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Tracie M. teaching an ice breaker.

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## Recap from October Event

October's "Ice Breaker" event with Tracie McDonald went well! First we started with scrumptious sandwiches from Subway. We sat around the table and listened to Tracie share stories about her experiences with education, elders, and life in general. Next we got up and moved into a circle while Tracie showed us the proper way to greet an elder. She then taught us a fun ice breaker using the new information she had just given us. The game was a blast! Once everyone had a turn, and quite a few laughs, as well as all of us coming to the conclusion Kathie can run quite well in heels, we moved on to another game. This game had to do with names and paying attention to certain people rather than all the business and chaos that was going on around us. After playing this game not quite as long as we would have hoped we had to finish up and say our thanks to Tracie. Kathie thanked her with a gift of a beaded key ring. We all waved our goodbyes and shuffled out the door as we had places to be. The fun was over : (The event went very well and everyone left hoping Tracie could come back and teach us more. Lets see if we can get that worked out. Below is a comment left by one of the attendees of the event, Jessica Charette.

"Today was such a pleasant event to have the opportunity to attend. I really appreciated all of the stories and activities that Tracie shared with us today. I was really thankful she was able to take the time out of her day to work with us. It was also nice to see a large group of education staff attend this even as well. I absolutely had a ball with the icebreaker activities we did today! What great ideas to use

### **Attention Seniors:**

We have 16 students seeking student teaching placements for either this spring or next fall, only 9 students have submitted their applications for ST. The remaining 7 students need to get their packets in to me (Doug) by Nov. 27th or they will not be placed.



Ryon N. greeting "Aunt Amy" at October's TEMP event.

in the classroom! I enjoyed that Tracie shared with us variations of both of the icebreakers and how to differentiate for different grade levels. I am looking forward to our next event!" Jessica Charette

Be sure to watch for the date and time of our next TEMP event so you don't miss out on the fun!!

### A message from Ryon Noland– The go-to man when it comes to tutoring



Ryon Noland having fun in the sun!

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or selfconfidence." -Robert Frost My name is Ryon Noland; a student and a tutor here at SKC. I will be available for tutoring sessions:

Monday's and Wednesdays in the Writing Center from 7:30 to 12:30, and in the Education Building from 12:30 to 2:30

<u>Tuesdays and Thursdays</u> in the Writing Center from 7:30 to 10:30

**Fridays** are completely open for appointments, and I will be

hosting a couple of *Praxis* study sessions in the Education Building up to and including the Friday before the test.

I can be reached at ryon-noland@student.skc.edu or text me at (406)-250-4774. I look forward to seeing ALL your faces both new and old! Good luck and have a great Fall Term.

YOU JUST GOT TUTORED!

### SKC Events and Student Senate Events

Nov. 8th and 23rd—Veterans Round Dance: Camas Room starting at 6 pm.

Nov. 20th– Presidential Inauguration: Gym Time 10:00 am.

Nov. 22nd– Egan (Badger) Black's Title Fight: Missoula Montana at Hilton Inn. Time TBA.

Nov. 25th– Harvest Dinner: Camas Room at 5:30 pm. Open to all (Subject to change).

## Upcoming T.E.M.P. Events

November T.E.M.P. Event: Sittin' with Sucha (Incorporating Art and Indian Education/Student Teaching Cooperative Teacher Outlook).

November 14th, 2013 in the Education Building in Room 114/115.

Time TBA.

## Trainings, Workshops, and Useful Tools



Useful tool: The website below gives you tips on using iPads and iPods.

http://www.buzzfeed.com/ peggy/mind-blowing-tricksevery-iphone-and-ipad-usershould-kno



### Dear, Mr. SmartyPants

Dear Readers,

Hi! My name is Mr.SmartyPants, the Education guru. You

may have seen me walking around the Education Building

or as a peer in one of your classes! Any guesses as to what

my true identity could be? Anyway, I love helping other

aspiring teachers where I can and offer words of

encouragement and advice. Once a month, I will provide a

column within the TEMP Newsletter regarding advice

relative to YOU.

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO: Have any questions or

comments? Need advice? Fill out an information card

Provided with the boxes throughout the Education Building. Simply write down a question or

something you would like to share, and insert it into the

**box**. I will then review the cards and offer feedback in the

next TEMP Newsletter.

You do *not* have to write your name on the card; it is

completely optional and confidential. However, if you

choose to provide your name, I might credit your question

in the Newsletter.

I look forward to reading your questions and comments soon!

Sincerely, Mr. SmartyPants



Sorry Dr. Terry! We know you will be bummed but we couldn't get your picture to copy and paste into this newsletter. So students, swing by his office and say hi!

### Welcome Dr. Terry Souhrada!!

Terry Souhrada was recently hired as the head of the newly formed Secondary Math Education Department at SKC. Terry comes to us from Spokane Falls Community College where he taught math for the last six years.

However, it is more like he is returning home. Terry is Montana born and raised and has been involved in secondary and post-secondary education for 40 years. He earned his BS degree at Western Montana College (now University of Montana-Western). He started his teaching career at Ronan Middle School in 1973. From there he spent 10 years in Bigfork teaching both middle school and high school. In 1984 Terry moved to Polson where he taught high school math for eight years.

After completing his Master's degree in mathematics at the University of Montana he was hired to be the head writer for the SIMMS Integrated Mathematics Project. Over the next seven years Terry wrote and supervised the writing of a set of innovative high school math textbooks. The SIMMS materials are still in use today.

Terry completed his Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Montana in 2001. After its completion and the end of the SIMMS Project, he stayed on at the University of Montana as an adjunct faculty for both the mathematics and education departments.

Upon retirement from teaching in Montana public schools, Terry taught for one year at Loyola Sacred Heart High School in Missoula before moving to Spokane.

Terry's position here at SKC is to create two new programs in mathematics that will begin Fall 2014. One is a two-year transfer degree that will allow students to complete the first two years of a math degree program here at SKC and then transfer to one of the Mon-

tana four-year schools. The other degree program is a math degree for teaching secondary school math (grades 5 through 12). Students completing this degree will be ready to become a licensed secondary math teacher in Montana.

With 40 years of experience and a true passion for teaching, Terry is extremely excited about the opportunity to share what he has learned throughout his career. The opportunity to genuinely get students excited about math and teaching math is a goal he has pursued over his entire career.

If you want to find out more about the new programs, stop by Terry's office in the Education Building (Room 104) and visit with him. Or drop him an email at terry\_souhrada@skc.edu. He would love to spend some time answering questions or just giving anyone interested more information about these two new exciting math programs.







### Fuel your brain with Cindy O'Dell-Our New Dean

Cindy has decided she would like to invite all education students and staff to join her for breakfast once every quarter. She would like for students to bring suggestions, ideas, and concerns regarding the Education Division to her attention.

It is important to her that all students know she has an open door policy. Her goal is for us to have the best Teacher Education Program in the Nation, and she is willing to do what ever it takes to reach that goal!

The first breakfast she will host will be on November 14th, 2013 at 8 AM at the Three Wolves Deli. Those who choose to attend will get a hot breakfast of their choice, paid for by Dr. Cindy O'Dell. All students are encouraged to attend.

Contact Cindy for more information!

## Student Spotlight: Jamie Fuchs

"I hope that when I am a teacher my students will see me as a teacher who cares about their success the way I feel the faculty here care about our success."

-Jamie Fuchs



Jamie Fuchs in music class

Jamie Fuchs graduates from the Teacher Ed. Program in June 2014. She works at K William Harvey Elementary as the secretary and Registrar.

Jamie decided to attend SKC's Education Department at first because of the location. She previously attended U of M but was not willing to make the cepts and integrating science drive and give up her job when and math with other subjects. she decided to go back to school. After attending SKC for a year or so she felt at home with the students and faculty and realized it was a good fit for her. She enjoys the smaller classes and the different perspectives she gets on education, particularly on the relevancy of teaching culturally diverse students and being aware of the importance of acknowledging and celebrating our differences.

At this time she would be happy teaching any grade from 5th grade down. Her preference is 3rd and 4th mainly because she sees this level as being ready for larger scale projects and big idea units. She has become more excited about teaching math and science con-She likes the fact that in these two grades students are still with one teacher most of the day.

Jamie feels like the faculty in the Education Department all work hard to help us all of the time and to create a successful environment. Fuchs is very grateful for all of their hard work and dedication to us stu-

Some of Jamie's hobbies in-

clude baking, it helps her reduce stress. She also likes hiking, gardening, and reading, as well as travelling and spending as much time with her family as she can.

Her family consists of two kids, Declan, a fifth grade boy, and Chella, a fourth grade girl, a dog, a cat, a rabbit, and a gecko, as well as a husband.

The following is a quote Jamie feels sums her up, "You are important and you are needed. It's too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday. Someday is now and that somebody is you."

-Anonymous Judge

Thanks Jamie and we hope you know you are important to the **Education Department students** and staff! Good Luck in your final year!

## Instructor Spotlight: Cindy O'Dell



Cindy O'Dell in her office

Cindy O'Dell is from Butte MT. She left there when she was 18 years old to attend college in Oregon. She graduated from the University of Oregon in Elementary Education. Go Ducks! O' Dell then moved to Bozeman and earned her masters degree in fork Athletic Club. She says Child Development. She taught preschool in Bozeman and worked on grants at MSU, focused on high school students offering them workshops and classes on career awareness. She moved to Lola and while her son was a baby Cindy taught in a family childcare. In 1988 Cindy was asked to write a grant for SKC, the grant was funded and she was hired! She continued to work on the grant which included developing and teaching a

a certificate program in Early Childhood. In 1992 Cindy left SKC after her daughter was born to be a stay at home mom, but the pay sucked! So she started working at the Bigthis is when she got herself into shape. © She ran a childcare center for the club. Cindy received training in the Son Rise Program at the Option Institute to work with a child with autism. Cindy wrote a grant for SKC to develop an AA degree in Early Childhood. , the grant was accepted and she was asked to return to SKC to teach and run the program in 2001. Upon her return

to SKC, O'Dell was soon given the Elementary Education Program students. "I appreciate the dedicated faculty and staff in the Division of Education and am so proud of the accomplishments of our faculty and students." She is very proud of the Education students and the fact that they are building a good reputation for the program in the schools. Cindy has 2 children, and 3 big dogs that are her babies. She has been married to her husband for 32 years and says Yikes that's a long time! ©

## Emergency Drill Information

SKC Administration and the Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be conducting *emergency drills this quarter* for earthquake and evacuation preparedness. The Mission Valley is located in close proximity to the Mission fault line which makes it possible that an earthquake may strike the SKC campus. We need to be as ready as we possibly can. This means we will hold drills to practice and hone our skills to better protect you in the event of an emergency.

I wanted to let you know that I am the Primary Building Emergency Coordinator (BEC) and Doug Ruhman is the Secondary BEC for the Education building. During an emergency, Doug or myself will be wearing a bright yellow and orange vest. **Do not leave the building or campus.** We, Doug or myself, will direct all building occupants in the safest manner as directed by the type of emergency or situation. Sometimes, you will be instructed to remain in the building, evacuate, lock down or take cover. The most important thing is to keep calm and listen to directions from your BEC. BEC's will be contacted by SKC Administration when the emergency has passed and we will let you know when you can safely return to your classroom or leave campus.

Instructors: We, Doug and myself, need to be able to account for all of the people in the building during an emergency the best we can. Please help us by keeping an attendance roster of your students to assist us with making sure all occupants get safely out of the building.

Faculty, Staff and Students: Register your cell phones with the SKC RAVE system ASAP and keep it with you. If you need assistance with the RAVE system, contact the IT help desk. I know that cell phone usage is discouraged in many classes, but this is for emergency notification purposes. I strongly suggest that cell phones be placed on vibrate to minimize disruption to the class. This is *extremely important* as this is how SKC Administration will *notify you* of an emergency and when it is safe to evacuate the building or re-enter the building.

Specific Instructions for a Earthquake Emergency and Building Evacuation:

Earthquake: Main rule or thumb to remember: DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON.

- Stay inside the building.
- Locate a load bearing wall (I have met with the SKC Building Supervisor and located these specific walls and I will mark the walls in each room for easy identification), but rooms 113, 114, 115/116 and 120 each have a load bearing wall. Signs will be posted on the walls.
- Get under a heavy desk or table if in an office, faculty room, computer lab, kitchen area or resource room.
- Stay away from objects that can fall or overturn.
- Be prepared for aftershocks.

**Evacuation of Building:** Once the earthquake is over follow directions from authorized personnel (either the BEC's or Faculty/Staff or RAVE alert) to evacuate the building to the designated emergency meeting place. **DO NOT leave campus**as safety personnel will search for missing individuals that were known to be in the building. Once the emergency is over, your BEC's will let you know when you can safely return to your classroom or leave campus.

### **Location for the Education Building Emergency Meeting Place:**

Dirt path or walkway directly East of the Education building towards Student Housing.
 Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I take your safety seriously and will do my best to keep you informed and educated on the SKC emergency procedures.