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THE TECTA VISION

To provide professional development that nurtures the growth of individuals in a community of learners through an articulated statewide higher education system, resulting in the highest quality early childhood experiences for all of Tennessee's children.

Dr. Linda A. Sitton, Director | www.tecta.info | 931-221-7585 | January 2012



Thoughts from the

Director...

It's LEAP YEAR!

Taking a "LEAP OF FAITH" in 2012.

On February 29th, (Leap Day!), I am taking a "leap of faith" and embarking on a new journey. I feel my contributions to the development of the TECTA program have been fulfilled and I am announcing my retirement from my position at APSU. It has been my distinct pleasure to have served as the APSU TECTA director since its inception in September 1998. I have had the privilege of working with so many wonderful people at the many childcare programs in Benton, Dickson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, and Stewart Counties. I have grown so much as a person by knowing and encouraging each of you on your own professional development pathways.

Many folks have asked me what I am going to do next. I share with you an excerpt from www.dailyword.com

Life is a journey that continuously takes me from comfortable and familiar territory to the new and unexplored...Venturing into the unknown can feel frightening. I choose to embrace the adventure of exploring new possibilities. I may not be able to see around each bend---but I know I will be led to the right destination. I celebrate the journey of my life!

In the early childhood profession, we teach our children they can become whatever they want to be. I like Albert Einstein's quote, "Your imagination is your preview to life's coming attractions." So, I am going to recharge and refuel my imagination!

While I will miss the many genuine early childhood professionals I have met along the way, I look forward to new challenges ahead! As Dr. Suess said, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

When our days there were ended, we left and proceeded on our journey.-Acts 21:5



SPRING 2012 TECTA ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

DUE TO BUDGET CUTS, THE NUMBER OF ORIENTATION OFFERINGS HAS DECREASED. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE NUMBER, TYPES AND LOCATIONS OF THE OFFERINGS. CLASSROOM SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 30

FAMILY CHILD CARE ORIENTATION

Location: *Kimbrough Building, APSU Campus*

Instructor: Claudia Rodriguez

Day(s) & Times:

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January 21, 2012

February 4, 2012

February 18, 2012

March 3, 2012

March 24, 2012

SCHOOL-AGE ORIENTATION

Location: *Kimbrough Building, APSU Campus*

Instructor: Lisa Maddox-Vinson

Day(s) & Times:

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January 21, 2012

February 4, 2012

February 18, 2012

March 3, 2012

March 17, 2012

CENTER-BASED ORIENTATION

Location: *Kimbrough Building, APSU Campus*

Instructor: Claudia Rodriguez

Day(s) & Times:

Weekdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

February 6, 2012

February 9, 2012

February 20, 2012

February 23, 2012

March 12, 2012

March 15, 2012

March 26, 2012

March 29, 2012

April 9, 2012

April 12, 2012

INFANT/TODDLER ORIENTATION

Location: *Kimbrough Building, APSU Campus*

Instructor: Lisa Maddox-Vinson

Day(s) & Times:

Weekdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

February 6, 2012

February 9, 2012

February 20, 2012

February 23, 2012

March 12, 2012

March 15, 2012

March 26, 2012

March 29, 2012

April 9, 2012

April 12, 2012

The Spring 2012 Orientations will be taught in the

Kimbrough Building

on the APSU Campus.

The Kimbrough Building is located near the football stadium on the corner of Marion Street and Henry Street.



THE NEXT STEP

Are you ready to take “The Next Step”.

Established to provide support for TECTA students regardless of their educational level, “The Next Step” is a monthly informational meeting where students can:

- * apply for admission to college
- * receive CDA mentoring and support
- * receive a variety of TECTA related support.

The Next Step Meeting Times & Locations:

Thursday, March 8, 2012
5:30—7:30 p.m.
Room 112 & 113
Kimbrough Building
APSU Campus

If you are a student who has completed a TECTA Orientation and is interested in beginning the Early Childhood Courses OR you are currently a TECTA supported CDA Student, please make plans on attending “The Next Step”.

Please contact Dr. Linda Sitton or Jennifer Jackson for more information.



INVITATION

Please join us in giving
Dr. Linda A. Sitton
Best wishes on her Retirement

Friday, March 2, 2012

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Morgan University Center, Room 305
Austin Peay State University

Reception hosted by her Friends at
APSU TECTA and College of Education

TECTA TEAM

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8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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Clarksville, Tennessee

The APSU TECTA Office is located in
the Sexton Building,
637 North 8th Street.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The APSU TECTA Office will be
closed on Monday, January 16, 2012
in observance of the
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Anytime APSU cancels classes due to inclement weather, APSU TECTA Orientation & NSCC Academic classes will be cancelled as well. A closing will be announced by a phone recording on the main campus line (931) 221-7011, posting at www.apsu.edu and area radio and television stations.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next APSU TECTA Advisory
Committee Meeting will take place
on
Wednesday, March 21, 2012,
from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Two Rivers AEYC

Coming to Your Neighborhood
June 1 & 2, 2012

What We Can Continue To
Learn From Fred Rogers

Friday, June 1st

What Do You Do with
the Mad that You Feel?
Helping Children with Their Angry
Feelings

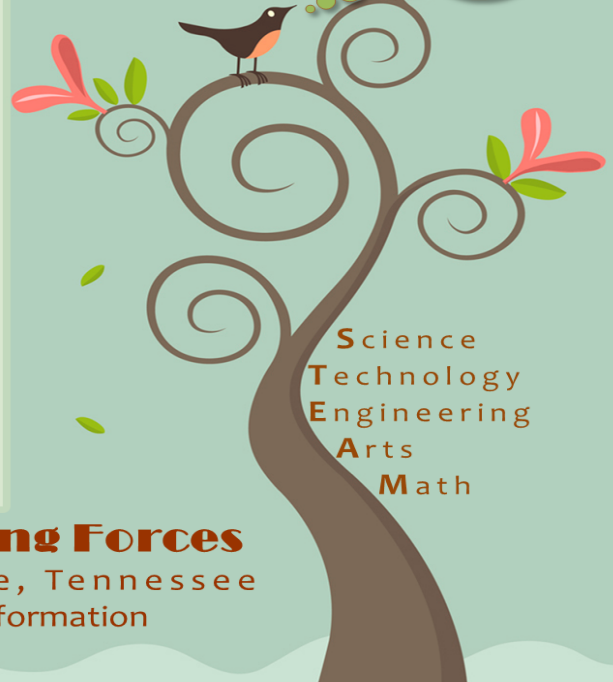
Saturday, June 2nd

S.T.E.A.M. Concepts

Joining Ranks & Combining Forces

2012 Annual Conference Clarksville, Tennessee
Visit www.traeyc.org for registration information

Save The
Date!



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