

Kentucky Association of Elementary School Principals Newsline



Leading and Serving all Elementary and Middle Level Principals

SUMMER 2010

From the Desk of Dr. Mary Evans, President



Principal Points ... by Mary Evans, Principal of Cumberland Trace Elementary School, Warren County, KAESP President

My two favorite days of school are the first day of school and the last day of school. The first day of school is met with great anticipation. Teachers have spent many hours working in their classrooms, putting up new bulletin boards, preparing flip charts for their AC-TIVboards, rearranging their rooms, and planning exciting activities for the first week of school. Students are wearing new clothes and carrying new backpacks full of new supplies. The buildings are sparkling with freshly waxed floors and shiny windows unmarred by fingerprints. Many parents accompany their children to school on the first day, holding hands of little ones to offer reassurance, and eager to meet their child's teacher and catch a glimpse of where their child will spend their time for the next 177 days. First days of school are exciting days and often set the tone for the year ahead.

My second favorite day of school is the last day of school. Some of us thought that day would never come this year with all the flu, snow, ice, and floods that delayed closing day. The last day of school is also met with great anticipation. Teachers and staff have worked overtime to make sure their students have mastered every bit of core content, prepared and practiced for the state assessments, eaten healthy meals, gotten appropriate exercise, learned not to bully, and are on their way to becoming successful 21st century learners. Students have given their best faith effort in testing, taken end of year field trips, performed in band concerts, sang in choral performances, demonstrated their science projects, enjoyed field days, and received their progress reports. Many parents pick their children up early on the last day of school, collecting brochures in the school office about summer camps and programs, eager to get started on the vacation trip to Florida or to drop the children off at the grand-

parents for a week. "School's Out for the Summer" blares over the intercom as students and staff dance down the hallways as the 3:15 bell rings.

I hope your first day, your last day, and those days in between were enjoyable and productive this year. One of the great things about the school business is that we get to wrap each year up and declare it finished. We can take a little time off and then prepare for a brand new year. My wish is that each of you will have a fun, relaxing, and rejuvenating summer break. It has been a great honor to serve as your KAESP president for the past two years. Kentucky has the finest elementary and middle school principals in the world! A big thank you to Rosie Young and our KAESP Board for all your support, great ideas, and dedication to all our students, teachers, and administrators.

Happy Summer!
Mary



Upcoming Events:



- **KAESP Summer Teams Institute Building Rigor in the Classroom, June, 2010, Louisville, KY**
- **KAESP Assistant Principal Institute June 18 2010 University Club Louisville, KY**
- **KAESP Summer Institute, July 22 2010, Galt House, Louisville, KY**
- **Tentative Dates: KAESP Fall Institute Oct. 18 & 19, 2010 Louisville, KY**

Check the website for the latest information.



National Standards Released

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) released a set of state-led education standards, the [Common Core State Standards](#), at Peachtree Ridge High School in Suwanee, GA, on June 2, 2010. The English-language arts and mathematics standards for grades K-12 were developed in collaboration with a variety of stakeholders including content experts, states, teachers, school administrators and parents. The standards establish clear and consistent goals for learning that will prepare America's children for success in college and work.

As you are probably aware, Kentucky was the first to adopt the standards. These standards define the knowledge

and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school fully prepared for college and careers. The standards are:

- Aligned with college and work expectations; Clear, understandable and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- Informed by other top performing countries, so

that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy and society; and

- Evidence- and research-based.

A website has been established for the sole purpose of providing information, answering questions and promote the core standards. Visit this website at

<http://www.corestandards.org>

To read the final core standards, please visit

<http://www.corestandards.org/t> he-standards.



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Guess where the 2011 NAESP Convention will be held? Tampa, FL! April 8—11, 2010 Visit www.naesp.org for complete details.



Early Warning! Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters: A KIDS COUNT Special Report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Children who read on grade level by the end of third grade are more successful in school, work, and in life. The 2010 KIDS COUNT Special Report makes the case that reading proficiently by grade three is a fundamental benchmark in developmental success and overall childhood well-being. This KIDS COUNT special report affirms a commitment by the Casey Foundation to help ensure that all students are proficient in reading by the end of third grade and help narrow the gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children.

To read the entire report, please go to: http://www.aecf.org/~media/Pubs/Initiatives/KIDS%20COUNT/123/2010KCSpecReport/AEC_report_color_highres.pdf



**NAESP FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR CONTEST
CALLING ALL AUTHORS!
ENTER TO WIN A CHANCE
TO HAVE YOUR BOOK PUBLISHED!**

Are you an aspiring author? Are any of your teachers? Then don't miss this opportunity to break into the publishing world and have your fiction or non-fiction manuscripts reviewed by a dedicated team of publishing professionals. The National Association of Elementary School Principals Foundation, in cooperation with Charlesbridge Publishing (Boston), has launched the 2010 Children's Book of the Year Contest for aspiring children's book authors. This is your chance to get your work endorsed by the NAESP Foundation and published by a nationally known publisher.

Here's how it works: Prospective authors may choose to publish a picture book or a chapter book written for children from 3-16 years of age. (Manuscripts must be in English text only and illustrations are not required for either category to submit manuscripts. The publisher will identify an illustrator after the manuscript is approved.) Entries can be sub-

mitted for only \$45 (with each additional entry for only \$25) until **February 15, 2011**. Judging will be based on content, originality, and age-appropriateness. Two winners will be announced **April 7, 2011 at NAESP 2011 Annual Convention**. Entries must be sent with a check or credit card information to the NAESP Foundation, Attn: National Children's Book of the Year Contest, 1615 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. No e-mail entries will be accepted. Please complete the form on back or visit www.naesp.org.



Don't forget to renew you KAESP membership!! Dues are \$90 per year for active principals.

Many convenient ways to renew:

1. Through KASA
2. Through renewing NAESP membership
3. Directly through KAESP
4. Purchase order
5. Non-member registration for Fall Institute



Remember, first year principals receive a free KAESP membership for their first year. First year principals are asked to complete a membership application form and send it to the KAESP indicating their first year principalship status. Welcome aboard!!



KAESP Professional Development

Rigor in the Classroom Institute
June 14 2010 9:00—3:45
Park Inn Louisville East
Louisville KY Six hours of EILA

Presenter: Dr. Barbara Blackburn author of **Rigor is NOT a Four Letter Word**. According to Dr. Blackburn, **“Rigor is creating an environment in which each student is expected to learn at high levels; each student is supported so he or she can learn at high levels, and each student demonstrates learning at high levels.”** Participants will learn of a highly effective process to bring rigor to the school's instructional program.

KAESP Assistant Principal Institute
June 18 2010 9:00—4:00
University Club, Louisville, KY
Six hours of EILA Credit available

Presenters: Mike Waford KYCID and Dr. Kim Carpenter

Come join other assistant principals as KAESP presents its first institute targeted for assistant principals. Topics include student behavioral/instructional management, health and wellness and personal goal setting.

KAESP Summer Institute
July 21, 2010 9:00—12:00
Galt House Hotel and Suites
Louisville KY

What do administrators do to make schools dynamic, successful learning environments for students? Dr. Edwards understands the need for concrete, practical solutions for principals and educational leaders and will share specific ways for administrators to lead their schools to dynamic levels. Please plan to join the Kentucky Association of Elementary School Principals as we examine the leadership skills that principals need to create and lead dynamic schools.

For more information and registration forms, please visit the KAESP website at www.kaesp.org—Professional Development.

KAESP Fall Conference
Oct. 18 and 19, 2010
Park Inn Louisville East
Louisville, KY

Make plans to attend the annual KAESP Fall Conference in October. Back by popular demand is Dr. Linda Dorn. Dr. Dorn will keynote the conference on October 18. Dr. Dorn is a professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and has developed an outstanding comprehensive intervention program around the concept of establishing a professional learning community as a systems intervention for school improvement.

Come join your colleagues from across Kentucky as we network, share, learn and examine resources, programs and ideas to increase student achievement.

If you are interested in presenting a breakout session, please contact Lynley Schroering at lynley.schroering@jefferson.kyschools.us.

Information will be on the website in August.



From the Executive Director, Dr. Rosie Young



KAESP Summer Planning

Please take advantage of the many professional development opportunities available this summer. Our summer teams institute will be held in June and will bring Dr. Barbara Blackburn to Kentucky. Barbara is the author of Rigor is Not a Four Letter Word. It has been used in many schools as a book study on developing rigor into the instructional program. School principals and teams of instructional staff will be invited to participate in this outstanding professional development. Dr. Blackburn will share practical strategies that can be immediately implemented in the classroom. Information about the institute will be available soon. We also plan to offer our first Assistant Principal Institute on June 18 and our Summer Institute with Dr. Steve Edwards co-author of Six Pillars of Dynamic. Information on all institutes can be found in this newsletter and on our website.

As we gear up for the 2010—2011 school year, KAESP is always looking for principals to become active in our association. If you have ever thought about serving on a committee, on the board, or other possibilities, just let me know. We are working hard to increase membership and need lots of active supporter to make this happen. The board meets two to three

News from NAESP 

Rob Monson elected NAESP President –Elect

Rob Monson, principal of Parkston Elementary School in Parkston, South Dakota, was elected to the position of NAESP President-elect. Rob will serve in this capacity during the 2010-2011 school year and serve as NAESP President the following year. KAESP congratulates Rob on this accomplishment and wishes him the very best!

NAESP Radio Presents

NAESP presents brief and insightful radio presentations hosted by Executive Director Gail Connelly. She interviews experts and newsmakers on topics and issues that affect principals.

Chip Heath is the latest author to be interviewed. Heath is the author of Switch, a book that examines how people can learn to foster positive and lasting change in their companies, communities and own lives.

Check it out at the NAESP website.

times a year and usually on a Saturday or Sunday so if you can fit this in your schedule, we'd love to have your involvement!

I also want to certainly thank those who have supported the KAESP through their membership. We are working to become a stronger voice for principals and can only do this through membership numbers. Our numbers have increase each year and we are very appreciative of your support. I hope that you are planning to attend our fall conference and bring a colleague or two with you. The networking and support provided during these two days are outstanding.

Let me also say how fast this school year has flown. I hope it has been a good year for all of you and that you have had a successful year. I also hope that you take some time this summer to rest, relax, rejuvenate and have some fun—take care of yourself! Read a couple of fun books, visit your doctor for a yearly physical, have great times with family and friends and don't worry about school!!! Take care of yourself!

Finally, I want to thank Mary Evans for her leadership as KAESP President these past two years. Mary has led our Association with true leadership, involving others and bringing consensus to our work. I know she will remain an active leader in our Association.

Have a great summer!

Rosie

Support Arts Education with A Crayola Grant

Strengthen arts education in your school with a 2010 mini-grant to Champion Creatively Alive Children, a national program funded by Crayola and supported by NAESP's National Principals Resource Center. Crayola will award up to 20 mini grants to help educators explore the "what if" opportunities in art education that lead to innovative best practices that can inspire other educators nationwide. The grants, which include a **\$2,500 monetary award and \$500 of Crayola products**, are specifically aimed at helping NAESP members implement and document innovative arts-education projects to share best practices and innovative approaches to nurturing creatively alive children.

The deadline for submitting an RFP is **midnight, Sunday, Aug. 15**. Grant recipients will be announced Oct. 15. Visit the following links to learn more and apply: http://www.naesp.org/resources/1/Crayola/Crayola_Application.pdf



National Center on Response to Intervention Update

On May 25, the Center presented a webinar on Developing Effective Elementary Schedules for RTI Implementation. The webinar led by Dr. Alexandra Hilt-Panahon and Dr. Karen Gischlar, offered recommendations for efficient, effective, and sustainable schedules. It also addressed issues related to the development of effective schedules for the implementation of RTI at the elementary level, including the scheduling of core instruction, intervention time, team meetings, and planning. Teachers, administrators, and technical assistance providers seeking more information about developing effective schedules for the implementation of RTI at the elementary level will find this webinar beneficial. To hear the webinar, visit http://www.rti4success.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=18&Itemid=75

Techno Tidbit

If you haven't checked out Skype, do so! Skype is a software application that allows users to make voice calls over the internet. Computer calls to other users of the service are free. Skype has also become popular for their additional features which include instant messaging, file transfer and video conferencing. For a free download, go to www.skype.com.



NAESP Summer Institute
July 6-9, 2010
San Diego, CA

BRAINSMART LEADING FOR LEARNING IN CULTURALLY DIVERSE ENVIRONMENTS: PUTTING COGNITIVE RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE

Diversity issues are increasingly prevalent in our society, influencing a broad range of life experiences—including education. The increasing diversity of the student population has far-reaching implications for how students learn and how adults teach, and it affects the education and social dynamics within schools, especially as the student population looks increasingly different from the teacher and principal workforce. How can effective principals develop a wide range of skills to understand, accommodate, and even embrace these differences and then lead their school communities to higher levels of achievement? For additional information, go to http://www.naesp.org/Summer_Institute.aspx.

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The Principal's Bookshelf

[From Difficult Teachers...to Dynamic Teams](#) by Barbara L. Brock and Marilyn L. Grady



This book examines the underlying basis of problematic behaviors and provides proactive, proven strategies for building teamwork and a positive school culture. Leaders will discover strategies for enhancing their interpersonal skills, determining if their own behavior is contributing to the problem, and encouraging behavior change in teachers and staff.

Remember—10% discount to NAESP members!!!

Check It Out....

The 2010 Summer Reading Program theme is *Make a Splash—READ!* Public libraries across Kentucky will host programs and events that will encourage children to explore the world of water through stories, songs, games and other activities about oceans, rivers, lakes and pools and the creatures that live there. The 2010 Summer Reading Program is free and open to young people, preschool through young adult, with library programs, prizes, story hours and more. Whether counting the amount of time your children spend reading or the number of books they have read this summer, children who join the Summer Reading Program keep their brains active and enter school in the fall ready to learn and ready to succeed.



Supporting Children and Youth of Military Families from the National PIRC Conference in Washington, D.C., held in October 2009 by Cathy Barnard



The Office of the Department of Defense Educational Activity (DODEA) and the School District that supports military children. They address: changes in policy initiatives, transitions, data and Research on Military connected kids and Communication and Marketing.

The Advisory Council has been around for many years and focuses on policy for military in educational practices. Two times a year they make recommendations to the Department of Defense regarding Education. There is an increasing trend of military families home-schooling their children. They are provided support form the local public schools. Deployment support is available to keep parents and kids connected during parent's deployment. There are internet sites to provide an avenue for keeping families connected during deployment. The Army provides a website called School Connectedness and there is a School Liaison Home website available to families and military personnel. The spousal support groups help families

adapt to the deployment or overcome issues during deployment. Every Command has a Support Group. It is located at the Main Office and is the Family Support Group of Center. In addition every Base has a military liaison for Education. The Junior Officer's wives sponsor a 2 day Joint Military Spouse Conference annually. Contact the base and they can put you in touch with the person you need to talk to. Schools can make presentations on the program at the conference. The presentation focused on the unique challenges of military-connected students and the current support provided by local, state, and federal governments and organizations. Successful options and best practices that address student mobility, frequent deployments, trauma and loss, and realignment within the military are discussed. For more information, please contact Cathy Barnard at cbarnard@ovec.org and visit the website <http://kypirc.ovec.org/> for more ideas for parental involvement.

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The mission of the KAESP, the collective voice of Kentucky's elementary and middle level principals, in partnership with other education leaders, is to **develop citizens that can succeed in a global society**, by delivering to our members a network for support, professional development, visionary leadership, and by pro-active involvement in shaping education policy.

KAESP Officers for 2009–2010

Dr. Mary Evans, President
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Lynley Schroering, Federal Relations Coordinator
Principal of Luhr Elementary, Louisville, KY

For a complete listing of regional representatives and other KAESP leadership roles, please visit the website at www.kaesp.org.



Have a Question? Need Some Support??

Three retired KAESP member principals have volunteered to serve as online resources for practicing principals! If you have a question, what some advice, or just a friendly ear, please feel free to email one of our "Experts on Call."

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Margaret Hoffman at mhoffman2@fuse.net
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The *Ask A REL* service functions much like a technical reference library and provides education stakeholders with referrals, references, and regionally-specific educational information. We provide syntheses of current research in a format accessible to decision makers. Educators, researchers, policymakers, and others in the Appalachian region may submit their education-focused questions or requests online and instantly connect to REL Appalachia. *ASK A REL* is accessible at <http://askarel.org>



National Principal Certification Program Launched

This winter, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) rolled out its National Board Certification for Educational Leaders, which includes the development of National Board Certification for Principals. "We are working to create a rigorous and meaningful assessment process that identifies what principals should know and be able to do," said Joseph Aguerrebere, president and CEO of NBPTS. "The assessment experience that we envision will provide a way for principals to internalize and operationalize the standards, the values, and habits of mind that support accomplished practice." The program is scheduled to officially launch in 2011.

National Board Certification for Principals will not only create standards and an assessment process for principals, it will also lay the groundwork for a new teacher leader certification.

Watch the webcast of the announcement online and learn more about the program at www.nbpts.org/principals.