



# PHI DELTA KAPPA NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message Pam Gamble



Fellow Kappans,

Can you believe that it is 2010 already? My goodness, where does the time go? Our world gets busier and busier, and yet we strive to enrich the lives of our students through best practice in educational strategies, service to our students and community, and leadership.

We are very pleased that PDK offered the “no-commitment” membership recently. This is a 90 day trial membership, and our chapter has added several new members from this campaign. The offer ends on February 25, so please take advantage before then. Just go to

[www.pdktrial.org](http://www.pdktrial.org) and sign up. Enter the promotional code CHAP110. There are several great benefits to this membership, including the Kappan magazine and PDKConnect, a private online community where you can interact with education professionals from around the world.

So, welcome to new members Kim Adams, Amy Minkin, Eric Basilo, Patricia Powers, Angela Zambaux, Mary Allen and Inez Schmook!

I encourage you to join us at our February 25 PDK dinner and program at Deer Run Country Club in Casselberry, Florida. We are excited to have Gina Zugelder, Shelby Robertson & Rhonda Chubb from UCF Rtl/TLC (Response to Intervention/Teaching & Learning Connection). Dinner will be marvelous and the presentation very information. See you there!

Yours in Education,

Pam Gamble  
President

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Nov. 19 Mini-Conf. at Highlands

FEB. 25 PDK Social- Deer Run CC

## **Research Article**

Graham, S., Want to Improve Children's Writing? Don't Neglect Their Handwriting. American Educator, American Educator (2009): 20- 40.

"Research shows that early handwriting instruction improves students' writing. Not just its legibility, but its quantity and quality!"

[http://archive.aft.org/pubs-reports/american\\_educator/issues/winter09\\_10/graham.pdf](http://archive.aft.org/pubs-reports/american_educator/issues/winter09_10/graham.pdf)

## **Miscellaneous**

Below are just a few comments from the PDK mini-conference held in November at Highlands Elementary:

*"Loved the pattern block ideas and website information."*

*"Foldables was a great workshop to incorporate into any classroom and any subject."*

*"Special Thanks to Shape it Up for a week's worth of engaging math lessons!"*

*"I love the Kagan Cooperative Learning strategies and look forward to incorporating some of Cindy Mitchell's ideas."*

*"Problem Based Learning and PLC are the new way. Global learning can be meaningful and relevant and personal."*

*"I love the creative and innovative ways to incorporate learning using games. Thanks Wonder Workshops."*

Please join us for  
**Phi Delta Kappa's Spring Social**



<p><u>Where:</u> Deer Run Country Club 300 Daneswood Way Casselberry, Florida 32707 407-699-7993</p>	<p><u>When:</u> Thursday, February 25, 2010 Social Hour at 5:30PM Buffet Dinner at 6:00 PM</p>
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There will be a cash bar at the Social Hour

***The Buffet dinner will feature:***

Chicken Piccata  
Pasta  
Green Beans Almandine  
Salad  
Assorted Desserts  
Drinks: coffee, tea and water

Please send the bottom portion of this sheet with your payment of **\$11.00** to Pam Gamble at Altamonte Elementary or Mercedes Agramonte-Harper at Red Bug Elementary. Please make all checks payable to *Phi Delta Kappa*. Payments must be received by  
**Friday, February 19, 2010.**

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I plan to attend the PDK Spring Social at Deer Run CC on Feb. 25, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

Current PDK Member

Guest

*We welcome current and future PDK members. Feel free to invite coworkers from your school to join us and learn more about PDK!*

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