Frank Runnels Named VP

On March 18, the Executive Committee of the Florida Conference officially voted that Frank Runnels take the position of Vice President of Education. Mr. Runnels replaces Arne Nieslen, who recently became Director of Secondary Education and Accreditation for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

Frank originally joined our Office of Education team in 2008, serving first as Administrative Superintendent, followed by Superintendent. Prior to that, he held the role of vice principal of Forest Lake Education Center. Additionally, he has served as a 7th-8th grade teacher, boys' dean, academy history teacher, evangelist, missionary, and businessman. This combination of rich experiences has shaped him into the deeply spiritual and caring leader that the Florida Conference teachers have come to know and appreciate.

"I look forward to all the great things that God will continue to do through this team and for his teachers and kids," says Mr. Runnels. "I believe that through His grace, the best is yet to come! Please keep me in your prayers that God will cause us to excel for Him and that He will continue to mold me into the leader he wants me to be."

Come for a day... Stay all week!
Curriculum Planning AND Ipad Training
June 2-6 Walker Mem Acad Avon Park

Ipad training in the evening, open to ALL teachers. Curriculum planning during the day for Grades 5-8.

Single and multi-grade teachers in grades 5-8, here is your chance to spend one week together and get your planning DONE!! During the day, teachers will work together to plan curriculum. In the evening, you will learn new and exciting ways to enliven your teaching with technology!! Come for as many days as you can. Connect with colleagues, divide out the work, learn from one another, and go home with long-range plans, daily lessons, and a plan for connecting and helping one another throughout the year. Sign up with the Office of Education today!

Bottom Line: When teachers get together, synergy happens! Click here to see what happens when our science teachers join together!
NEWS YOU CAN USE

--Teach Writing to the new NAD and Common Core Standards. Dr. Krystal Bishop will teach a two-credit course at Southern Adventist University June 2-6 which will help teachers understand and apply the new NAD standards that include increased rigor in writing both in narrative and informational text in Language Arts and the content areas. Sign up now with Southern Adventist University!

--Explain Everything! is an app that can transform your students into teachers! Research has shown that the best way to learn something is to teach it. Use Explain Everything to have your students talk about how to do math problems, describe historical events, explain different types of sentence structures.... the sky's the limit! Learn more at our IPAD training this summer!

--LEVEL IT BOOKS can be downloaded to your IPhone or Ipad and is highly recommended by East Pasco Adventist Academy teacher Jesse Benton. The app scans and levels books in your classroom library, offers book lists for each grade level, serves as a "card catalogue" for books loaned, features a conversion chart for various leveling instruments, and even keeps track of who reads what. It is now SIMPLE to create personalized book lists for your students based on their reading level and your own classroom library!

A Tribute to Stewart Bainum

The Florida Conference would like to express our appreciation for the life of Stewart Bainum, founder of the Commonweal Foundation, who made it possible for our Naples Adventist Christian School to enjoy their present school facility. Mr. Bainum died February 12 at age 94, leaving a legacy in schools across the country. Rising from humble beginnings, he started his career as a plumber and eventually formed his own development company. In 1957 he opened his first hotel in Silver Spring, Maryland and three years later his first nursing center. From those endeavors Stewart eventually created the public companies, Manor Care, Inc. and Choice Hotels International for which he served as Chairman and CEO from 1968-1987. For the remainder of his life, he remained actively involved in his private real estate companies as well as leadership of The Commonweal Foundation, a philanthropic family foundation he and his wife founded in 1968.

Upon his death, Stewart's wife, Jane, requested that all donations be made to the Naples Adventist Christian School. On behalf of the Florida Conference, we would like to publicly thank the Bainum family for their generosity and support of Adventist education.
Three of our teachers gave birth to baby boys this year. Can you guess which is which by looking at the pictures above? One of these bundles of joy was born to our Principal/Teacher in Daytona--Kari Wasmer. She reports:

He was born at 7 lbs. 9 oz., 20 in. long. At last weigh-in, he was 10 lbs. 12 oz. And he gets bigger every day! He's almost 2 months old. I can't believe how quickly he changes. I must say, he's pretty adorable. Everyone says he looks like his daddy...but I know I'm in there somewhere. :) He loves to go for walks in my Baby Bjorn., and coos almost the entire time without fussing! It's my magic trick. I especially enjoy watching him in REM sleep when he giggles and smiles one second and whimper and cries the next. This little life is such a miracle.
and blessing!

Another of our mystery babies was born to our upper grades teacher in Fort Pierce--Grant Iverson. Says Grant:

Elisha Avery Iverson was born on January 14 at 10:44am. He weighed 7 lbs and 14.6 oz, and was 19.5 inches long. A month has passed already, and after many sleepless nights we are finally beginning to get the hang of things. Elisha is growing quickly and is already beginning to interact with the world around him. He smiles at us and turns to look when we talk to him. We see traits of each other in him: he has his mommy’s eyes and nose, and he got his mouth and hair from his dad. His favorite activities include eating, sleeping, pooping, and eating again. The challenges of raising a newborn have made my wife and I grow closer, and we are blessed to have such a happy baby.

Last, but not least, one of these darlings was born to our Principal/Teacher at East Pasco Adventist Academy--Stephen Herr, who describes his son in these words:

Dylan was born on Dec. 3, 2013. His older sisters, Savannah (5) and Brooklyn (3), love to hold him and play with him as much as they can, especially trying to make him laugh while putting on puppet shows for him. He’s also getting lots of quality time with Grandma and Grandpa who live nearby. His greatest skill is making sure that his parents, Stephen and Jamie, don’t get anywhere on time.

ANSWERS: Top. Stephen Herr  Middle. Grant Iverson  Bottom. Kari Wasmer
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