



NNRPDP News

September 2006
Volume 2 Issue 1

NNRPDP, 1290 Burns Road, Elko, NV 89801
www.elko.k12.nv.us/pdp 775-753-3879

Best Practices Workshop

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Best Practices
- 1 New Teachers
- 2 What Are We Reading?
- 2 Professional Development Workshop
- 2 Websites

The NNRPDP hosted a Best-Practices workshop for the site facilitators from the five county region. Presentations were given by some of the regional coordinators on science inquiry, focusing and emphasizing academic vocabulary, math manipulatives, classroom assessment, Reading, and Writing. The lessons were given, not to showcase the skills of the regional coordinators, but rather to provide a vehicle for a critical discussion on lesson effectiveness and an opportunity to discuss the implementation of research-based strategies into a variety of lesson formats.

New Teachers

New teachers in all five counties in the Northeastern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program are receiving an opportunity to participate in a variety of new teacher induction programs presented by the NNRPDP regional coordinators. The first meeting in all areas focused on establishing routines and procedures in all K-12 classrooms that will aid in instruction throughout the year. To quote Harry Wong, "Over 80 percent of what teachers consider to be discipline problems have nothing to do with discipline. The number one problem in the classroom is not discipline; it is the lack of procedures and routines."

*"It's not what you do
once in a while, it's what
you do day in and day
out that makes the
difference."*

~Jenny Craig~



*New Teachers in Humboldt
County*

What Are We Reading?

What are the NELIP facilitators going to be reading this year? The books chosen are Reality Checks: Teaching Reading Comprehension with Non-Fiction K-5 by Tony Stead, How to Differentiate Instruction in Mixed Ability Classrooms by Carol Ann Tomlinson, and Wondrous Words: Writers and Writing in the Elementary Classroom by Katie Wood Ray.

“The most extraordinary thing about a really good teacher is that he or she transcends accepted educational methods.”

~Margaret Mead~

Professional Development Workshop

On September 22-23 the NNRPDP and Elko County School District will host a professional development workshop. The focus is appropriate interventions for at-risk students. Presenters include educators with expertise in educating special education and culturally diverse students. Best practices for the at-risk students are amazingly similar to best practices for all students, so it is our hope that regular classroom educators as well as ELL teachers and Special Education teachers throughout our five county region will attend. The Keynote speaker for Friday, September 22nd is Ann Alexander who is an educator and attorney working in the areas of compliance, monitoring, and complaint investigation issues in special education. Her specific topic will be *Improving Results for Students with Disabilities*. The keynote speaker for Saturday, September 23rd is Michael Orosco from the University of Colorado in Boulder. He is a researcher in the field of ESL/Bilingual Special Education. His specific topic will be *Culturally Responsive Intervention Models*.

Websites

Looking for some guides for books K-3? Try using Cyberguides at www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/cyk3.html. They also have reading guides for grades 4-12.

Have you tried the Reading Zone at www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/browse/rzn0000/? It is a little like the fiction section at a public library. You can find links to on-line stories and also learn more about your favorite books and authors.



Huck is talking with the new instructional coaches.