



# PHI DELTA KAPPA NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message Pam Gamble



Dear PDK Members,

Welcome back to school fellow Kappans! I hope that your summer included some relaxation and fun! As educators, you know all too well how important it is to include some "R & R" in the never-ending hustle-bustle of our work/family lives. Our students are back and looking to us to lead the way towards their academic success, and I know we are ready to deliver.

Your PDK board has planned an exciting calendar of events for this year. We hope that you will take some time to join us at our first Social on **Thursday, October 8 at 5:00 p.m.** This first event is FREE to PDK members, and we encourage you to bring a colleague and introduce them to PDK. Though we recognize just how challenging the current economic times are, it is our collective hope that we can encourage growth in membership for our chapter. As you know, PDK strives to serve public education through Leadership, Research and Service. Our strength and voice in education is measured by our numbers. As PDK President for 2009-2010, I call upon Chapter 1517 Kappans to attend at least one function and help us grow our chapter.

As your chapter leadership team, we will work hard to ensure that our activities are meaningful and follow the tenants of PDK. Your suggestions are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you at the Social, and at future events this year.

Yours in Education,  
Pam Gamble, President

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Nov. 19 Mini-Conference  
at Highlands Elem.

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## Using Assessment as a Critical Part of the Learning Process

By Bill Daggett [www.successfulpractices.org](http://www.successfulpractices.org)

- **State assessments should be the starting point, not the finish line.**
  - Academic success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is measured by our graduates being able to enter a global economy and apply what they learned in ever- changing situations.
- **Import skills that are not measured by a state exam:**
  - Relationship building
  - Collaborating as a team member
  - Understanding cultural differences
  - Problem solving
- **High performing schools**
  - Rigorous and relevant education is a product of effective learning
  - Standards, curriculum instruction and assessment are interrelated
  - Assessment is the beginning
  - Zone in on what will be tested
- **Assessment**
  - Not one or two times per year
  - A series of cycles with teacher and students conjoined in the process
  - Formal and informal

## **Best Practices Mini-Conference**

PDK's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual SCPS Best Practices Mini-Conference will be held Thursday November 19, 2009 at Highlands Elementary. There will be a buffet dinner from 4:30-6:00 and Break Out sessions from 5:15 -7:30. The cost is just \$10.

Hear from your colleagues (some of the best teachers in the nation) about best practices in reading, writing, classroom management, technology, and more!

Presenters are from all levels, elementary, middle school, high school, and district office.

***If you are interested in being a presenter at the conference***, please contact Donna Weaver or Peter Gaffney, Mini-Conference chairpersons, at [Donna\\_Weaver@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Donna_Weaver@scps.k12.fl.us) or [Peter\\_Gaffney@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Peter_Gaffney@scps.k12.fl.us)

Mark this date down as you will not want to miss out. More information to come in next month's newsletter. Look for it!

**Thursday, October 8, 2009**



***5-7 PM at Buffalo Wild Wings Grill &  
Bar located at 900 State Road 436***

**Menu**

Potato Wedges, Dippers & Kickers, Celery &  
Blue Cheese and Boneless Wings

**\$ 6 per person**

**Checks payable to: Phi Delta Kappa----- Send via courier to- Dorene Roloff, Hagerty High**  
**Reservations due by Thursday, October 1st**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Total Reservation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Come join us for food, fun and great conversation**