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## All Things Positive

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Great spirits have always  
encountered violent  
opposition from mediocre  
minds.  
-Albert Einstein-

## Creative Activities Increase Summit Participation

Some students were reluctant to take part in Summit activities, but as some teachers try fun new activities to learn about their students, more of them seem to be warming up to the idea of mentor/student relationship.

One example of a simple but very effective activity was one used by Mrs. Claudine Phillips. She had students

*Students in Mrs. Phillips class participate in a class activity*



write their name on a piece of paper. Each student in the class wrote a compliment to each of his or her classmates. The students loved the activity!

The word spreading through the business advisories is "Taboo!" Our new World Geography and World History teacher, Mrs. Cardona, has introduced her advisory to the fast thinking word game, where each team tries to get their teammates to guess a word by describing it. The catch? There are "taboo" words listed underneath, which the team member may not utter — and these words are the ones most commonly used in association with the word to be guessed!

Mrs. Cardona's advisory



*Mrs. Claudine Phillips*

has fun practicing and has already competed with Mrs. Prowse's advisory and Mrs. Monsrud's advisory. Which advisory will be challenged next?

If you have great ideas for fun activities be sure to share with everyone like Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Cardona.

Thanks, ladies!

## SLC Spirit on Display



Each SLC has a new bulletin board in the upstairs hallways. The bulletin boards will be used to announce and display pictures, programs, and news concerning their SLC.

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# Let the Meetings Commence: Advisory Boards Convene

On September 18, 2006, individual SLCs chose an advisory board made up of students who will be the leaders of their SLC communities.

The purpose of Advisory Boards is to increase student voice in the Smaller Learning Communities.

The advisory boards last year have already shown influence with the summit activity books.

During the meetings of the '05-'06 school year, the advisory representatives voiced their opinions that we should replace the individual summit booklets with something that would

work better to foster the intended bond between advisory students and their classmates and teachers.

This year, the advisory teachers have the freedom to choose activities from the summit binder or come up with and implement their own ideas.

*Top to bottom, left to right: Medical meets in Ms. Berry's class; EAT in Mrs. Nestrta's class; Communications meets with Mr. Armstrong in the hall; VPA meets in Ms. Taylor's class; and BATS meet in Jernigan's*



## Random Spotlight



Kerry Whitfill is a new science teacher in the Business School, teaching IPC, Chemistry, and Chemistry in the Community. She also enjoys art and providing foster homes for rescue dogs.



Stephanie Cardona — World History and World Geography teacher in the Business SLC — says that she loves watching movies when she has time. She also enjoys games like Pictionary and Taboo!



Joel Bradley is a new face in the Visual and Performing Arts SLC. He now teaches English II, and was a Futures Trader and has worked in Financial Markets. Besides Texas, Mr. Bradley has also lived in California, Hawaii, and Florida.