

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Program National Accreditation

We have received notice from the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation that our Culinary Arts program has been re-accredited through December of 2016. The written notice is located in our Correspondence section of this month's agenda. A new certificate is on display in the front hallway of the school.

Special Education

In the Student Support Office we have set up a new "Student Resource Center." This center gives all students a place to go to get some of their written work done. Students can come up with an instructor's pass to work on portfolios, school assignments and to study in a quiet space. We have two computer stations and supplies for getting organized. A motivational bulletin board will provide study skill tips and a PSSA word of the week. Instructional aides can also access their emails in this area. Jane Boyd, Instructional Aide and Robin Grimes, Literacy Coach have been instrumental in setting up this resource center.

Jan sent out a special request to instructors for samples of resumes from each program. Our goal is to have a selection of great resumes from all 18 programs in a reference binder for students to use as a guide.



Literacy

The instructional focus for Literacy in the third quarter is “Questioning the Authors Purpose” and “Making Inferences” in the readings themselves. During the week of February 13, 2012 the students were asked to use Political Cartoons in making inferences and to understand the content of art. The students were asked to infer from the cartoon what the republicans felt about the policies created by President Obama.

Reader Response (2/14/12)
Making Inferences

Name: _____
Lab: _____

Every time you read a billboard advertisement or cartoon, the artists who create it are asking you to read between the lines (or *make inferences*) in order to understand the content of the art. Look at the cartoon in the editorial section of the *Erie Times News* from 2/2/2012 below. Explain in a paragraph what point the artist is trying to make about national politics. Keep in mind that the donkeys represent democrats and the elephants represent republicans. (Also, check out the notice that was in the paper looking for students to submit editorial cartoons ☺.)

_____ NIE is trying
_____ to find the next
_____ great editorial
_____ cartoonist right
_____ here in Erie
_____ YOU COULD WIN

Who: 9th- to 12th-grade students

What: Individual students are encouraged to submit editorial cartoons to the *Erie Times-News* for the opportunity to be published and the chance to win prizes.

When: Submissions can be entered now through Feb. 16. Winners will be announced Feb. 23

