



Epic Learning Support Visits

We are pleased to let you know that Beverly Horton with Epic Learning will be in town during the week of Feb. 22 to visit RSD schools and support your Epic efforts. These are follow-up visits to the training sessions that were conducted in January. Please contact Beverly (Beverlye.Horton@virtualschoolnetwork.com 214-669-2428) and let her know what date and time would be best for you and your school and she will add you to her schedule. Please respond as soon as possible as this request was sent out before the Mardi Gras break. Schools who have not responded will be scheduled in those timeslots that remain open.

READ 180 New Teacher Training

Several of you have new teachers in your READ 180 classrooms. On Saturday, 2/27 there will be a training from 8:00 – 2:00 at the Poland Office. Lunch and a stipend will be provided. This has been arranged so as not to impact instruction. Please ensure that your teachers get there. If you have teachers who were trained but may be struggling and need a refresher contact Merri Davis about them attending this session as well.

Social Studies

Free Enterprise Comprehensive Curriculum has just been updated. Additional information on payday loans in Unit 9, Activity 1 has been added. This update was requested via House Concurrent Resolution 137 by the members of the 2009 Louisiana Legislature. Please share with all Free Enterprise teachers.

Textbook Inventory

We are preparing for Textbook Inventory. All schools should have received serial tags and at least one scanner. If not, or if you have any other questions or concerns please contact Monya Criddle at monya.thomascriddle@rsdla.net.

Upcoming Professional Development Dates

Date	Title of Session
22-Feb-10	Response to Intervention HS Webinar
23-Feb-10	Principal Professional Development- SLC
25-Feb-10	2010 National Board Informational Meeting
25-Feb-10	Essentials of an Effective Reading Program
26-Feb-10	TAP Master Teacher Networking Mtgs.
26-Feb-10	Indoor Air Quality Information
27-Feb-10	Aspiring Leaders 4 - SLC
27-Feb-10	READ 180 New Teachers Training
2-Mar-10	Distance Learning and Credit Recovery We
3-Mar-10	March Elementary Principal Meeting
12-Mar-10	PD-RSD/UTNO Addressing Student Behav Classroom
13-Mar-10	Aspiring Leaders 5 - SLC
16-Mar-10	HSR Professional School Counselor Regio
23-Mar-10	Principal Professional Development- SLC

Principal PD Conducted by SLC

The next principal professional development series session will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at UNO Lindy Boggs Center. The focus of this session will be Learning Walks and the Coaching Model. The training will be presented by Janice Bernard. An overview of this program currently underway with a pilot group of RSD schools and administrators will be shared. Expansion of this program throughout the RSD is being considered for the 2010-11 academic year.

Benchmark Assessment

Elementary Schools were scheduled to administer benchmark assessments 2/8/10 through 2/12/10. The deadline to scan answer sheets is on February 23, 2010. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Monya Criddle.