

# NDKA

## NEWSLETTER

### Holly Ehle Keynote Speaker

We are so happy to welcome Holly to North Dakota!

Holly is an Assistant Professor of Education at Huntington University in Indiana. She is currently finishing up her dissertation work for her Ph.D. in Reading, Language, and Literacy with a specialization in the Science of Reading and an additional certification in cognitive neuroscience. She admits to LOVE research and would even consider herself a "nerd."

Holly serves on The Reading League Indian's Board of Directors and serves as a National SOR Presenter for Elevate Your Classroom Educational Conference. She loves working with both pre-service and in-service teachers as they make the shift to SOR aligned instruction.



**Saturday  
October 5th,  
2024**

- Conference at Lakewood Elementary School, Mandan, ND
- Registration Opens May 1st

### 4 Presentation Topics

- 1) The Importance of Sound to Spelling Activities and Orthographic Mapping
- 2) Heart Words! How to Most Effectively Teach High Frequency Words
- 3) Introduction to the Science of Writing
- 4) Goodbye Guided Reading! Hello Small Skill Groups!

# Welcome!

Hi! My name is Elizabeth Kuelbs and I am excited to begin my term serving as your NDKA President. Every year, like all of you, I look forward to coming together to share ideas and hear amazing keynote speakers at the North Dakota Kindergarten Conference.

Last year, Mistie Holland and her Central Cass Kindergarten team put on an amazing conference that included Koo Koo Kangaroo to kick off the conference along with Matt Halpbern. This year we are excited to bring back to you a fall conference.

We have heard about the Science of Reading and how it impacts our teaching and our newest North Dakota State Standards. This year, Holly Ehle's work with the Science of Reading will drive a spark in your teaching and make you ponder how you can tweak your instruction to impact your students with how they learn best. We are so excited to learn from Holly and the knowledge she will bring to us as we dive into her four presentation topics.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page as we update them with conference details. As always, we look forward to seeing each and every one of you in Mandan for our 2024 NDKA Conference!

## Register Here!



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October 5th  
*Lakewood Elementary  
School*



## Conference and Credit Information

**\$70 In-Person  
Conference**

**\$50 Optional Online Book  
Study Credit  
+ Price of Book**

**Conference  
(6 Hours) + Book Study (9  
Hours) = 15 Hours/Credit**

**\*You must attend the  
conference to receive  
credit, if doing the book  
study!**

**Registration closes  
September 23rd!**



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