Dear College of Education, I'm surrounded literally and figuratively by your encouragement and good wishes. My knee is healing nicely (my PT called me an "overachiever" which pleased me no end!) though I'm longing for greater stamina and clearer thinking. I plan to return to work the week of Nov. 7 (with perhaps a couple of guest appearances the week before as progress continues.) Your support means the world to me and is making a difference. Warmly, Mary Lynne

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From David Pugalee: The Urban Student Alliance for STEM Education has now been recognized as an official UNC Charlotte student organization. The first official meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, at 4:00 p.m. in COED 065. Please share this announcement with your students and colleagues.

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Great alumni news.
Ms. Jackie Menser (M.Ed. in Educational Leadership) was named the Wells Fargo Principal of the Year for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Jackie is the principal of Randolph IB Middle School. Randolph is one of our long-standing Professional Development Schools (PDS). Congratulations Jackie!

The sympathy of the college is extended to Laura Veach on the death of her mother, and to Phyllis Post on the death of her mother.

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New publications:
- Shore, R. (October 2011). Three textless tips for improving vocabulary retention. Middle Level Insider Online, Association for Middle Level Education.

Check out the “Faces” section in last week’s Edition of Campus News! – http://campusnews.uncc.edu/michelle-polidura-college-education

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Reminder – The “Giving Green Campaign” runs from October 18-November 18. This year UNC Charlotte has consolidated the three annual faculty and staff fundraising campaigns (State Employee Combined Campaign (SECC), Arts & Science Council (ASC), and UNC Charlotte campaign). For easy access, here’s the web address – http://givinggreen.uncc.edu/

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Last week in the College:
- North Carolina Coordinators and Directors of Field Experiences from across the state met in the College of Education on Friday, October 21st. It was the first collaborative meeting to be held in over 3 years. Twelve of the fifteen institutions were represented. The plan is to meet each fall and spring semester with each campus taking responsibility for hosting. The first meeting was enthusiastically received!
- The North Carolina Professors of Middle Level Education’s fall symposium was held at UNC Charlotte on October 21-22. Jeanneine Jones, Tarra Ellis, Dan Saurino, and Joyce Brigman hosted this group with the objective of identifying and discussing current issues in middle level education. Our CMLA students also joined this symposium and rendered their perspectives in a panel discussion. Rajni Shankar-Brown, a graduate of our C&I doctoral program and now an assistant professor at UNC Wilmington, serves as President-Elect of NCPOMLE.

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Flu shots today in the Lucas Room of the Cone Center 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hope you are having a great week, thanks for all you do! ~Melba