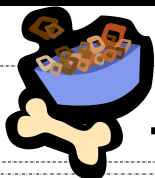




The Bulldog Journal



Boyd's Kibbles-n-Bits.... Food For Thought

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of *The Bulldog Journal*, SWOSU's Dept. of Education's newsletter. Each month, we hope to bring you information regarding various programs of study, student organizations, profiles of teacher candidates and faculty members, legislative updates, collaborative projects with public school partners, and professional development opportunities. Most importantly, we hope to encourage an ongoing dialogue with alumni and constituents; your thoughts and opinions are important to us! This is **your** Department of Education. Cooperatively, we can sustain an exemplary teacher preparation program, mentor teacher candidates and novice teachers, promote collegiality, and positively impact student performance. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Ruth Boyd

Interim Chair



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DOE DAWG DATES

- 10/11 Sat 8a-3p Special Olympics Bowling, Clinton, OK
- 10/1, 3-8, 12-14, Certification Exams for OK Educators (CEOE) computer-based testing dates
- 10/4 Tues 3:30 p.m. – *Required* Special meeting Spring 2012 Student Teachers – EDU 213
- 10/5 Wed 3:00 p.m. – Level 3/Level 4 Portfolio Update Seminar – EDU 213
- 10/25, Tues Western OK Early Childhood Assn (WECA) meeting, EDU 103, 6:30pm
- 10/31 Mon Begin second six weeks of Student Teaching
- 11/1 Tues Spring 2012 Student Teacher Application Due - EDU 110 – Deadline 3:00 p.m.
- 11/2 Wed Student Teacher Professional Development Day *Required* 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. SWOSU Conference Center
- 11/14 Mon Spring 2012 Student Teacher Level 3 Portfolios Due – EDU 110
- 11/15 Tues WECA meeting, EDU 103, 6:30pm
- 11/18 Fri Dept of Education Admission Interviews – 12:45 p.m. (Mark your calendars. Contact rosemary.armoudian@swosu.edu.)
- 11/19 Sat Certification Exams for OK Educators (CEOE) paper-based test date (<http://www.ceoe.nesinc.com>)
- 11/22 Tues Level 3 Portfolios returned to students
- 11/29 Tues WECA meeting, EDU 103, 6:30pm
- 12/6 Tues WECA Christmas Party, 6:30pm, location TBD
- 12/8-9, 12-14 SWOSU Final Exams
- 12/9 Fri Last day of student teaching
- 12/10, 12-17, 19-21, CEOE computer-based testing dates (<http://www.ceoe.nesinc.com>)
- 12/12 Mon *Required* - Student Teacher Completion Day 8:30 a.m. – All student teachers are required to report back to SWOSU campus for a morning of exit evaluations.
- 12/13 Tues Supervisors' grades due for student teaching

Russell Receives 25 Year Service Award

Dr. Ann Russell recently was recognized at the annual SWOSU Faculty Workshop with an award for 25 years of service to the Department of Education. We are honored to feature Dr. Russell in the inaugural issue of *The Bulldog Journal*.

Q: Where did you graduate from high school?

A: I graduated from Athens High School in Athens, Texas.

Q: Did you have a favorite teacher who influenced you? Who was it and elaborate?

A: I knew I wanted to become a teacher in the eighth grade. I loved English, and I know I had many teachers who influenced that decision. I pursued

teaching from then on and was a member of Future Teachers of America in high school.

Q: Do you have children and grandchildren and, if so, tell us about them?

A: I have two sons and two grandsons. My oldest son is married and works as a forensic scientist for the OSBI in DNA analysis. My youngest son is a corporate attorney in Oklahoma City. My two grandchildren are boys, 6 months and 4 years old. They are delightful!

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: I enjoy reading, gardening, traveling, and cooking. I am a member of the Custer County Master Gardeners and have community projects related to gardening.

Q: Where did you go to college for your undergraduate degree and what was your degree and the same for your graduate degree?

A: I received a B. A. in English, speech and French and an M. Ed. in English from the University of North Texas, and an Ed. D. in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in reading from OSU.

Q: What was one funny, unforgettable story in your teaching career you could share?

A: I was in a third grade classroom supervising a student teacher who was using a computerized virtual tour to demonstrate how immigrants



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SWOSU's *SUPER-DAWG* Student Teachers Prepared for New Requirements



Thirty-two 2011 fall semester student teachers at Southwestern Oklahoma State University are experiencing real-life situations on the Weatherford campus.

As a new requirement this semester, student teachers are required to have liability insurance prior to their student teaching experience.

The SWOSU Department of Education is working to better prepare teacher candidates by being proactive and helping them to be equipped with this tool of protection, according to Bruce Belanger, coordinator of student teaching at SWOSU. In this age of accountability, there are many situations for which teachers must prepare.

SWOSU student teachers recently heard from representatives of the Oklahoma Education Association and the Association of Professional Oklahoma Educators, both of whom offer student memberships which include a service

of liability insurance.

“Many school districts now require student teachers and other volunteers/tutors to have both liability insurance and background checks, said Ruth Boyd, interim chair of the SWOSU Department of Education. “ We are providing opportunities for our teacher candidates to acquire this necessary insurance and also providing the service of a certified background check.”

Foundations of Education course students who will be observing at least 30 clock hours in the public schools are now required to have a certified background check.

The student teachers began their actual classroom experience on September 19 for a 12-week period. **Fall 2011 Student Teachers:**

Dr. Ann Russell

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came to the United States through Ellis Island. I mentioned that I had been to Ellis Island, and a startled child asked, “Are you an immigrant?” It still makes me laugh out loud.

Q: How do you think education has changed in the past 25 years as you have taught in the DOE?

A: I think the major changes during my teaching career have been in the areas of technology and accountability for teachers and students. When I first came to SWOSU we didn't have much technology in faculty offices. I brought my own IBM computer from home. Now, all faculty have new computers every few years! We also have an excellent computer lab as well as Smart boards, document cameras, and Internet connections in the classrooms. Another area where I have seen change is in performance assessment. Accountability has become more stringent both with professional NCATE accreditation standards for universities and with pre-service student assessments that reflect state and national standards. We can now do a better job of quantifying and documenting excellence due to these changes. I see both areas continuing to be significant in the future.

Q: What encouraging words do you have for the readers who are educators and students studying to become educators?

A: I believe the most important thing is to be committed to trying to make a difference. I have had a focus on helping students with reading improvement since I began teaching. I pursued a doctorate with a reading emphasis, received K-12 certification, and have tried to make this a primary focus of my university teaching career. It is a passion I strongly believe in. In Diagnostic Practices of Teaching Reading, when students share the books their public school children have written during their tutoring sessions, it is one of my favorite days of the semester. The books are always so inspiring! It is wonderful to see the quality of the work our university students do with children who need help in reading. There is no better reward than that.

“I believe the most important thing is to be committed to trying to make a difference. “
Dr. Ann Russell

First Name	Last Name	Hometown	District 1	District 2
Micah	Barnes (Devonshire)	Mustang	Knob Noster, MO	Knob Noster, MO
Shannon	Beisel (Shaver)	Altus	Watonga	Watonga
Lacey	Biddy (Haskett)	Custer City	Thomas-Fay-Custer	Thomas-Fay-Custer
Amanda	Booze	Okarche	Riverside Indian School	Riverside Indian School
Wendi	Carter	Okarche	Okarche	Okarche
Kimberly	Clayton	Weatherford	Arapaho-Butler	Arapaho-Butler
Mallory	Cowan	Davis	Sulphur	Sulphur
Raven	Cruz	Kingfisher	Kingfisher	Kingfisher
Aaron	Daniels	Altus	Western Heights	Western Heights
Ashton	Ellis	Cordell	Weatherford	Clinton
Christy	Gordon	Elk City	Canute	Canute
Sarah	Hargis (Strobel)	Burns Flat	Sentinel	Sentinel
Heather	Holdge	Fort Cobb	Hinton	Hinton
Toni	Humphrey	Weatherford	Putnam City	Putnam City
Sean	Ivins	Moore	Mustang	Mustang
Heather Jo	Kelly	Altus	Navajo	Navajo
Meghan	Kiefner	OKC (Westmoore HS)	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City
Jaimala	Lively (Robinson)	Hollis	Clinton	Clinton
Cory Ann (Annie)	Manuel Joseph	Mustang	Putnam City	Putnam City
Emma	Metcalf (Grosz)	Enid	Stillwater	Stillwater
Andrew	Mosley	Hinton	Hinton	Hinton
Bethanie	Novak	El Reno	Binger-Oney	Binger-Oney
Korrina	Olguin	Clinton	Clinton	Clinton
Kylie	Peeler (Gahagan)	Mangum	Mangum	Mangum
Keeley	Reeves	Sayre	Sayre	Sayre
Pam	Sarver	Sentinel	Hobart	Hobart
Jared	Schulz	Snyder	Hollis	Hollis
Ingrid	Simmons	Weatherford	Woodward	Woodward
Marcie	Somerlott (Goad)	Union City	Union City	Union City
Jamie	Tait	Cordell	Weatherford	Weatherford
Jaclyn	Tyler (Rhoades)	El Reno	Elk City	Burns Flat-Dill City
Kathy	Wedel	Cordell	Cordell	Cordell

Staff Feature: Elizabeth Calkins, Administrative Assistant



First of all, feel free to call me Liz or Elizabeth, whatever is easiest for you. I have my MBA from SWOSU and I also earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Oklahoma State. Some of you may know me from the six years I spent working at Tautfest's, while others may know me from working at several of the banks here in Weatherford. Many years ago, before I came to the Weatherford community, I worked for both Oklahoma State and Texas Tech, so I have

quite a bit of university experience as well. Let's just say I am a well rounded individual when it comes to my work background!

I am a proud parent of two little girls, Skyler (4 months) and Shelby (6 yrs) and two worthless blue heelers, Callie (age 2) and Smokie (age 15). My husband, T.J. is a Directional Driller for Baker Hughes Drilling and also a SWOSU alum from the Athletic Training Department. I grew up on a small ranch in Southwest Oklahoma near Tipton and moved to Weatherford eleven years ago when I married my husband. I like to gar-

den and work in my yard, although the drought this year has caused me much frustration. I LOVE to read and recently purchased a nook to share with Shelby, so any good book recommendations are very welcome.

My office is EDU 102, just outside of Mrs. Boyd's office. My phone is 580-774-3285 and fax is 580-774-7154. My email is Elizabeth.calkins@swosu.edu.

I look forward to working with all of you.



Wanna be the BIG DAWG on Campus?

Did you know that the SWOSU Educational Administration (EDAD) Program is the largest EDAD master's degree program in Oklahoma? The NCATE accredited program, which

prepares teachers for certification as building-level school administrators, currently serves 260 graduate students. All EDAD classes are carried via interactive video to sites across the State stretching south and west to Texas and north to Kansas and the Panhandle; in the Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Bartlesville metropolitan areas; and in numerous sites in-between and beyond. For the current fall semester, the program is utilizing 33 distance education sites hosted by schools, career technology centers, and higher education institutions for eight-week and intersession (weekend) classes.

An average of 90 students graduate from the 33 hour

Educational Administration Master's Degree Program annually. Since 2006, a total of 130 graduates of the EDAD program have been employed as school administrators in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Kansas. A recent survey of employers of SWOSU educational administration graduates revealed a high degree of satisfaction with performance of these graduates as school administrators. Supervisors responding to the survey indicated that 94 to 97% of graduates are performing at the mastery level on survey items and no graduates were rated as needing improvement in any area.

With the latest data from the Oklahoma department of labor revealing a continuing shortage of personnel for school administration positions, SWOSU is proud to be preparing quality candidates to be effective school administrators. Requests for information about the EDAD program may be directed to mary.aspedon@swosu.edu.



Dr. Read's Read

NCATE Coordinator, Certification Officer

Cross-Certification for Elementary, Early Childhood & Special Ed

During the last legislative session, the opportunity for new teachers in Elementary, Early Childhood & Special Education to cross certify (by testing only) was extended until July 1, 2012. After that date, an additional 12 hours of course work will be required to cross certify. For more detailed information, go to the SWOSU Dept. of Education home page, click on the "General Information" link, then "Cross Certification." Students in other certifica-

tion areas may still "add certification" by passing the appropriate OSAT without taking any additional courses.

Test Redevelopment

Each year, CEOE redevelops a certain number of certification exams. Based on past experience, test scores drop significantly after tests are redeveloped so it's a good idea to take the exam, if possible, before the redeveloped test is made available. Physical Education/Health and Physics are being redeveloped this year and will probably be deployed in Sept. 2012.

Online Teacher Certification System

Initial and renewal applications for teaching certificates can now be made online and usually mail within 3 business days (compared to paper applications which can take 30 days). Go to this link <https://oecswb.sde.state.ok.us/SSO/Login/Login.aspx> and click "Create New Account." Once you have an account, you may change your name, address, phone or email online (name changes require copy of your social security card to be mailed).

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Collaboration Corner

How Can We Help You?



Our public school partners and alumni help us greatly by hosting field experiences for many SWOSU courses and, of course, student teacher sites. You also serve on advisory boards and assist with the Department of Education interviews of students who are applying for admission to the DOE. We want to do more to give back to you. Of course we can't give you free tuition or even a free Wellness Center passes. BUT we can help with tutoring, professional development, research, host meetings, assist with events, fundraisers, and who knows what else. Please email us your ideas on ways we, the SWOSU DOE faculty and students, can better collaborate with and serve you.

Email to education@swosu.edu and list "collaboration ideas" in the subject line. We can't wait to better serve you!!!



**Attention Administrators,
 We Need Your Help!!**



SWOSU's TOY Story Begins Now.....Calling all District TOYs who are SWOSU grads

We need all Western Oklahoma Superintendents and/or Principals to email us the names and email addresses of your District Teachers of the Year within the past 5 years who are SWOSU grads, undergrad and/or graduate degrees. We want to feature these TOYs in a story in an upcoming issue of *The Bulldog Journal*. We will take it from there. Email to education@swosu.edu.

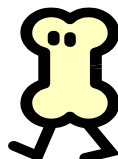
Attention All D.O.E. Grads/Alumni:

Go to our website, <http://www.swosu.edu/academics/education/alumni-form.asp>, enter your info on our Alumni Information Form and connect with us. **The first 50 DOE grads to connect with us here will receive a DOE DAWG TREAT** via snail mail. Each semester, we will have a random drawing of all DOE Alumni who have connected with us to **win Duke's DAWG Dish full of SWOSU goodies!!!**

How Can You Help Us?

Please consider giving back to your alma mater, SWOSU, who helped you become the educator you are today. Our SWOSU Foundation - Education account needs to be increased. We use these funds for various purposes to assist in the development of our Education programs. These include recruitment materials, student teacher professional development, philanthropy projects for underprivileged school children, just to name a few. Our own Student Teaching Fall 2011 class is donating \$150. So if these poor college students can give, surely you working professionals can contribute back to the good ole Dawg House. Here's how you can give:

1. Mail a check or money order and this form. →
2. Call 580-774- 3267 or stop by the SWOSU Foundation Office, Burton House, with your credit card information.
3. Payable to SWOSU Foundation, memo to Education
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