Welcome to Florida Tech – The Education Dept. Picnic

What a great day we had. We took our chances with the forecast of 60% chance of showers and had a perfect kite-flying day. The temperatures were hot, but there was a wonderful breeze. About 60 students, alumni, flamingoes, faculty and staff attended.

The Education Computer Lab
There are a couple of classes being taught in the computer lab this semester, which affects the evening hours the lab will be available for use. This semester’s schedule is:

Monday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm  
Wednesday: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 8:00 am - 7:30 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Weekends: closed

Kyan Robinson will be managing the lab when it is open after 5:00 pm. If you come to the lab during the above hours and find the door locked, just ask Dee (around the building in the main office) to open the door for you.

Remember, the computer lab is open to education majors only. Computer use, scanning, copying, and printing is free. See Dee to get your PIN for the copy machine.

A Taste of Math & Science

“Mathematics is said to be the language of science. If this is true, then measurement is certainly the popular language. Both mathematics and science claim measurement to be integral aspects of their curricula, as evidenced by the fact that measurement is included in the national standards for both mathematics and science. Measurement, then, is both a natural and a logical beginning point for integrating mathematics and science in the classroom. Despite the fact that the metric system (SI) should be used in both science and mathematics, the reality in classrooms is that science uses the metric system and mathematics often only uses the English system.” (Science Scope, Sept 2005, pg 26)

This month’s issue of Science Scope contains a number of hands-on, inquiry lessons on measurement using fruit. What a fun resource if you’re looking for a lesson to teach this semester! Hint, hint.
What is FEA?

Future Educators of America, otherwise known as FEA, is a national, professional organization. The main goal of this organization is to provide opportunities for students to grow and develop as pre-professional teachers and to offer support through friendships and mentors. Membership is available for anyone who is interested in education, even if your major is not education. Florida Tech’s FEA chapter is under the sponsorship of Mrs. Blenis. Last year we lost two student leaders, so we’re looking for some new students to step forward to take their places.

FEA holds meetings about every two weeks, and notice is sent out by email. At our meetings we usually have food and a variety of activities along with handling any necessary business. Guest speakers are sometimes invited to offer advice to upcoming student teachers and graduating students. Field trips and opportunities to give back to the community are also a part of what FEA is about.

We are lucky to have a family-like atmosphere within the education department. FEA is good for bringing people with similar interests together for professional development. If you are interested in joining or learning more about Future Educators of America you may contact Mrs. Blenis (dblenis@fit.edu) or go to their Website, http://cos.fit.edu/education/ugrad/fea.html. We will have the first organizational meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00pm. Please join us as we plan events for this new academic year.

The News Stand: What’s in This Month

- Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School: Using Clock Arithmetic to Teach Algebra Concepts.
- Science Scope: After the Bell, Extracurricular science activities.

Check out the News Stand located just inside the door of the Computer Lab. There will always be the latest education journals available there for you to browse through.

Welcome!

New Students to the Education Department

Maggie Dean  (Biology)
Michele Denito  (Biology)
Kathryn Herron  (Biology)
David D’Agostino  (Math)
Mike Bruso  (Physics)
Kyan Robinson  (Math)
Kyle Melancon  (Math)
Jessica Thomas  (Earth/Space)