

# NDKA

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

### 2019

#### President's Note:

Hi! My name is Shelly Murphy and I am excited to serve once again as your NDKA President. A huge shout out to the Pat Pobst and her Kindergarten Team for a very successful turnout at NDKA's 2018 Fall Conference in Fargo. Pat went above and beyond as did keynote speakers Nichole Phillips, Laura Sokolofsky, and Emily Paulson as they reminded us the importance of being kind. We hope you all brought home lots of great, new ideas as I know I sure did!

Currently, the Grand Forks Kindergarten team is busy getting ready for our 19<sup>th</sup> annual NDKA Conference. They are working hard at creating a unique experience and have booked the famous behavioral specialist Dan St. Romain as our keynote speaker.

If possible, please register ahead of time so we can get an accurate count of participants to help to our planning committee. As an added bonus for registering before September 16<sup>th</sup>, you will save \$10, so please hurry and register soon!

We also want your help to pass the word onto any preschool and elementary teachers about the upcoming conference. So please spread the word to them for the exciting chance to meet and listen to Dan! Everyone is welcome!

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in Grand Forks!

*Shelly Murphy*

#### NDKA Conference, September 29, 2018

Keynote Speakers: Nichole Phillips,  
Laura Sokolofsky,  
Emily Paulson and her Mom, Denise



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual NDKA Fall Conference

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Winship Elem., Grand Forks, ND**

**8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Hosted by the Grand Forks K-Team**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Dan St. Romain**

(Presenter at SDE: I Teach KI)

# Grand Fork K-Team is **Excited** for you!

Hello Kindergarten Team! Grand Forks is honored to be hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> annual NDKA Conference! The conference will be held at Winship Elementary School, 1412 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Grand Forks, ND on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

We are excited to have Dan St. Romain this year centered around the theme of cognitive behavioral therapy. We know the world is hard for some of our students and we want to give you the tools to help in your classrooms. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

*Traci Plante & Michele Ohnstad* "Grand Forks Co-Chairs"



Meet our **Keynote:**



**Dan St. Romain** is a national independent educational consultant who provides staff development and consultative services to educators working with students at all developmental levels. Dan is passionate about helping educators shift their perspective on discipline, understanding the best ways to provide support given the challenges posed in today's classroom. After receiving his Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, Dan worked in both private residential and public school settings, as well as at the Region 20 Education Service Center in San Antonio, Texas. His work as a self-contained behavior unit teacher, Educational Diagnostician, and Director of a Learning Resource Center has afforded him experience at all levels, in both general and special education settings. Currently, Dan is a behavior consultant at an Early Childhood Center in San Antonio, Texas, working directly with students, while also providing support to the staff, at large.

Dan's overwhelming strength is his skill as a presenter. Although his sessions are exceedingly interactive, his greatest asset lies in his ability to offer participants rich insight into the connectedness between educational practices and student behavior. Dan spends a great deal of time presenting his body of work on *Positive Behavior Principles*. He is also frequently requested to work with early childhood educators on specific ways teach social skills as the primary means of positively shaping children's behavior. He the author of *Teach Skills and Break Habits: Growth Mindsets for Better Behavior in the Classroom*, and several books of songs and lessons for teaching social skills, featuring his Chameleon, Juan Pablo.



# Get Connected!

## Kindergarten LISTSERV:

Please contact Amy Neal by email:  
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to be added to the  
ND Kindergarten LISTSERV.



The LISTSERV is an excellent tool  
(and free) for the ND K-Teachers to stay in  
touch, ask questions and be informed.



## NDKA Website

Keep up to date with everything  
that is happening with NDKA  
from scrapbook pictures to  
registration information at  
[www.NDKA.com](http://www.NDKA.com)

## TWITTER



Follow us on Twitter @NDKArocks  
Post Pictures of your classroom and  
activities you have learned at all the  
NDKA conferences you have attended!  
#NDKArocks



## Facebook

Like us on Facebook at: NDKA  
@NDKindergartenAssociation.

Find quick updates and  
announcements on our new  
Facebook page. Also feel free to  
post ideas and questions to North  
Dakota Kindergarten teachers  
through our page.

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# CONFERENCE & HOTEL INFORMATION

**Register on our Website [www.ndka.com](http://www.ndka.com) or Mail Check & Registration to:**

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Make checks payable: NDKA

\* Membership runs from fall conference to fall conference.

\* You will receive an email confirmation when your registration is received.

## Hotel Information: (Cutoff date is August 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Hampton Inn & Suites**  
2985 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave S  
Grand Forks, ND  
701-757-2255  
Double Queen \$104 Plus Tax

**Canad Inn & Suites (30 Rooms)**  
1000 So. 42nd St.  
Grand Forks, ND  
701-772-8404  
Double Queen \$169 Plus Tax

**Fairfield Inn by Marriot (20 Rooms)**  
3051 S 34<sup>th</sup> St  
Grand Forks, ND  
701-775-7910  
Double Queen \$84 Plus Tax

Registration & Membership Form  
19th Annual NDKA Conference  
Saturday, September 28, 2019

Due:  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print Clearly)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: ☐ Conference registration & membership - \$50 ☐ Membership only - \$5

☐ **Postmarked after September 16<sup>th</sup> - \$60**

☐ College Student - \$30: Institution \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print Clearly)

May we add your email address to the ND K-LISTSERV? yes no on-list already

Teachers - Do you need a certificate for proof of attendance? YES (or) NO

