



Happy Women's Month

South Africa marks Women's Month in August to pay tribute to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 in protest against the extension of Pass Laws to women.

WCED@work caught up with three of the Western Cape Education Department's (WCED) women leaders for some insight into their passions and secrets to success.

Erna Veldman, Chief Director: Financial Management, is passionate about traveling. "I make time to be a tourist in Cape Town and love experiencing the fine dining restaurants all around Cape Town where some of the world's best chefs create their master pieces. When we get a chance to take a break from work and the City life, my husband and I take time to travel across South Africa and our neighbouring countries and find rest for our souls when we can sit under a tree in the Bushveld, smell the first rains in the Karoo, listen to birds when you wake up in a tent or watch the sun set over the Namib Desert."

Lesline McGlenatendolf, Chief Director: Physical Resources, is very driven and said her sense of responsibility leads her in passions. "At work I try to be responsive and do whatever I can to contribute to making a difference in Education. I think that this, as well as commitment and hard work are the major secrets to my success. Aside from work, I am passionate about my family and they are really special to me. They include my three cats which help to fill the empty nest now that the kids have left. My clothes then fill the physical gap they have left."

Marie Mocke, Acting Chief Director: People Management Practices, attributed her success to hard work, dedication and perseverance. "I believe that it's not where you come from that matters, but where you are going. This sparked my passion to work with young girls from disadvantaged backgrounds and creating opportunities for them to rise above their circumstances. Needless to say, I support the "PAY IT FORWARD" concept."



MEED team provides much needed help to Kalkfontein Primary

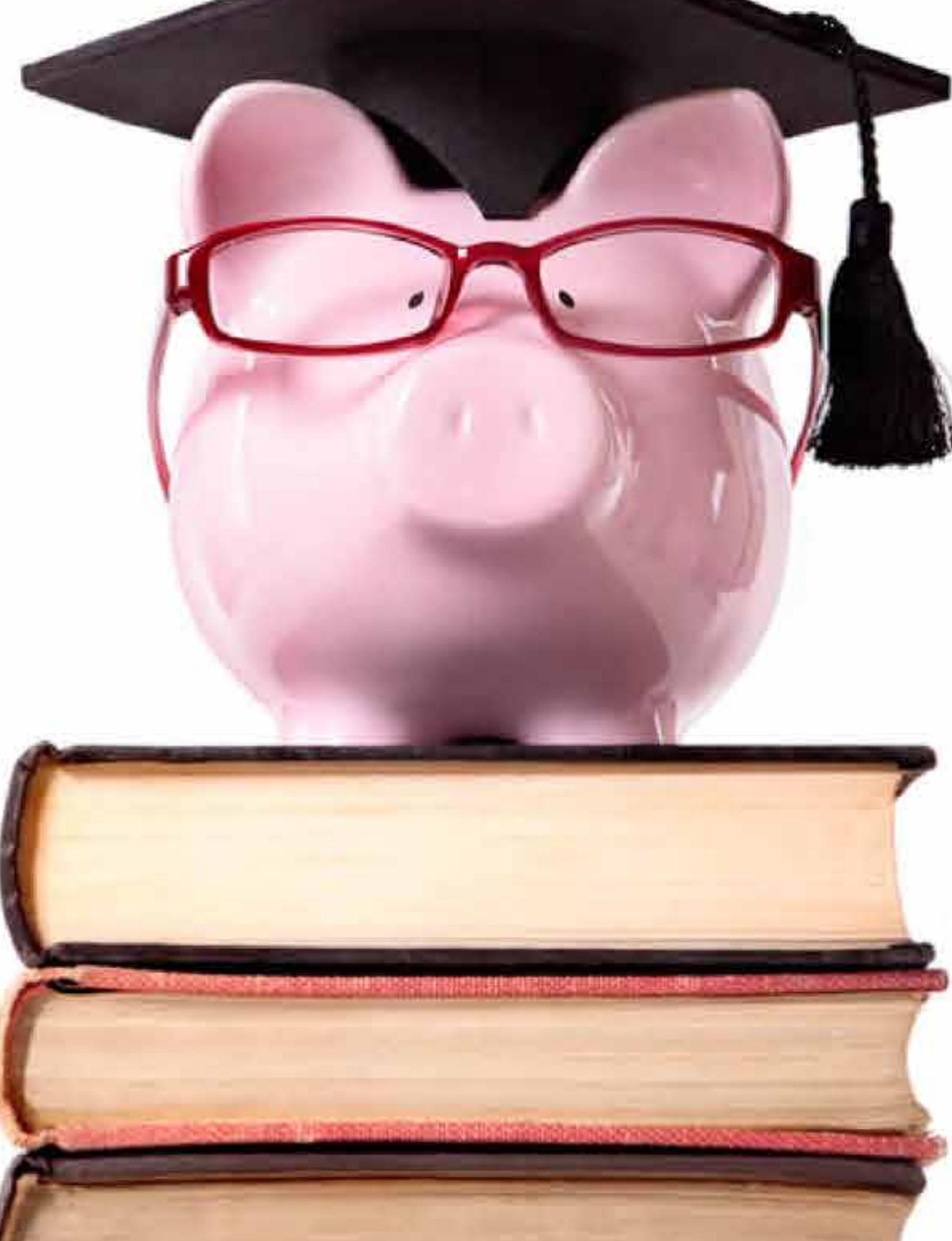
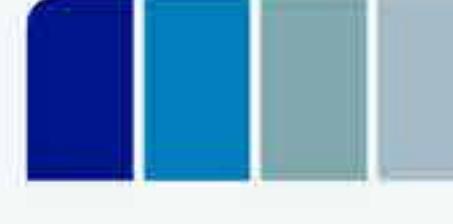
The Metro East Education District's curriculum team engaged in a Mandela Day Initiative and identified Kalkfontein Primary as the school with the greatest need of a feeding programme.

All district officials united to make the initiative a success and to contribute towards the well-being of the learners.

The programme coordinator, Geraldine Kirchner, and her colleagues visited the Kuils River school on Friday, 19 July 2019, where a Mandela Day Commemoration Programme was held.

Contributions were handed over to Allan van Niekerk, the principal of the school, who together with staff and learners expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Metro East District officials are applauded for their combined and sincere effort to better a day in the life of each learner at Kalkfontein Primary School.



WCED to support Hanover Book Drive

As part of Women's Month celebrations, the WCED plans on supporting the Western Cape Government (WCG) Book Drive to restore the community-based libraries of Hanover Park.

The initiative by Premier Alan Winde is part of a larger community project.

We encourage all WCED staff to bring a book to donate. Details

about a group activity to drop off the books at 7 Wale Street Concourse in Cape Town will be announced soon.

So watch this space and dust off those books that you, your family, your children, or your colleagues no longer read. New books are welcome too!



Overberg Education District embarks on values-driven projects

Staff in the Overberg Education District (OED) have been baking up a storm and knitted bed socks and blankets in preparation of their recent values-driven projects. They have also roped in family members and friends to support the various initiatives.

At Mullersrus Primary School in Swellendam, toiletries were distributed amongst the school's learners. Kobus Mike, School Enrichment Officer and OED T2P Champion, reminded the learners about the WCED's mantra and values. Learners were very excited when their hands were painted in

different colours and they were given an opportunity to pledge the values they are going to live out.

A group of OED staff also visited the SOFCA Frail Care Facility and House Lettie Theron in Hermanus.

The OED entourage also visited the Siyazama Service Centre for seniors and a Safe House for children in Zwelihle.

Annalien Crous, Acting Head: Inclusive Specialised Learner Education Support (ISLES), reiterated the importance of the values we live by and how we can teach the same values to our children, leaving them a value-driven legacy.

The homemade cookies and hand knitted bed socks and blankets were distributed amongst the frail and vulnerable senior citizens, children and auxiliary staff who are often overlooked for the critical roles that they play.

CELEBRATING WOMAN'S MONTH

Who is your female role-model? We asked some of our female staff who their role-model is and why?



Nadeya Abrahams
Directorate:
Institutional Management and Governance

Nadeya's female role model is her mother, because she inspires and supports her. She described her mother as her anchor.



Beverley Job-Beziek
Directorate:
Centre for e-Innovation

Beverley's role model is Oprah Winfrey. She says that Oprah didn't allow her circumstances to define who she is. She rose above her circumstances, is empathetic and uses her time, money, fame and past experiences to help others. One of Oprah's quotes that she tries to live by is "The hardest things in life to learn is which bridges to cross and which bridges to burn".



Oriel Bayman

Directorate:

Knowledge and Information Management

Oriel's mother is her role model. Oriel says that her mother inspires her to be a better person. Despite all obstacles her mother encourages her to reach her goals.



Charne Snyders

Directorate:

Infrastructure Delivery Management

As Charne was growing up she saw all the sacrifices her mother made for her, and now that she's a mother herself she knows her mother did it for the love of her children, grandparents favourite.

