

Armstrong Teacher Newsletter

July 2008

The 2008 Summer Retreat was filled with lots of laughter, learning and conversation. The retreat began on Friday afternoon, June 27, when Diana Lambdin welcomed over 30 Armstrong Educators, IU faculty, staff and students to the day's activities. Angela Moreman gave her presentation "*Motivation*



and Disposition: Teaching successful habits and attitudes to help students make connections". She had all of the retreat participants up and moving as she modeled some of her great classroom techniques.

Next we learned about Chris Bundy's work in his drama and theatre classes. He introduced us to several of the marionettes that are used by some of his students in their class work.



The afternoon ended with an optional field trip to Oliver Winery where many of the participants learned about the finer points of wine making.



Friday evening we dined at the Irish Lion with good food and great conversations.



Nancy Stockwell from our anniversary cohort (1998 – 1999) attended the retreat and gave us a short update on her career as well as her favorite memories of teaching.



Margrethe O'Connor, Diana Lambdin and Nancy Stockwell pose for a picture.

Saturday morning began with a look at how Carol Lutz helps kindergarten teachers prepare their young students for reading.



Her presentation, *'It's a Wonderful World – Preparing*

Learning Experiences for our Youngest Learners' gave us a glimpse into reading rooms.

The morning continued as Indiana University assistant professor, Faridah Pawan, spoke to the group on important issues concerning ENL students. Next, Michelle Greene helped us



better understand the role of the ESL teacher as she presented *'ESL for Educators'*.

A picnic style lunch was served on the second floor balcony, complete with ice cream sundaes. Lively conversation between teachers, faculty and



students continued into our next session.

Melissa Taylor, a recent IU graduate and first-year teacher from Columbus, joined us in our afternoon discussion about the possibility of using alumni Armstrong Educators as mentors for student teachers.

Next, James Schmidt had everyone involved in social studies activities as he presented



'You Don't Know the Players without a Program:

Teaching Current Events in Four Parts'.

Our final presentation of the day *"Whose Mona*



is it Anyway?: Thinking Through the Visual Arts' by Bev Staub gave us a glimpse into her art program.

We do hope you are able to join us next

summer to experience for yourself a retreat that Armstrong teachers have labeled



"wonderful", "awesome", and "motivating". Please mark your calendars for the weekend of **June 26, 2009**.

Check out the Armstrong Website for additional information, pictures and news: www.indiana.edu/~atea/news.html

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