



Greater Richmond Council of Teachers of Mathematics

SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE

Mathematical Literacy, March 21



The Great Circle

The Spring Conference, “Mathematical Literacy”, was held March 21, 2006 at Powhatan High School. About 150 attended the conference. There were also 10 vendors present for most of the evening thanks to the hard work of Carolyn Williamson. Afternoon refreshments, including drinks and “grab-and-go” snacks, were provided by Bailey’s Café of Powhatan High School. The Keynote address was given by John Van de Walle, and there were many presenters for the two sessions offered. Two of the presenters gave talks directly involving literature and mathematics. One of those presenters, Dr. Jeannine Perry of Longwood University, gave her talk during both sessions for K-6 teachers. Other talks included “Oodles of Google” by Mark Driscoll, Algebra Readiness by Dr. Ena Gross, Calendar Math Activities by Karen Harrell, Using Cabri Geometry by Gayle Bynum. Thanks to all of the presenters for sharing their time and their wonderful ideas: Vicki Bowers

& Laura Prymak from Ettrick Elementary School, Stephanie Krienen and Jodi Anderson-Jones from Henry Clay Elementary School, Kristine Vestor and Casey Shank, Hedy Keller and Cat Mordan from Powhatan High School, Karen Williams from Meadowbrook High School, Betsey Davis from the MSC, Laura Bridge from Louisa High School. About 70 people stayed for dinner and door prizes which included several one-year subscriptions to HotMath.com as well as gift certificates for teaching materials and dinner out.

If you missed this conference, we hope that you will make an effort to attend the next one in October. It is a great time to share ideas, network with teachers from other school systems and win some great gifts for teaching. Keep an eye on the GRCTM website and watch for flyers coming in late summer, early fall that will provide more details of the upcoming event.

Diane Leighty

Albert Einstein (1879–1955)—God does not play dice with the universe.

Stephen Hawking (1942–)—God not only plays dice. He also sometimes throws the dice where they cannot be seen.

