
South Dakota School for the Deaf

Board of Regents Meeting, August 8-9, 2012

Informational Items

SDSD has adopted a new logo expressing confidence in the future of education for children with hearing loss. It features a child with upraised arms with three butterflies near the child's hands. The logo was the result of months of work with Media One to develop a design that would represent the school and convey a positive message to the various publics.



SDSD is pleased to welcome two new outreach consultants to the team this fall. Julie Luke and Kerry Ruth will serve clients in Sioux Falls and West River areas respectively.



Julie Luke graduated from Augustana College in 2002 with a double major in Deaf Education and Elementary Education. Julie has experience teaching various age levels in the Deaf Education field. She has been married to her husband, Matt, and has two children, Madison, age 6, and Austin, age 3. Julie enjoys reading, running, and outdoor activities.



Kerry Ruth graduated from Black Hills State University in 1994 with a double major in Special Education and Elementary Education. In 2007, Kerry received a Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota in Deaf/Hard of Hearing Education. She lives in Deadwood with her husband, David, and two sons, Tanner and Jachin. She

enjoys hiking, biking, swimming, reading, traveling, and volunteering in the community.



Classroom activities at the Summer Enrichment Program hosted at SDSD

The Summer Enrichment Program is currently in its fourth year of providing a signing, language-rich environment for children ages 3 through 11. The program is funded through a grant from the SD Department of Education and Parent Connection and is housed at SDSD.

Teachers have a deaf education or deaf education related degree. Students in the program acquire language skills, socialize with peers, participate in community activities and interact with deaf role models.

Each week a thematic unit will be delivered and a field trip will reinforce language, social skills, and culture. This year the month has been dedicated to learning about different kinds of farms. Each week students focus on a different animal and visit a farm to enjoy hands on learning related to in class studies. Deaf adults also attend classes to tell stories or read books.



Summer Enrichment Program field trip

Outreach Student Services

Outreach students are served in the family's home, community agencies or in their home school districts.

Birth to 2 yrs, 11 month.....	21
3yrs to 5yrs, 11 months	52
6 to 21 yrs.....	323
Total.....	396

There are currently 28 referrals with the potential to become Outreach clients pending completion of required paperwork.

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Upcoming Mobile Lab Dates

August 2012

14/15 Bison
16 Lemmon
21 Dakota Valley
22 Mitchell
23 St. Joseph Indian School
29 Montrose/Orland Colony
30 Hanson
31 Freeman/Marion

September 2012

4 Platte/Armour
5 Stickney/Mount Vernon
6 Ethan/Corsica
7 Dakota Christian
10 McCook Central/Canistota
11 Gregory
12 Burke/Colome
17 Bridgewater/Emery
18 Parker/Hurley/Brandon
19 Plankinton
20 Kimball/White Lake
24 Wolsey
25 Wessington Springs
26 Tea
27 Harrisburg