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**A collaborative event on Nov. 16th
by the Elkhorn Public School
District and UNL Phi Delta Kappa**

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“The Elkhorn Model to Foster Proficiencies in Students, Teachers, and Administrators--Improve Teaching and Learning”

Join us for an interactive evening of learning and sharing led by Elkhorn Public Schools (EPS) representatives. EPS is one of the state leaders in utilizing Web 2.0 technology for “real-time” data-gathering and analysis so that teachers can enhance their immediate understanding of students’ needs and make ongoing adjustments. Learn EPS’ approach to developing proficiencies, building networks of coaches, and competency through rigor and relevance that leads to improved student achievement for all students. Topics for teachers and administrators include:

- Transition and vision in developing proficiencies (not losing the best of STARS)
- Interface of EPS’ approach to School Improvement and PLC elements
- Assessment literacy
- Data coaches (demonstration of training elements and sample powerpoints)
- Assessment development and transition to formal district assessments (sample of development form/s)
- Curriculum Planner (articulation of common elements, sharing of resources, and demonstration)

Information on EPS and the discussion leaders is available at www.elkhornweb.org

- Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. Cindy Gray
- Curriculum and Assessment Specialist and Coach: Darin Kelberlau
- English Department Chair and Teacher: Melissa Simons

Dr. Gray has trained over 200 teachers and principals in the NE Assessment and Leadership Cohort at UNL. She is a member of the NE Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Board and served as President. Cindy helped plan several NE Leadership in Classroom Assessment Conferences, leads Elkhorn’s staff development, and serves on the NE Department of Education AYP Task Force among many other accomplishments and responsibilities.

Darin Kelberlau develops and fosters the use of instructional technology by district data coaches to gather and interpret achievement information. He helps create and maintain the online district curriculum management system and EPS-created assessments. Darin has presented at the Nebraska Data Conference, is a former math teacher at Fremont Public Schools, and he is completing doctoral studies in Quantitative, Qualitative, and Psychometric Methods at UNL.

Melissa is a member of the District Language Arts committee and Elkhorn South’s School Improvement team. She focuses on essential skills aimed at increasing reading comprehension for struggling readers. Melissa will discuss her use of e-Instruction clickers with students. She has presented at conferences including the NE State Technology Conference (NETA) and wrote a paper, “The Other Ten Percent”, for the *National Council of Teachers of English*.

- DATE & TIME:** Tuesday, November 16, 5:30-7:30 PM---Registration, Social, Meal, Interactive Presentation, & Raffle
WHERE: Hy Vee Community Room, 1601 N. 84th Street, Lincoln
COST: \$10.00/per attendee; send check to Loretta Sheets, 6710 Marcia Lane, Lincoln, NE 68505 (to “PDK”) by Nov. 9 or pay \$12.50 on-site Nov. 16. *\$1.00 is applied to the PDK scholarship fund for “Future Teachers”. The registration limit is forty-five persons.
QUESTIONS: To learn more about PDK and this event, go to pdk.unl.edu or contact: Jessica Rivera, PDK Programming Chair, UNL doctoral student in English Education, jessica.rivera@huskers.unl.edu
 Dr. Mike McDonald, PDK President, Educ. Dept., NE Wesleyan University, mlm@nebrwesleyan.edu

Future Activities:

Tues., Febr. 1, 2011, NWU, “Showcase of Teaching, Learning, and Administration” by PDK members and invited presenters representing five school districts and three universities.

Wed., March 30, 2011, Mahoney State Park.

“A First-hand Perspective on School Innovation Across the Nation and Nebraska” by Kathy Andreson, PDK International President-Elect, (Collaborative Activity with the UNO PDK Chapter).

Tues.-Wed., April 19-20, 2011, collaborative activities with Norris, UNL, UNO; locations TBA.

Joan Richardson, Kappan Editor-in-Chief (formerly with the National Staff Development Council and Detroit Free Press), will present on “Transforming Education and the Role of Media” and “Kappan Research” as well as serve as a Scholar in Residence.

