



Monthly Newsletter

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News Updates

Letters to the Next President 2.0 — Check out the NWP website for information on how to motivate your students to write about issues that are important to them and publish their letters. Go to <http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/doc/nwpsites/letters2president.csp>

We wrapped up another successful Kids' Camp in June. Fifteen young writers joined us, including four returning campers. In addition to writing each day, students participated in team building activities, explored the MTSU campus through a writing marathon, experimented with a variety of genres of writing, visited with author Jessica Young, and collaborated to plan a Magical Forest Fairy Tale Celebration for their families. We had a great camp!

Teen Writers' Camp — This year's teen camp was held at Middle Tennessee State University. Sixteen campers spent two weeks listening to stories, researching settings, and reading original stories written by their peers. A children's author, Jessica Young, gave the campers insightful writing advice as well as read and commented on their work. The MTSU campus, and air conditioning, invigorated the teen camp, and it was a great success.

MTWP Holds 12th ISI -- Eleven teachers ranging from K-12 classroom teachers to university instructors came together for two weeks for the 12th annual Invitational Summer Institute. These educators spent their time together thinking deeply about their own classroom practices, sharing ideas, reading professional literature, and, of course, writing. Not only will the ISI participants return to their classrooms armed with research and strategies to implement into their teaching, but they will begin an inquiry project to help them examine a practice of their choice. They will work alongside an MTWP mentor on this project and present at a mini-conference in April. The ISI seeks to develop teachers as teachers, writers, and leaders, and we expect to see great things from this group in all three of these areas!

Save the date for the Fall Conference — Saturday, September 17 from 8-2.

New Volunteer

We would like to welcome Caleb Dunaway to the MTWP team. Caleb is a junior at Middle Tennessee State University double-majoring in English and Japanese. He enjoys reading, running, and spending time with his family in Chester County. Caleb will be keeping up with social media and our website and running errands as needed. You can reach him at cddunaway93@gmail.com.

