

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PDK Washington Chapter Research Conference**

**October 11, 2008, Noon to 5 pm  
University of Washington Waterfront Activities Center  
Seattle, WA**

### **“High-Performing Educators: What makes a great teacher?”**

*The single most important factor in children’s education may be the quality of teachers.* The second annual PDK Washington Chapter research conference will focus on the attributes and characteristics of great teachers. Do you have current research you wish to share describing high performing K-12 teachers? The audience will include K-12 educators and faculty in higher education from throughout the State of Washington. Session proposals include the following topics, but are not limited to:

- What makes a teacher a high-performing educator?
- How do we prepare preservice teachers to become highly effective educators?
- What is the role of the administrator in facilitating a teacher’s professional growth?
- How do we measure a teacher’s effectiveness?
- Can we cultivate highly effective teachers through future educator programs?
- What is the role of professional development in moving teachers along a continuum of excellence?
- What role do moral and ethical values play in teacher quality?

Each presenter is allowed about 30 minutes, including Q& A.

The research conference theme, aligned with the PDK International 2008 fall conference (Education Summit), is also the focus of the fall 2008 edition of the Washington State Kappan, a journal for research, leadership and practice. Presentations from the research conference are also eligible for publication in the upcoming issue.

Delve into the dialogue that will answer one of education’s most critical questions.

*We invite you to submit a proposal.*

# Call for Proposals

## 1. Primary Presenter:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Position and/or Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Co-Presenter(s)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Position and/or Title \_\_\_\_\_

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## 3. Title of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4. Presentation Summary (50 words) Summary will appear in the conference program.

**5. Grade Level and Intended Audience (indicate all those who may benefit)**

Elementary  Middle/Jr.

Senior High  Higher Ed.  General

**6. Audio/Visual Equipment Needs**

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(An overhead projector and screen will be available in the session rooms.)

The deadline for proposal submissions is **June 10, 2008**. Presenters will be notified by **July 31, 2008**. For detailed information please visit [www.pdkwa.org](http://www.pdkwa.org). (Available after early April). Please send completed proposals to: [marylynnederrington@wwu.edu](mailto:marylynnederrington@wwu.edu) or [sbuckley@whatcom.ctc.edu](mailto:sbuckley@whatcom.ctc.edu). You may also fax your printed proposals to **360-650-4320**.

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