



# UPCOMING EVENTS



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## Trinity Principals' Center Newsletter

Coleen Grissom - Aug. 4



Bring your school leadership team to Trinity's Ruth Taylor Recital Hall **Tuesday, August 4, 9:00-11:30 a.m.** for our Trinity Principals' Center **2009-2010 BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION**. Dr. Coleen Grissom, Trinity Professor of English, former Dean of Students, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Author of "A Novel Approach to Life," will present our first distinguished lecture of the year entitled: "***I'll Quit When It Stops Being Fun.***"

Trinity Teachers of the Year, from all districts, will be invited as honored guests. Refreshments and social time will be held in the Ruth Taylor lobby from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. where we can get reacquainted with Trinity and school district friends. The lecture will begin promptly at 9:30. After the presentation, Dr. Grissom's recently published book: ***A Novel Approach to Life*** will be on display in the lobby and is available for purchase. The collection of speeches provokes thought and laughter—much like Dr. Grissom herself.

Grissom maintains that reading helps us become what we are capable of being. As we school leaders look toward the new school year, we are energized by Dr. Grissom's unique philosophy.

Leading with the Heart

***The Whole Child, The Whole Principal: Leading with the Heart*** This is the motto of the Trinity Principals' Center whose purpose is to provide a structure for inter-district support and professional development for area principals, assistant principals and other school leaders. For more information, call (210) 999-7178.

### SLN Cohorts Meet June 1

All four Trinity School Leaders Network (SLN) Cohorts will celebrate our year together on Monday June 1 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for dinner at the Alamo Café on the east side of US Hwy 281 N. Dr. Elizabeth Neale, CEO of the SLN, will be in attendance to share the latest national SLN news. For those who are returning to their cohorts next year, contact Ann Berg. Remember to budget a fee of \$1,000 to cover next year's 10 monthly evening study sessions. For this year-end celebration SLN cohort members may invite guests who want to know more about the work of the School Leaders Network. Call in names by May 29—(210) 999-7178.

### TPC June - August Events

#### June

- 1** **SLN Cohorts 1, 2, 3 & 4 and Guests**, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Alamo Café on I-281, Dr. Elizabeth Neale, CEO, School Leaders Network
- 5-7** **Courage to Lead**, 5:00 p.m. to Noon, Haven River Inn, Comfort, TX, Ms. Carol Mendenhall, Ms. Terri Neuman, Facilitators

#### August

- 4** **BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION**, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Ruth Taylor Recital Hall, Dr. Coleen Grissom, "***I'll Quit When It Stops Being Fun.***"

In order to plan for refreshments and materials, RSVP for all events by calling Elida Molina at (210) 999-7178 or email Ann Berg at [ann.berg@trinity.edu](mailto:ann.berg@trinity.edu).

## Courage to Lead Cohort

TPC will sponsor a new *CTL cohort* again next year. It is a five-part retreat program for the personal and professional renewal of principals and others in leadership positions in schools. Participants gather in large-group, small-group and solitary settings, focusing neither on technique nor on school reform, but upon renewing the inner life of leaders in education. Led by **Carol Mendenhall** and **Terri Neuman**, the retreats are structured around the themes of the seasons and the complexity of leading schools today. Total cost to each participant for the four weekend retreats will be \$1,875, with Trinity providing an equal amount in scholarship aid. Fees should be budgeted now, and will be collected in September after an orientation meeting. The new cohort will hold its first retreat September 25-27 in Comfort, Texas. Please contact Ann Berg or Carol Mendenhall for more information or for an application.

## Dr. Neale Meets with SLN 6/1



Trinity Principals Center SLN facilitators, along with facilitators from several other states throughout the U.S., met at the Fetzer Institute in Michigan one weekend in May with SLN leaders Elizabeth Neale and Jody Roy to do strategic planning concerning the future direction of the School Leaders Network. She will address our joint cohorts' end of year session at Alamo Café on June 1.

**Congratulations to those attending Harvard Institutes this summer!  
Plan on sharing your reflections with us in the Fall.**

## TEPSA Honors Terri As Texas NDP Finalist



Sandi Borden, Director of the Texas Elementary Principals' Association, paid a surprise visit to Stone Oak Elementary School in NEISD Tuesday, May 19 to honor Principal Terri Chidgey as one of six Texas finalists for the National Distinguished Principals' Award. The winner will be announced at the June TEPSA conference. Terri has served on the TPC Steering Committee since its inception and is facilitator of the TPC School Leaders Cohort #1.

## AP Cohort Planned for 2009-2010

Assistant Principals who are new to the position or the school (all levels) are invited to join a cohort led by Peggy Caravantes and Ann Berg at Trinity next school year. Email [ann.berg@trinity.edu](mailto:ann.berg@trinity.edu) for additional information.

## Thanks, TPC Steering Group

Thanks to those who served on the 2008-2009 TPC steering committee: **Karen Bessette**, Randolph Field ISD, **Diana Casas**, Harlandale ISD, **Thomasine Chambers**, San Antonio ISD, **Terri Chidgey**, North East ISD, **Deonna Dean**, Northside ISD, **Cindy Fairall**, North East ISD, **Lori Gallegos**, Northside ISD, **Jeff Goldhorn**, ESC-20, **Allana Hemenway**, Randolph Field ISD, **Cordell Jones**, AHISD, **Denise Kern**, Comal ISD, **Janet Mansmann**, SAISD, **Norma Martinez**, Southside ISD, **Linda Nance**, San Antonio ISD, **Gretchen Ricker**, Retired, **Melinda Salinas**, Judson ISD, **Kristina Vidaurri**, Judson ISD, **Debbie Williams**, Boerne ISD and **Janice Williams**, East Central ISD.