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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Director of School and Field Services Sharon Hiller:

Season's Greetings from School and Field Services,

At this time of year, people plan surprises. What a beautiful surprise we had on Wednesday to walk into a decorated room complete with lights and holiday music for our SEHS potluck! The food was delicious. Christmas sweaters added to the festivities. Surprisingly, James Silvestri and Adam LeRoy won the prizes for the ugly sweater contest. It was fun to get together with colleagues and share a meal together. Times like these are ones to remember.

Surprises have been flowing freely this week with Secret Santa gifts being delivered here and there. I've enjoyed the emails hearing of the creative and fun gifts people have received. It has added some fun to our work week as we prepare for the holidays.

Our office is busy scurrying to find last minute placements for students to work in the schools. Even in this last week before the holidays, I was surprised that teachers are saying yes to interviewing students for a final field placement. Students get a chance to learn from real educators in real schools as a part of their program at Oakland University. We are so fortunate that many teachers are willing to share their classrooms with our students. Teachers who take time to really mentor the students and help them gain experience in teaching are ones we truly appreciate.

This week a group of students got a surprise email from Brad Parks regarding their field placement for next term. We recently made a plan for students to have more flexibility with their field placements. They now have a choice of taking a full 30 hour field placement, a 15 hour field placement, or opting out if they can accomplish their assignments in another way. Thanks to Mary Stein, Brad Parks, the Elementary Teacher Preparation Governance Council, and all of the others who assisted with putting this together for students.

May you and your family have a holiday filled with love, laughter, and wonderful surprises!



ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Article by Mary Lose Published in Journal of Reading Recovery

An article written by Mary Lose, Director of the Reading Recovery Center has recently been published in The Journal of Reading Recovery. The article was titled, *More than ABCs: Letter knowledge and the development of a literacy processing system*. In the article, Dr. Lose asserts that to become strategic readers and writers, young children must learn to efficiently integrate language structure, meaning, and visual sources of information in reading and writing.

Congratulations to Mary!



Doctoral Candidate's Projects Receives Funding

Sherry Andrews, a doctoral candidate in the department of Reading and Language Arts, has recently been recommended to the Provost for a Graduate Student Research Award. Her project, *The Impact of a Book Flood on Reading Motivation and Reading Achievement of Fourth Grade Students* will be funded in the amount of \$1,500.

Congratulations to Sherry!

IN THE NEWS

SEHS Holiday Luncheon Well Attended

The Annual SEHS Holiday Luncheon took place on Wednesday, December 16 and was a massive success. Lights were hung, music was played, food was prepared, and roughly 60 SEHS employees attended to enjoy each other's company.

Thank you to all who brought delicious food to share, helping make the event great and to all who participated in the ugly sweater contest.



My Two Scents - by Leigh Dzwik

It has come to our attention that some people in our building have serious reactions to artificially scented products. Perfumes, room deodorizers and other scents can cause sniffing, dizziness, headaches, nausea and breathing problems. Some reactions, like shortness of breath, are particularly severe for people with preexisting respiratory conditions, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. We request that you be mindful of our colleagues with such issues so that we can work in a happy and healthy environment.

Avondale Partnership Receives National Recognition

At the Teach to Lead national summit in Washington, DC on December 7, incoming Department of Education Secretary John King spoke to the group. Early in his remarks, he called out distinguished teacher leadership projects across the country. The first project mentioned was Avondale, giving recognition to Marcia Hudson and the staff at Auburn Elementary.

This amazing partnership between Oakland University and the Avondale School District now has national presence and recognition!



CELEBRATIONS



If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Birthday%20exclusion>).

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Welcome to the SEHS Bulletin, where faculty and staff can share news and celebrate the wonderful things happening in SEHS. The bulletin is the perfect place to share information about your publications and awards, special projects and committee news, as well as announce events.

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