

UPSILON UPDATES

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JULIA'S JOTTINGS

I wish you a happy and pleasant 2013 ahead. Activities coming up will be fun but have responsibility attached as:

- Upsilon Chapter prepares for our annual book sale the first weekend in March with great leadership and a true team set up to help. Remember that all members are part of that team. Thank you in advance for all you will be doing to make this a great year. In case you haven't heard we will be back at the same location, Michelle Aldrich and Patrice Denisson are our co-chairs, Mary Hartman will have the keys later this month, and sign up for helping will start at the January meeting.
- Upsilon plans ahead remembering that one of the chapter's duties for the July 28 – August 3, 2013 regional is the responsibility to set up the trips and tours for those attending. Patrice and I continue to work with Kari at Capitol Tours as she works with Lace Marie Brogden, Regional Director. You will be the first to know as soon as plans are ready to share.
- Marca Fox Grigsby will be cluing you in on another very responsible and vital duty for the regional committee she will be chairing.
- Abi is helping to develop the visual materials needed.

You too are an important part of these tasks for regional. Meeting new friends from around the world will be a plus as you volunteer to help whether it be for a short time or for a longer duration. Mark July 28 – August 3 on your calendar and watch for further details.

Warmly,
Julia Burke, 2012-2014 President

Julia Burke

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JANUARY 14TH MEETING

January's meeting will be held at Pioneer Park School on January 14, 2013. Remember refreshments start at 4:15 and the meeting is called to order at 4:30.



JANUARY PROGRAM PREVIEW

January's meeting will include the important aspect of book sale sign up but also an interesting review of this year's book that received the International Educators' Award. Carol Johnson will report on *Dignity: The Essential Role It Plays in Resolving Conflict* by Dr. Donna Hicks. Her book provides a model for conflict resolution whether in a family, in a school, or between countries. Dr. Hicks says the book stresses the importance of treating others as they are worthy of care and attention.

BOX MAKING HELP NEEDED!!!

Helpers are needed to prepare the boxes used for the Book Sale book collection locations. If you are interested in helping please plan on meeting at Julia's home, 3034 Sitting Bull January 22 at 4:00 pm, or when you can get there after school. All needed materials, coffee, hot tea and treats will be provided.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Abi Paytoe Gbayee has the Upsilon website up and going. The address is <https://sites.google.com/site/upsilonwy/>. As part of our effort to communicate more, the website contains the monthly newsletter and archives past newsletters. The website also has information and sign up sheets for the book sale. If you have not signed your photo release, please find a copy on the website under the Forms page. This photo release will allow pictures of members to be included in the newsletter, website and any other publications we might have in the future.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE IS AROUND THE CORNER

The Book Sale 2013 is an important part of Upsilon Chapter's plans. It's fun to see eyes light up when a special book is located.


All members are asked to help pick up books and sort during preparation and give general assistance during the sale dates of March 2 - 3. Sign up, volunteer, help, and enjoy the success of being able to assist the group voted to receive the proceeds.

To sign up either attend the January meeting to use the paper sign up sheets or go to the website- <https://sites.google.com/site/upsilonwy/> and find the book sale page on the left. The sign up sheets are linked under the Volunteer heading. Click on the link and simply add your name to the list where you are able to help out. If you are unable to attend the January meeting and the website option is not for you please call Sharon Novick at 634-6171 or email her at snovick2001@yahoo.com and she will get you signed up to help.

Publicity and good attendance is the key to our book sale's success! Please start announcing the book sale which will be held at the former Dinneen Buick-Pontiac, 405 W 18th, March 2 - 3. Remind friends, family, fellow teachers, members of other organizations and anyone who likes books. Send them an email or other technology message, call them on the phone, or put a poster up at your school, beauty shop, or any business where it will be seen. Help the publicity chairs, they will thank you!

REGIONAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Do you like to present workshops? If so, your opportunity could be at the Regional Conference here in Cheyenne, July 31 - August 3, 2013. The interactive form for Workshop Proposals is now available on dkg.org. Deadline for proposals to be received by the Regional Director is February 15.



LOOKING BACK TO NOVEMBER

Here is the LCSD #1 data Dr. Michelle Aldrich shared about our at-risk students in November that some members had asked for. This data was compiled by Dr. Alan Moore and shared at a workshop on Poverty by Laura Fowler at the October in-service workshops.

On October 5, 2012 there were 4,678 students qualifying for free or reduced lunch. This equals 35.98% of all students in the district.

Categories reported in percentages	Full Pay	Reduced	Free
GPA (H.S. Core Classes)	3.1	2.6	2.51
Reaching Reading MAP targets	54	49.2	48
Receiving 5 or more days of ISS	05	3.9	4
Attendance	96	94.7	93
Graduation rate	75.35	63.16	50.43

The poem Dr. Michelle read is “We Pray for Children” by Ina Hughes.

We pray for children
Who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
Who like to be tickled,
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
Who sneak Popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks,
Who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those
Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
Who can't bound down the street in new sneakers,
Who never “counted potatoes,”
Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead in,
Who never go to the circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who sleep with the cat and bury goldfish,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
Who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those
Who never get dessert,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick
at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool,
Who squirm in church and scream on the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose
smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who are never spoiled by anyone,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children
Who want to be carried
And for those who must,
For those we never give up on
And for those who never get a second chance,
For those we smother.
And for those who will grab the hand of anybody
kind enough to offer it.

We pray for children. Amen.

(We pray for Children, 1995, William Morrow publishers)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The International scholarship applications are due February 1, 2013. Members can receive \$6,000 to continue their studies at the master's level and \$10,000 for doctoral studies. The State scholarships are due April 1, 2013. See our Upsilon website for links to more information.

ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

The Alpha Xi State Convention is April 19-21, 2013 in Newcastle. It will be informative, enjoyable and a great opportunity to meet educators and Delta Kappa Gamma members from around the state of Wyoming. Enthusiasm will build and information will be shared on topics including the Regional in Cheyenne. The chapter will pay for your registration and expenses to attend. Let Julia Burke or JoAnn Baumhover know so travel and room arrangements can be worked out.

DATES TO NOTE

Upcoming Upsilon Meeting
Pioneer Park Elementary - 4:30 pm
January 14, 2013

Fun Box Making at Julia's
3034 Sitting Bull - 4:00 pm
January 22, 2013

White Elephant Gift Exchange and Entertainment
Plains Hotel - 5:30 pm
February 18, 2013

Regional Conference Workshop Presentation
Proposals Due
February 1, 2013

International Scholarships Due
February 1, 2013

Roundup Articles Due
February 15, 2013

Annual Book Sale
March 2-3, 2013

Achievement Award Deadline
March 15, 2013

State Convention, Newcastle
April 19 - 21, 2013

Northwest Regional Conference, Cheyenne
July 31 - August 3, 2013

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