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Winter Newsletter 2013



"North Dakota's Professional Organization
for Kindergarten Teachers"

President's Note:

A special "Thank-You" goes out to the Grand Forks K-Team for an awesome 2012 NDKA Conference with Kim Jordano. It was another NDKA Conference filled with ideas that we could take right back to our classrooms and put into practice.

The Bismarck K-Team is **excited** to invite you to come and join us for the 13th Annual NDKA Conference with Donna Whyte as our keynote speaker on Saturday, September 28th, 2013.

Donna Whyte will address our everyday problem of how to "fit it ALL in." So much to teach...so little time! She addresses the **Common Core Standards** in ways that create the ideal learning environment for young students.

We are also really excited to try our first ever "**Make-N-Take**" conference. NDKA participants will leave Donna's keynote with materials that you will be able to utilize in your classroom the very next day of school.

Make-N-Take Materials Needed

Please bring:

- *scissors
- *markers/colored pencils
- *glue sticks

Look inside to find out more about our keynote speaker, registration information, and hotel accommodations for the 2013 NDKA Fall Conference in Bismarck.

Hope to see you there!

Missy Vollmers
NDKA President

September 28, 2013

13th Annual NDKA Conference



2013

Bismarck K - teachers are waiting for you!

"Getting to the CORE of It"

Horizon Middle School
Bismarck, ND

Invite Someone!

NDKA welcomes all early childhood teachers, daycare providers, and college students. Feel free to make copies and pass on the registration form for anyone interested!

Debbie Stromme's "Books for Babies"

Debbie Stromme was the second NDKA president and one of the "founding mothers" of NDKA. She passed away of Lou Gehrig's Disease, April 2008.

Debbie founded "Books for Babies" in Devils Lake. The purpose of the project is to donate a book to newborns at the Devils Lake hospital. She wanted to make sure parents know the importance of reading to their child starting at a young age.

Since 2008, NDKA has made an annual donation to Debbie Stromme's Books for Babies in her honor. The donation is based on the attendance we have at our annual conference. We donate \$2 per registration.

Kindergarten LISTSERV:

Please contact Amy Neal by email: amy.neal@sendit.nodak.edu to be added to the ND Kindergarten LISTSERV.

The LISTSERV is an excellent tool (and free) for the ND K-Team to stay in touch. We have 300+ ND K-Teachers on the list and we want to invite you to join us.

2013 Legislative News

House Bill 1429
Senate Bill 2229

These two bills have both been introduced to allow school districts to apply for state funding for public preschool programming. Both of these bills would allow districts to find a "best fit" pre-school program for their district.

This is the time to contact your local legislators to educate them on the benefits of children attending a preschool program before starting kindergarten.

The web address below allows you to send a quick message to your legislators at the click of the mouse. <http://www.legis.nd.gov/>

Exhibitors:

If you know someone who would like to be an exhibitor at the NDKA conference, print out the "Exhibitor Form" from our website www.ndka.com and send to:

Missy Vollmers
3244 Impala Lane
Bismarck, ND 58503
(h) 701-400-7973
email: missy_vollmers@bismarckschools.org

Make-N-Take Materials:

NDKA is excited to have our first ever Make -N-Take conference. Get your tool box ready! It is important that you bring these materials:

scissors
markers
glue sticks

Other materials will be provided at the conference...and you take it with you. Donna Whyte wants us to be able to take materials right back to the classroom and put them to use.

Keynote Speaker

* Donna Whyte *

thesmartiezone.com

Donna Whyte describes herself as a mom, teacher and education consultant. Her husband, Mark, and she have two teenage children.

She has taught Kindergarten, First and Second Grade. She has experience as a multi-age, inclusion and looping teacher. She has always believed that "being a teacher allows you to be the teacher you always wished you'd had".

As a consultant, Donna has presented workshops to teachers across the U.S. and Canada. She has been both a keynote and featured speaker for National and State Conferences. Her presentations are high energy, practical and motivating. Her positive energy is contagious!

Come and learn ways to prioritize and find answers in our quest to ensure that the vital components of learning are integrated into our classroom schedules.

Tips for scheduling, centers made easy, formative assessment and everyday practice opportunities will be included.

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**13th Annual
NDKA Conference**

hosted by:
Bismarck K-Teachers

When: Saturday, September 28th
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

(Refreshments & lunch included with registration.)

Where: Horizon Middle School
500 Ash Coulee Drive
Bismarck, ND

Mail Check & Registration form to:

Cari Liebel
NDKA Membership
Box 1173
Watford City, ND 58854
phone: 701-842-2287
email: liebel@watford-city.k12.nd.us

Due:
Sept. 18th

Make checks payable: NDKA

*Membership runs from fall conference to fall conference. You will receive an email confirmation when your registration is received.

Hotel Accommodations:

Candlewood Suites * (701) 751-8900
Country Suites * (701) 258-4200
Staybridge Suites * (701) 223-1499

*(Rooms are blocked until Sept. 9, 2013- tell them you are with "ND Kindergarten Association")
Get your rooms booked in advance so you have a place to rest up!*

Registration & Membership Form

13th Annual NDKA Conference

Saturday, September 28th, 2013 * Bismarck, North Dakota

Due:
Sept. 18th

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ City & Zip _____

School District/Town: _____ School Phone: _____

Please check one: conference registration/membership - \$ 40 membership only - \$ 5
 College Student - \$15: Institution _____

e-mail address: _____



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

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Current Kindergarten Teacher (or)



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