

Learning Together

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Are We There Yet?

My minister husband and I spent many wonderful years in the Pacific Union territory. One of the few problems with the assignment was that both of our families lived in east cost states – mine in Florida and his in Pennsylvania. This meant that if we wanted to see family, we had to take a road trip across country. (We were much too poor to travel by airplane!)

We'd excitedly start our trip with both children on the rear seat – one on the left side and one on the right. As we traversed the highways they'd play games and peer out of their respective windows. Long before we reached the California-Arizona state line, I'd hear "Are we there yet?" Sometimes little people grow weary and long rides lose their excitement.

But, sometimes not so little people grow weary too. The good news is you're almost there; summer is just around the bend. You will soon be able to sleep in and just relax. You deserve it! You've worked hard and now it is time to "come aside and rest awhile." The better news is that Jesus is soon to come. The journey is almost over.

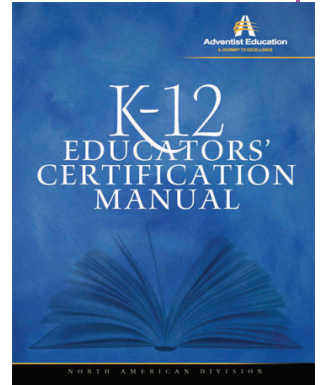
As you rest and refresh this summer, take time to rekindle that relationship with Jesus. He is the reason you accepted the call to education ministry. You are a part of one of the grandest professions given to humankind, but even the called need rest. We celebrate with you and congratulate you for a job well done. Now take some family time and "just chill."

We appreciate you and look forward to seeing you in August. Have a safe and happy summer!

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Certification News

All changes have been posted at



www.nadeducation.org.

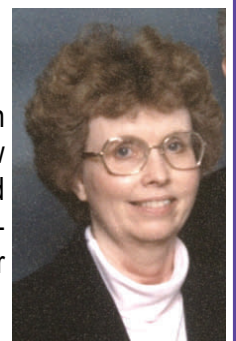
Watch for a link on the Southwestern Union Education page.

- Voted to accept authenticated electronic transcripts. (Check with registrar to define authenticated.)
- Voted a Designated Administrative Certificate.
- Voted a Conditional Administrative Certificate
- Voted Elementary Endorsement renewal specification.
- Voted a special Secondary Endorsement Provision for science.
- Voted modification to Junior Academy Endorsement for general science



Union Education Team Complete

With the addition of Mike Furr and Carolyn Early, the Southwestern Union Office of Education team is now complete. We welcome Mike Furr, our new associate director of education and Carolyn Early, the new Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) assistant. Both are long time Adventist Education professionals who accept their work as a happy calling from God. Mike and Carolyn will assume their responsibilities June 1. Please keep this team in your prayers.



Education News & Notes

Resources

Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

1. There are 42 identified ECEC programs in the Southwestern Union. Most of these are located on school campuses and are part of the regular school program. Like the K-12 program, the ECEC program is the primary responsibility of the local conference. The Union has the role of guidance and oversight.
2. ECEC Advisory. The Southwestern Union Board of Education has voted to establish an ECEC Advisory charged with the responsibility of providing direction to church-sponsored early childhood programs in Southwestern Union territory.
3. ECEC Website. Watch for more details in the coming months.

K-8 Program

1. Pathways 1-8. All grades 1-8 should be using the Pathways curriculum for the 2010-2011-school term.
2. Stepping Stones. The kindergarten curriculum is scheduled for completion this year with lead teacher training in January 2011 and full roll out in time for the 2011-2012 school term.
3. PE Vote. A defined physical education is to be included in the K-8 education program. Each K-8 student in the Southwestern Union is required to participate in a physical education program of at least 120 minutes each week. Recess does not take the place of physical education. (See your SWUC Textbook for suggested resources.)
4. Technology in the Classroom. Teachers are expected to provide more student training in the use of technology. Let's make this a focus for the coming school-term.

9-12 Program

1. The North American Division has developed secondary standards for major subjects. Secondary teachers should expect to receive in-serving this fall.

1. Britannica Online School, Edition. Teachers and students of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist have FREE membership to Britannica Online – courtesy of the NAD and Southwestern Union. Your login is your school's ID number. The password is nadsa1. If you do not have access to your school's ID number, please contact Martha Ban at: Martha.ban@nad.adventist.org
2. Summer Reading List. Why not use the Pathways Reading Lists. These are already available to you.
3. Spell City. All of the Pathways spelling words have been entered and are available for use. See previous email.
4. Pathways Wiki. Available soon at the Pathways site.
5. <http://handwritingworksheets4teachers.com/>

Textbooks adopted for Summer 2010 M.Ed. Program



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EDUC 555 Educational Assessment

Essentials of Testing and Assessment: A Practical Guide for Counselors, Social Workers, and Psychologists, 2nd Edition. Edward S. Neuking-Old Dominion University & R. Charles Fawcett-University of Virginia.
ISBN-10:0495604585, ISBN-13:9780495604587

EDUC 560 Principles of Instruction

Learning and Teaching : Research-Based Methods, 5th Edition. Donald P. Kauchak, Paul Eggen.
ISBN-13:978-9-205-49521-4 Allyn & Bacon, 2007.

EDAD 525 Instructional Leadership

The Basic Guide to Supervision and Instructional Leadership, 2nd Edition. Glickman, Gordon & Ross-Gordon.
ISBN: 9780205578597.

EDRE 510 Composition: Process and Application

On Writing Well, William Zinsser, 30th Anniversary edition.
ISBN: 978-0-06-089154-1
A Writer Teaches Writing, Revised 2nd edition by Donald M. Murray. ISBN: 0395354412