



OPSU/SOEA Newsletter

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Shown Above (L-R), Secretary -Lindsey Sims, Vice President- Randa Salsibury, & President-Tracy Flanagan.

2006 Adopt-A-Family

Every year, SOEA talks with the surrounding area school counselors to find a family that could use assistance during Christmas. Well, this year SOEA was fortunate to be able to help two families with the help of the OPSU Student Senate. Student Senate granted SOEA enough money to purchase clothing, coats, shoes, diapers, and toys for the two families. Without the help from Student Senate, SOEA would have only been able to help one family, so SOEA would like to thank the members of Student Senate for helping us help two great families this Christmas! We would also like to thank the members that went on the shopping trip for the families, Renea Mussman, Tracy Flanagan, Geneva Johnson, and Mr. Mihelic, Thanks to you all!



SOEA has been busy once again here at OPSU!

Last year we had a fund raiser with a quilt give-away. We had great success and so much interest from surrounding areas that we decided to carry on with this great idea . We are currently selling tickets for a chance to win another homemade OPSU quilt! We will sale tickets from the beginning of the Fall 06 semester until we draw the winning ticket at the last home basketball game, February 24, 2007.

2006 Fall Conference

SOEA loaded up the van and headed to the Oklahoma City Fall Conference. This year six members were able to attend, Randa Salisbury, Geneva Johnson, Shannon Talcott, Renea Mussman, Tracy Flanagan, and Lindsey Sims. Mr. Mihelic and Maggie Cline also attended the conference. We had a great trip, we are looking forward to the next OKC trip on March 2-3 for "Outreach to Teach" 2007!

Test Monitoring at Goodwell Elementary

Last year SOEA helped with the state testing at Goodwell, OK Elementary. We were able to help the faculty at Goodwell, by monitoring the students as they took their state exams. SOEA members signed up and helped out by monitoring during the two days of testing. We will be helping Goodwell out once again this coming April during their state exams!



ADD/ADHD Conference at OPSU

SOEA is sponsoring a professional development conference featuring speaker, Karen Sanaee. Karen is a Trainer for SFA & Bureau of

Educational Research. Several surrounding area schools are sending their teachers to learn more about ADD/ADHD and to earn two hours of professional development credits. We are looking forward to hearing Karen and learning more about what we as teachers can do for our students with ADD/ADHD.

We want to thank Karen as well for her dedication to ADD/ADHD and for sharing her knowledge with us here February 26, 2007, at OPSU!
Thanks Karen!



The winner of the Fall 2006 SOEA Scholarship was Randa Salisbury! Randa will be doing her student-teaching in Spring of 2007 at Forgan, OK! Congratulations Randa and keep up the hard work!

**Reminder to members the deadline for the Spring 2007 Scholarship is February 28th!

After School Tutoring at a Guymon Elementary School
Several members have taken part in a after school tutoring program at Academy Elementary in Guymon, OK. This gives members the opportunity to have hands-on experience with students. We would like to thank Academy Elementary & Mr. Watkins for giving us this great learning opportunity! Thanks to all the students who let us work with them as well!



Members Andrea Wood, Anne Larson, Hannah Mihelic (Mr. Mihelic's daughter) & Treasurer, Annette Lamberson, waiting for the 2006 OPSU Homecoming parade to begin! SOEA entered a float to share our organization with the Goodwell community! Thanks to everyone who helped with the parade and to Mr. Mihelic for donating the candy!

Special Thank You to NEA for granting the OPSU SOEA chapter the "Outreach to Teach" Grant! SOEA will be fixing up Goodwell Elementary by painting the gym, making new benches for the gym, painting the playground and making the school a happier place to be! Thanks to the Goodwell shop class for helping build the brackets for the gym benches! Thanks to all who have taken part in making this happen!



SOEA Upcoming Events

- Quilt Give-Away-February 24, 2007 halftime of last basketball game
- ADD/ADHD Conference w/ Karen Sanaee- February 26, 2007 6-8:00 pm OPSU Campus
- OKC "Outreach to Teach" Conference- March 2-3
 - Goodwell "Outreach to Teach" Project
- State Testing Monitoring @ Goodwell-April 2007
- 2007 Student Teacher Banquet- May 18, 2007

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