

STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Fun Fact: Pre-K—12th Grade teachers form the largest occupational group in the United States.

Connecting Through Connections

We will be hosting eight separate workshops at local schools to provide new ways for teachers to integrate technology into their instruction. Each workshop will be focused on a particular age group ranging from Pre-K to High School teachers. The goal is to provide a positive professional development experience for local teachers looking to learn more about the value of modern technological practices. SEA members are encouraged to get involved in creating and hosting these events to gain valuable experience and share in the learning.



**Interested in Joining?
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about how you can
become a member!**

Register



Upcoming Events

- **February SEA Meetings**
 - February 4th: 12pm –1pm
 - February 10th: 3pm –4pm
- **Connections Pre K Workshop**
 - February Date TBD
- **Connections ELED Workshop**
 - Third Week of February
- **Donation Collection (See Ronald McDonald and Pads/Military Article)**
 - Throughout February
- **Early Childhood Education Conference**
 - Monday February 22nd

“I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well.” -Alexander the Great

Book Drive Update

Over 500 books were collected at GSU. The book collection will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Hines, IL. These donations will help bring smiles to the faces of children who can benefit personally from reading stories. The Student Education Association expresses their sincerest gratitude to everyone that helped make this event a success!



College Students

- ◆ Make sure you submit your FAFSA application as soon as possible to ensure receiving your Financial Aid for the coming school year!
- ◆ The Academic Resource Center is holding several workshops this month. See next page for details.
- ◆ This month Lifehack has put out a list of things to keep in mind when working with children with ADHD. www.lifehack.org

Teaching Tips

- ◆ **Multiple Intelligences (MI)** plays a role in the way many students learn. Make sure to consider MI when creating lesson plans.
- ◆ **Constructivism** theory supposes that individuals construct their own understanding and knowledge of the world through experiences and reflection. Understanding a student's background knowledge is a key component of educational constructivism.

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Ronald McDonald House

A project the SEA is working on this academic year is collecting household necessities for the Ronald McDonald House of Oak Lawn. Donation boxes will be placed around campus to collect items for the project (**see list of donation sites**). Our goal is to collect basic household necessities such as cleaning products for the families. We also hope to collect toys and games for the children as well as make 16 blankets for them. Donations can also include sewing supplies. Our hope is to help ease the burden for these families and bring a smile to their day.

PADS / Military Community Service Grant

We will be collecting donations to make "care bags" for the South Suburban PADS (Abused Women's Shelter) and Military members. Donated items can range from food products (cereal bars, cereal boxes, ramen noodles, juice boxes, water), clothing items (children's t-shirts, cotton socks), to writing materials (recent magazines, notebooks, pens etc.) We will also be writing thank you card for the military "care bags."

Donation Sites

Ronald McDonald / Pads-Military

Main Entrance / Lobby

G Building Atrium

Hall of Governors

Recreation Building

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VALENTINES
DAY!!!

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February Student Success Workshops

- Intro to Library Catalog and Databases
- Mastering APA Documentation Style
- Winning Essays for Scholarships
- Study Skills with Patrick
- Campus Resources
- Research Paper Writing
- Microsoft Office Workshops
- Finding Your Focus
- Building on Strengths and Weaknesses

For more information email arc@govst.edu.

No Child Left Behind Revisions

Congress as recently passed a bill that rewrites the existing No Child Left Behind Act into the Every Student Succeeds Act. This new law takes some concepts from its predecessor such as the annual testing of school students and the collection of demographic data. The rewrite also helps to prevent money from being taken from high poverty schools and makes it more difficult to opt out of test taking. The act also forces states to intervene in schools that are in the lowest five percent of achievement. The article at www.washingtonpost.com goes into greater depth about some of these changes.

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