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UW-oshkosh welcomes FIRST ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

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The local Student WEA Executive Team is feverishly planning the first annual Professional Development Seminar. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday April 4th, 2009 in the Nursing/Education building (COEHS) from roughly 10 am- 3 pm.

The whole idea of this first annual event came out when the state budget no longer supported the East Region Student WEA Spring Professional Development Seminar.

Speakers are coming in from around the state with a special concentration placed on the Oshkosh community. The Executive Team is carefully planning this event to coincide with the goals of Student WEA, including networking with professionals. Some of the sessions include reducing test-taking stress, dropout prevention, successful parent/teacher conferences, and cyber-bullying.

This UW-Oshkosh PDS is free to paid members of the local Student WEA organization. It will cost \$15 to all other students. Lunch will be provided in that cost as well. For more information, please contact the email account at, studentwea@uwosh.edu

DYING TO TEACH

Education majors joined in on some tie-dying fun on Wednesday, February 11th, 2009. All paid member that attended the social received a free t-shirt and all others paid \$10. Students had fun tie-dying pre-printed shirts with the phrase "Dying to Teach" on the back. This was one of the first socials of spring semester. Watch for emails on upcoming socials and Student WEA events.



SMART Board™

Interactive Whiteboards

As future educators, some schools are beginning to introduce the hot new phenomenon of SMART Board™. This interactive whiteboard allows for presentations to capture student attention and motivate them to learn. The whiteboard gets used in conjunction with a computer. The two put together allow students to visually adapt to learning a lesson taught by the teacher.

There are tutorials on the SMART Board™ website. It shows teachers how to use the board with Internet websites. For instance, all one has to do is pull up a website on their computer, then you can touch the SMART Board™ and click various links located on the website. One is also able to use pen tools to add in additional notes and such. The whole idea of this type of lesson seems much more appealing because teachers no longer have to sit by a computer and click to navigate. A simple touch is all one needs.

These materials are very expensive and therefore not the most prominent in many school districts currently. Fortunately there is a SMARTer kids Foundation. By visiting <http://smarterkids.org>, one can find grants and other awards that may indeed bring this technological innovation into one's classroom.

There is a vast amount of research on the effectiveness of this newly acclaimed educational resource. They have seen a positive outcome with the use of SMART Board™ and special education students. Studies have shown the use of the SMART Board™ in math lessons, literacy, writing and so on. One study reported first graders asking eagerly, "Are we going to use the SMART Boards™ in math?" That study also showed that the teacher was challenged to teach in a new way, different than before.

Overall, the SMART Board™ is growing in popularity. It is something future educators should be aware of because they may be responsible for using one in the near future to teach lessons.



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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The College of Education & Human Services Alumni Association Chapter is giving out two (2) \$500 scholarships this Spring semester. If interested in applying, pick up an application form at the main desk in the College office. An applicant must have at least junior status in the College, have full time undergraduate status, and also attained a grade point average of at least 3.0. Involvement and demonstrated leadership in UW Oshkosh extracurricular activities will also be considered.

Deadline to submit an application to the COHES main office is Friday, February 20, 2009. Apply now so you don't miss out on this scholarship opportunity.



Upcoming Events

March 2nd, 2009: Topic: Inclusion, Reeve 306 @ 6 pm

March 16th, 2009: Topic: Principal Forum, Reeve 306 @ 6pm

April 17th, 2009: State Representative Assembly (Site to be determined)

April 18th, 2009: Outreach to Teach, Location: Kansasville, Wisconsin