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NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Kim Thompson, UBCEA President



Wow! Another school year is swiftly coming to an end. I know you might be thinking as I am, "Where did the time go?" This year has brought many challenges as we found ourselves "Getting Connected with Business Education" in Utah. While serving as your 2007-2008 President of the Utah Business Computer Education Association, I had the opportunity to increase my awareness of the importance of getting involved with the business education professional organizations. Utah Business Education Association (UBCEA), Western Business Education Association (WBITE), and National Business Education Association (NBEA), Utah Association for Career and Technical Education (UACTE), allow business teachers unique opportunities to network with other professionals and enhance their current skills. We must work together if we are going to be successful in this "ever-changing" society today.

These professional organizations can assist us with gaining the resources we need to meet today's challenges.

I challenge each business educator in Utah to seriously consider becoming active in the professional organizations if you are not already involved. Start your 2008-2009 academic year off a step ahead of your peers by attending summer conference. There will be "cutting-edge" workshops provided during the conference. Janet Goble, Business State Specialist, is planning an excellent conference with a revised schedule format for business educators in the state, so make plans now to attend the conference so you, too, will be informed.

"Thank you" UBCEA members for this awesome opportunity to serve you during this academic year. Again, I encourage you to get involved by serving on the UBCEA board. Stephanie Wynder will serve as the 2008-2009 UBCEA President and will be selecting members to run and serve in various positions very soon. If you are interested, please email Stephanie at swynder@graniteschools.org and let her know which positions you would like to serve in and "Get Connected with Business Education!"

TEACHER TO TEACHER

I have too many students for the number of computers in my classroom. I discovered that placing student at the back of my room for a day or two because they couldn't get off the Internet and focus on their work is a great deterrent for poor behavior. Yes, they are expected to make up the work.

Moani Revoir
Willowcreek Middle School

I have small classes so I can get to know my students on a very personal basis. I contribute to my student's success by understanding how to talk to them. I respect them and care about students and they appreciate it. I hold my students accountable for their learning. I celebrate successes and help with disappointments.

Jimmy W. Jones
Clearfield Job Corps Center

I teach in an alternative school and love it. The students that come into the class are at all stages of competency so they are all getting individual instruction. Another advantage of the alternative school is smaller class sizes.

Ron Caulford
Mountain High School

My PLC's groups have really been a great help for being successful. We share everything and are teaching the same curriculum at the same time so we care compare how our lessons went.

Reagan Bastian
Dixie Middle School

In Computer Technology I teach PowerPoint first so students can use it to make a presentation on Computer Fundamental concepts and teach each other. It seem to go much better than me doing all of the teaching.

Patrick Fossat
Oak Canyon Jr. High

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Carol Meinhardt **Delta Technical Center**

Carol has taught for 12 years at the Delta Technical Center in Millard District.

Carol is from Lyman in Wayne County. She received her Bachelors degree from SUU and Master's degree from USU. She majored in Business and BISE.

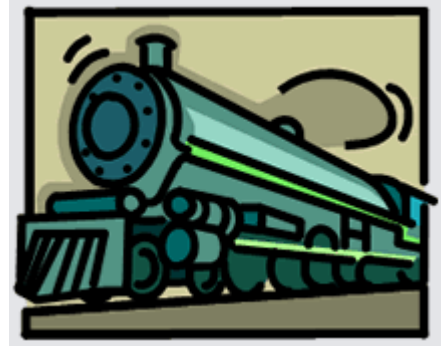
Carol has a very busy schedule, teaching word processing, spreadsheets and databases, administrative procedures, accounting, business communications, desktop publishing, computer technology, and computers in business. She does not have a favorite class, but enjoys every subject.

Carol states "In my program, not only high school students are enrolled in my classes, but also adults that are either coming back on their own to refresh their skills or have been sent from an outside agency. I enjoy working with all of them."

She has been the teacher of the year at the Delta Technical Center and Millard District Gold Medal Award recipient. She enjoys writing letters of recommendations for her students, pointing out their accomplishments, because she feels that her student's accomplishments are more important than her own.



"All Aboard the Business Education Front Runner"
Business Summer Conference
June 10-11, 2008
Syracuse High School - Syracuse, UT



If you haven't already registered for the summer conference on June 10 and 11 at Syracuse High School take a minute and register now! This is going to be an outstanding conference you don't want to miss. To see a conference schedule go to http://www.schools.utah.gov/cte/business_summer.html.

UBCEA Board Elections

UBCEA will be holding elections for the board positions that are to be elected by the membership on Tuesday, June 10 at the Business Education summer conference at Syracuse High School. Look for a flyer introducing candidates as well as a ballot in your registration materials. Voting will take place from the opening of conference registration until lunch. If you are interested in running for President-Elect, or Vice President - IT please e-mail Stephanie Wynder at swynder@graniteschools.org.

UBCEA Dues Increase

Starting in June, the cost of UBCEA dues is being increased from \$10 to \$15. The change in cost is to help UBCEA continue supporting its members.

UBCEA Newsletter Requests

UBCEA is asking for your help with newsletter articles for 2008-2009. Published articles will receive a reward. Submit articles with highlights of your programs, summaries of conferences you attended, and tips and tricks on using the latest software programs. Submit articles to guymon.pghs@gmail.com before September 1 to be considered for the fall newsletter.