



Did You Know?

Visitation of Our Lady faculty were very busy this summer attending professional development conferences, seminars, and workshops.

- Carolyn Levet, Bonnie Chiasson, Gary Ledet, Pam Lorio, and Carol Mine attended the **Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Summer Conference** in Houston, Texas, June 26 – 28. The main focus of this conference was Differentiated Teaching and Learning by Design. The administration team presented the knowledge gained to the teachers during the beginning of the in-service.
- **Web 2.0 ~ 21st Century Skills** is a week long workshop sponsored by Jefferson Parish Public School Board that concentrates on integrating technology in the classroom. Three different sessions took place and the following teachers attended one of the weekly sessions: Jennifer Anderson (3rd grade), Courtney Bonds (3rd grade), Connie Breaux (5th grade), Jenny Doskey (1st grade), Rhonda Dumas (5th grade), Alise Durand (computer), Amy Hudson (music/art), Julie Lamy (6th grade), Kathie Lamy (7th grade), Kim Maise (Language Arts Lab), Rebecca Rogers (1st grade), and Tiki Sauerwin (6th grade).
- **Title 1 Professional Development Day** held on June 1st was attended by Jennifer Anderson (3rd grade), Courtney Bonds (3rd grade), Bonnie Charleville (2nd grade), Louann Marchand (2nd grade), and Rebecca Rogers (1st grade). These teachers broadened their knowledge on ways to help students developed their critical thinking skills, improve their comprehension skills, as well as their metacognition and math skills.
- Pam Lorio (middle school math), Amy Frederick (4th grade), and Jenny Doskey (1st grade) attended a **Curriculum Mapping** workshop presented by the Archdiocese of New Orleans June 2nd through 4th. They learned how to use the software Rubicon Atlas which they will teach to the rest of the faculty as Visitation continues to map its curriculum.
- Our PreK-3 director Donna Bruce and her daughter Gwendolyn Stephens, candidate for a doctorate of education, presented a workshop on Learning Center for Early Childhood Education and Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum. Mary Roby (PreK-4 director), Linda Knoblock (PreK-4 teacher), and Jill Farizo (kindergarten teacher) were in attendance.

With the help of Visitation families and friends the school received the following donations from our community fundraisers. Winn-Dixie's Community Pals sent a check in April for \$1,275.38 and in July we received another check for \$1,267.64. Office Depot's 5% Back to Schools Program gave Visitation a merchandise card in the amount of \$69.26. Thank you to these organizations and our families and friends who support these programs on our behalf. Please visit our school website at www.vol.org for ways you can support VOL through purchases. Click on **Ways to Support VOL** and then click **Community Fundraisers**. You will find a list of local and online businesses where proceeds from your purchases benefit VOL.