, such as with sports. Over 70 children attended the camp. Ty Buckman and Amy McGuffey were co-directors. Matt Smith, Mark DeVilbiss, and Brandee Bates were also part of the leadership team.