

Today is June 9, 2017

Happy Birthday Head Start

Happy 52nd Birthday Head Start! Don't underestimate the role you all have in making Head Start happen for 1,016 children and their families. If you have a moment, take the time to see what you make happen for children and families. This is a lovely video that speaks to the impact of Head Start (and there are really cute children).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbgO1zfF6PU&sns=em>

Hey Higher Ed, Why Not Focus on Teaching?

NPR - June 7, 2017

Stanford physics and education professor Carl Wieman won a Nobel Prize for his innovative, break-through work in quantum mechanics. Wieman has since leveraged the prestige and power of that prize to call attention to the need to transform undergraduate teaching....

http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/06/07/530909736/hey-higher-ed-why-not-focus-on-teaching?sc=17&f=1001&utm_source=iosnewsapp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=app

June School Leader Update from the DE

<https://www.educateiowa.gov/documents/school-leader-update/2017/06/june-2017-school-leader-update>

Improvement Network update

Through the fourth session of its inaugural year, the Drake Continual Improvement Network has welcomed and engaged 193 educational leaders from across the state of Iowa in learning about the science and practice of continual improvement. Guest speakers have included Dr. Patrica Greco, Superintendent of Menomonee Falls, WI; David Langford of Langford International; Jim Shipley of Jim Shipley and Associates; and Lara Justmann, principal of Karen Acres Elementary and 2017 recipient of the Drake School of Education Distinguished Alum Award. Topics of learning/discussion have included the Plan Do Study Act process, SWOT analysis, Theory of Constraints, and multiple quality improvement tools and processes.

Looking towards next year, the Network will continue to be hosted at Drake University and will expand to include a "hub" in eastern Iowa, hosted by Iowa BIG Academy in Cedar Rapids. Additionally, 10 school principals will participate in a principal

New ITS portal

Check it out:

<https://drake.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/Home/?ID=d31b9f42-f0fe-465a-b01e-f093ce0613b8>

\$10,000 Grant Awarded to Adult Literacy Center

We are pleased to inform you that the Prairie Meadows Grant Advisory Committee and the Prairie Meadows Board of Directors have approved a Community Betterment Grant to Drake University in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the proposed Adult Literacy Center expansion and enhancement.

*Sincerely,
Julie Stewart
Director of Community Relations*

coaching program facilitated by Dr. Jim Verlengia, Leadership Director at Heartland AEA and Dr. Doug Stilwell, Assistant Professor Drake University.

If interested in learning more about or participating in next year's Network, please contact Doug Stilwell at: doug.stilwell@drake.edu

Robot students

<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2017-05-11-robot-students-college-classrooms-try-letting-far-away-students-attend-via-remote-control-stand-in>