



Newsletter

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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where has this year gone? I don't know about you, but it seems to have flown by. I remember the first day of school like it was yesterday. Now the last day of school is upon us.

One thing I do know...we have all done an amazing job growing our readers and writers this year. We have enthusiastically spread of love of literacy to each and every one. (Even if you can't see it, we have planted those seeds.)

This year has been a busy one for Capital Reading Council. Cathy Collier showed us some creative ways to write with our emergent writers. Frank Murphy and Lynne Dorfman inspired us to use mentor texts in the classroom. Mark Weakland taught us all about Comprehension Strategies. We painted; we enjoyed a Hershey Bears Game; we distributed books galore. We even pampered ourselves, which we do not often take the time to do.

Now as school comes to a close for the summer, we can take a few deep breaths, spend some time with our families, and read a few good books.

Enjoy the summer and dream of all of the wonderful things that you will learn with Capital Reading Council next year.

Happy Summer.

Emily Reed, Co-President

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016-2017 Calendar of Events Theme: Diverse Learners

September 9, 2016 CRC Anniversary Party, Colonial Country Club, 6-9pm

October 23-26, 2016 KSRA Conference

November 12, 2016 Camp Hill Cafe, Aileen Hower: Reaching Students with Autism

December 1, 2016 Barnes and Noble Night, 4-8pm

December 20, 2016 Friendly's Fundraiser, 4-9pm

January 19, 2016 Hampden Elementary School, Mike Williams: Books for Boys

March 27, 2017 Barnes and Noble Night, 4-8pm

April 8, 2017 Giant Camp Hill, Bethann McCain: Reaching Children in Poverty

***Don't Forget to Bring Your PPID Number!**

HOW DO I GET MY PPID NUMBER?

1. Go to www.education.pa.gov
2. PDE Online Services -> Act 48 PERMS
3. Get Your Professional Personnel ID
4. Enter your information and your seven digit ID will appear

*Tip—Keep the ID in your phone for easy access!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Nena Campbell is a Kindergarten Teacher at Foose Elementary in the Harrisburg School District. Sabrina Hensel is a Third Grade Teacher at Hamilton Elementary in the Carlisle Area School District. Christine Kerr is a First Grade Teacher at Harrisburg Catholic Elementary in the Diocese of Harrisburg. All three teachers were recognized on April 9 at our "Pamper Yourself" event. They received a year's membership to CRC/KSRA and \$50 in classroom books of their choice from Reading Matters. Congratulations and welcome to CRC and KSRA!

TEACHER TIPS OF THE TRADE

Teachers are always looking for online resources. A great one is www.oercommons.org. This site has a collection of open education resources from reliable websites. Check it out today!



'PAMPER YOURSELF' EVENT

CRC's first "Pamper Yourself" event was held on April 9 at the Colonial Country Club in Harrisburg. Although several inches of wet snow greeted us that morning, our members and guests had a fun, relaxing time! The morning started with time to browse and talk with the vendors who graciously agreed to join us. There was an opportunity to have a relaxing neck and back massage from the KTI students. We sampled goodies from Tastefully Simple with Jenn and learned about easy to create meals and snacks. Amanda's Aromatherapy helped us learn how to take care of ourselves with chemically free, natural products. Laurie from Mary Kay demonstrated how to apply makeup and use skin care products to help us look our best. We browsed through all the beautiful items from Premier Jewelry and made purchases from the wonderful array of books provided by Reading Matters. We topped off our morning with a delicious lunch and a show of spring fashions from Christopher and Banks featuring our own CRC models. Everyone said they had a great time and think it should become an annual event!

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the beginning of 2016: Angela Nelson, Kehley Jo Cimino, Melissa Austin, Nena Campbell, Barbara Fischer, Sabrina Hensel, and Christine Kerr.

Our membership is holding steady at about 80 members. We would like to thank all of our current members who have continued to renew their membership. Thank you for helping to keep the CRC strong and growing. A special thank you to those who have invited friends and colleagues to attend a meeting with them: Jenn Edmiston, Lorie Meckley, Aileen Hower, Carly Coalson, and Malinda Mikesell. Malinda was the winner of our "Each One, Reach One" campaign this year and received a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble. This is a great way to help increase our membership and let other members of your school staff know about our great programs.

As you can see from the list of 'Upcoming Events,' we have another great year of programming lined up. We hope to see you there!

REGIONAL CONFERENCE—MARK WEAKLAND



The regional conference featured Mark Weakland on March 19. Mark offered a lot of great ideas for teaching reading. He suggested to focus on 4-5 comprehension strategies throughout the school year. Strategies may include summarizing, building/activating prior knowledge, asking and answering questions, or visualizing. Writing is another important component of reading instruction. Students have to be exposed to analytical (text-dependent), standards based, and writer's workshop.

For more information and great ideas, check out Mark's book, Super Core!, and website: www.markweaklandliteracy.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, September 9, 2016
Colonial Ridge Country Club
4901 Linglestown Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Join us as Capital Reading Council celebrates 50 years of literacy leadership in the Harrisburg area! We will honor Jonathan Bean, local author and illustrator, with our Celebrate Literacy Award! Past presidents of CRC will be honored for their service. The event will be filled with food, fun, music, and memories!



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