



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>

The Fall Conference is quickly approaching! On September 17 from 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. we will be meeting in the College of Education building on the first floor. The cost is \$33 per person for 3 or more teachers from one school; \$45 for individuals; \$25 for pre-service and undergraduates, and \$55 for late individual registrants. Late registration begins at 1:00 a.m. on September 14th. Register online at www.middletnwritingproject.org/professional-development. The topics will be Interactive Writing, Teaching Vocabulary Strategies, Publishing Student Work, Assessing Student Writing, Incorporating Literacy Stations, and Inspiring Research.

Teacher Feature

Sondra Smith (ISI 2014) teaches 4th grade at Scales Elementary school in Murfreesboro. Her favorite thing to teach is vocabulary and morphology. She likes teaching how the meaning of a book changes when the reader understands the definitions of difficult words. Last year Sondra's students focused on vocabulary through morphemes. She says, "When students know the meaning of each morpheme, their vocabulary can grow exponentially. It's been awesome seeing students get excited about words and their meanings in and out of text." Sondra married her husband Jared last year, and they have two miniature schnauzers, Pepper and Sadie, as well as a cat named Brindle.

