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### THE REPORT

This electronic publication is sent to you as a benefit of your membership in Washington State ASCD.

#### **Regional Professional Development Opportunities**

##### **Online Registration – Coming Soon!**

It is our hope that online registration will be available for our upcoming workshops very soon. Watch your email for a Newsflash sometime before the holiday break. In the meantime, registration forms can be filled out and printed from our website, then faxed or mailed to our office in Olympia.

##### **Instructional Coaching Workshop with Pete Hall and Alisa Simeral in Pasco and Spokane in January**

Principal **Pete Hall** and Instructional Coach **Alisa Simeral** will conduct a workshop at **ESD 123 in Pasco on Friday, January 15 and at ESD 101 in Spokane on Saturday, January 16, 2010.** The workshop is entitled, ***Building Teachers’ Capacity for Success: A Framework for Coaches and School Leaders.*** Research has long supported the claim that better teachers lead to higher student achievement. Join award-winning principal Pete Hall and instructional coach Alisa Simeral as they share how to strengthen the effectiveness of teachers and tap into individual potential using the innovative Continuum of Self-Reflection. Walk away with proven tools and strategies that will increase your effectiveness as an instructional leader, engage each of your teachers in meaningful professional learning, and ultimately increase student achievement. Team registrations are available - with 4 paid registrations, the 5<sup>th</sup> one is free. For registration materials for the Pasco workshop, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/1001hallsimeral.pdf>. Spokane registration materials - <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/100111hallsimeral.pdf>.

##### **Debbie Miller to Present Readers’ Workshop in Yakima and Federal Way**

Debbie Miller, renowned author of *Reading with Meaning* (2002) and *Teaching with Intention* (2008), will present a workshop focused on establishing and maintaining a Readers’ Workshop. Participants discuss the structure of a workshop, the importance of explicit teaching and gradually releasing responsibility, as well as the balance between teaching surface structure and deeper structure systems... And will participate in a Readers’ Workshop of their own! The workshop entitled, ***Teaching and Learning in a Readers’ Workshop*** will be presented in at the **Yakima Red Lion on Friday, January 29, and at Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way on Saturday, January 30, 2010.** Team registrations are available - with 4 paid registrations, the 5<sup>th</sup> one is free. For registration materials for the Yakima workshop, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/10129miller.pdf>. Federal Way registration materials - <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/10130miller.pdf>.

##### **WSASCD Hosts PLC Seminar with Dr. Robert Eaker and Janel Keating in Federal Way and Vancouver**

The concept of Professional Learning Communities is an idea whose time has come! Join **Dr. Robert Eaker** and **Janel Keating** will present, ***Professional Learning Communities: What would it Look Like if We Really Meant It?*** at the **Northwest Church in Federal Way on Friday, March 5, and at the Vancouver School of Arts**

**and Academics in Vancouver on Saturday, March 6, 2010.** Team registrations are available - with 4 paid registrations, the 5<sup>th</sup> one is free. For registration materials for the Federal Way workshop, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/1035eakerkeating.pdf>. Vancouver registration materials - <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/1036eakerkeating.pdf>.

### **Reading Workshop with Barry Hoonan in Spokane**

Literacy expert and teacher, **Barry Hoonan**, will conduct a workshop at **Prairie View Elementary in Spokane (Mead School District) on Saturday, April 24, 2009.** The workshop is entitled, ***Creating ACTIVE Readers: Applying Research-Based Comprehension Strategies in Grades 2-8.*** Barry will share lively literature samples, demonstrate how to help readers overcome tricky text, and show how being an active reader makes a significant difference in reading for understanding. Participants will extend their understanding of research on reading comprehension and build on reading strategies that promote asking questions, making connections, inferring and making text visual. Team registrations are available - with 4 paid registrations, the 5<sup>th</sup> one is free. For registration materials, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/10429hoonan.pdf>.

### **PLC Onsite Workshop with Dr. Robert Eaker and Janel Keating and White River School District Staff**

Because of White River's efforts to embed the professional learning community concept on a district-wide basis, the district has received regional and national attention, sparking numerous requests for on-site visits. To accommodate as many visitors as possible, and to provide in-depth information, the White River School district will again be hosting this on-site workshop entitled, ***'District-wide Implementation of Professional Learning Community Concepts'*** at **White River High School on Monday and Tuesday, June 21-22, 2010.** For registration materials, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/10621plcconference.pdf>. Dr. Eaker and Ms. Keating will serve as keynote speakers for the workshop. Participants will also hear from school board members, administrators, faculty and support staff about the work of implementing professional learning community concepts, especially the work of collaborative teams. These "how we do it" sessions will be interactive, with plenty of time for questions and answers. In addition to presentations, participants will observe collaborative teams in action. We are able to accommodate team registrations this year, so with 4 paid registrations, the 5<sup>th</sup> one is free.

### **New PLC Workshop Series to be held in Vancouver and Federal Way – Mark Your Calendars**

Over the next year and a half, WSASCD will sponsor a series of four workshops related to the implementation of Professional Learning Communities. Here's a preview of the series:

- **Dr. Bob Eaker and Janel Keating**, *Professional Learning Communities: What would it Look Like if We Really Meant It?*
  - Friday, March 5, 2010 – Federal Way
  - Saturday, March 6, 2010 – Vancouver
- **Sharon Kramer**, *Common Formative Assessments: A High Leverage Strategy to Increase Learning*
  - Monday, August 16, 2010 – Vancouver
  - Tuesday, August 17, 2010 – Federal Way
- **Mike Mattos**, *Pyramid Response to Intervention: RTI, PLCs, and How to Respond When Students Don't Learn*
  - Friday, November 12, 2010 – Federal Way
  - Saturday, November 13, 2010 - Vancouver
- **Pete Hall and Alisa Simeral**, *Building Teachers' Capacity for Success: A Framework for Coaches and Instructional Leaders*
  - Friday, January 14, 2011 – Federal Way
  - Saturday, January 15, 2011 – Vancouver

We hope you'll join us for one session or all of them! Team registrations will be available for all sessions in the series.

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## **Association News**

**New Blog - WSASCD Wants to Hear From You**

The WSASCD Board of Directors is very interested in all that is happening with technology in our schools. Join the conversation by contributing to our blog located at <http://www.wsascd.org/2009/11/november-critical-question.html>. We want to know how you are using technology tools in your classroom and/or in your school.

### **Online Learning – Have you tried it?**

Online learning is another new interest area for WSASCD. Please respond to the poll on our homepage at [www.wsascd.org](http://www.wsascd.org) to let us know if you have ever taken an online course.

### **Critical Question: What Challenges Does a Teacher Leader Face?**

**Carol Mahoney** became an instructional facilitator two years ago in Cheney School District. Click on <http://www.wsascd.org/critques/09nov.pdf> to read about Carol's experiences as she works with teachers to improve their practice. Thank you, Carol, for your insights!

### **New Critical Question: In the Information Era, How Do We Ensure that Students are Engaged in Critical Learning Activities?**

With more and more technology tools becoming available, how are schools and classrooms adapting; and more importantly, are we using these tools to prepare students for their future? As a Technology Integration Specialist for ESD 101, **Brent Howard** continually looks at practical applications for the tools that become available. Read **Brent's** article located at <http://www.wsascd.org/critques/09nov1.pdf> to spur your thinking about this topic. Then go to the blog on our website, <http://www.wsascd.org/2009/11/november-critical-question.html> and contribute your own thoughts on the subject.

### **Invest in the Whole Child**

Common sense and research tell us that to do well academically, students must be healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. To help ensure that all students have the necessary supports to learn at high levels, become a Whole Child Advocate. Go to <http://www.wholechildeducation.org/> to (1) Sign ASCD's New Learning Compact for the Whole Child; (2) Rate your own school and community and see how well they stack up; (3) Share your story; and (4) Learn more about the challenges facing kids today and how other communities are responding to these challenges.

### **Join us in San Antonio for the ASCD Annual Conference**

The ASCD Annual Conference theme of Critical Transformations is perfect for these challenging times. Join us March 6-8, 2010 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas for a great conference. Early Bird Registration ends December 8<sup>th</sup>. To register, go to [http://www.ascd.org/conferences/annual\\_conference/2010.aspx](http://www.ascd.org/conferences/annual_conference/2010.aspx).

### **Washington State Educators Serving ASCD**

ASCD provides opportunities for educators from our affiliate to be involved in the work of ASCD. **Dr. Becky Cooke**, (Mead School District) serves on the ASCD Board of Directors, serving as one of 21 members from around the country charged with implementing the Association's policies, programs, and services consistent with the Association's values and beliefs. Because ASCD is international, Becky has visited Singapore, Thailand and Vancouver, BC to observe firsthand what is happening in schools. **Tim Nootenboom** (Central Valley School District) and **Kathy Clayton** (WSASCD) serve on the ASCD Leadership Council, meeting to provide valuable input to the association. **Dr. Joshua Garcia** (Federal Way Public Schools) served on the committee at the national-level to develop the 2009 Legislative Agenda for ASCD.

### **Washington State Authors for ASCD**

Congratulations to **Sandi Everlove** (TeachFirst - Seattle) and her co-authors, **Nancy Frey** and **Doug Fisher** (San Diego State University) for their new ASCD publication entitled, **Productive Group Work**. The authors show how to make all group work *productive* group work, with all students engaged in the academic content and with one another, building valuable social skills, consolidating and extending their knowledge, and

increasing their readiness for independent learning.

Congratulations also to **Pete Hall** (Spokane Public Schools) and his co-author **Alisa Simeral** (Washoe County School District - Reno) for their ASCD publication entitled, ***Building Teachers' Capacity for Success***. Pete and Alisa share their innovative Continuum of Self-Reflection and a feedback-focused walk-through model, offering a differentiated approach to instructional coaching and supervision centered on identifying and nurturing teachers' individual strengths to support their professional growth. Pete and Alisa will present a session for WSASCD in Pasco and one in Spokane in January.

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## **2009 Annual Conference Review**

### **Thank you Conference Committee**

With the co-leadership of **Vince Blausler** and **Forrest Griek**, both of Federal Way Public Schools, we had a fabulous conference on October 9-10, 2009 at the Seattle Doubletree Hotel. Other members of our hard-working conference committee were: **Greg Borgerding, Christine Corbley, Deborah Holcomb, Marty Kay, Gary Keeler, Erin LaVerdiere, Marti Shefvland, Kimberly Mueller, Janet Regge, Merri Rieger and Adam Uhler.**

### **Thank you OSPI**

WSASCD was pleased to partner with OSPI for our recent conference. Many thanks go to **Dr. Alan Burke** and **Jessica Vavrus** for their support in planning the OSPI sessions for the conference. Also appreciated were the sessions presented by **AnnRene Joseph, Kelly Martin, Mary McClellan, Gilda Wheeler, Greta Bornemann, Lesley Eicher, Lisa Rakoz** and **Angie Mangiantini**. We look forward to working together for the 2010 Annual Conference in Spokane.

### **OYEA and State Recognition Award Winners**

Congratulations to all the winners of our state awards. All award winners are pictured on our website at <http://www.wsascd.org/index.htm>. Many thanks to **Scott Seaman**, Tumwater High School principal, for chairing the Awards selection process. Most appreciated was the sponsorship of the Outstanding Young Educator Award by the **McGraw Hill School Education Group**. They provided a \$2000 award to this year's recipient, **John Norlin** from Sumner High School.

### **Conference Concurrent Sessions**

Thank you to the presenters of our concurrent sessions. Please remember that presentation materials are available on the Practitioner's Best Friend page of our website at <http://www.wsascd.org/practitioner/index.htm>. If you'd like to present at the 2010 Annual Conference, look for the 'Call for Proposals' to be posted to our website in March.

### **Keynote Speaker, Dr. Andy Hargreaves a Big Success**

Many thanks to the **Dr. Jim Hager** and the **National Training Network** for their sponsorship of **Dr. Andy Hargreaves**. His keynote presentation took us to a higher level of thinking about our work as educators - stressing the importance of attracting and retaining high-quality teachers, creating lively learning communities and promoting sustainable leadership.

### **Many Thanks to LeeAnn Alfano and Joshua Dawson for Saturday Keynote Address**

There wasn't a dry eye in the room after Western Washington University student, **Josh Dawson**, told his life story of being a homeless child in the southwestern Washington area. He credits his high school English teacher, **LeeAnn Alfano**, as the person who believed in him, pushed him and held him accountable - making it possible for him to graduate from White River High School. Mrs. Alfano spoke and reminded us that there are hundreds of Josh's in our state who deserve our guidance and support. LeeAnn continues to provide support for Josh, encouraging me often with his studies at WWU. Josh hopes to graduate and become a teacher. WSASCD was delighted to award Josh Dawson with a

\$1,000 scholarship toward his education.

### **Saturday Action Labs Covered a Wide Range of Topics**

We were fortunate to have exceptional presenters for our full day sessions on Saturday.

- **Dr. Alan Burke and Jessica Vavrus** – *K-12 Education Agenda for Change: State Curriculum Resources and Updates*, sponsored by **OSPI**.
- **Pete Hall and Alisa Simeral** – *Building Teachers' Capacity for Success: A Framework for Coaches and Instructional Leaders*, sponsored by **Seattle Pacific University**.
- **Lynn Fielding** – *Preventing the Kindergarten Readiness Gap*.
- **Mike Mattos** – *Pyramid Response to Intervention: RTI, PLCs, and How to Respond When Students Don't Learn*.
- **Dr. Sharon Kramer** – *Common Formative Assessments: A High Leverage Strategy to Increase Learning*.
- **'The Sisters' Gail Boushey and Joan Moser** – *A Simple Structure to Accelerate Learning through Independence, High Achievement, and Focused, Productive Instruction*, sponsored by **Seattle University**.

### **Save the Date – 2010 Annual Conference in Spokane**

WSASCD is pleased to be co-sponsoring the Annual Conference with OPSI and WAEYC (Washington Association for the Education of Young Children) next year. Conference co-chairs **Sean Dotson** (Cheney Public Schools) and **Brent Howard** (ESD 101) invite you to attend. This conference **does not** take place on the state curriculum day next year. The conference entitled, *Looking Through the Kaleidoscope: Focusing on the Learner*, will take place at the **Spokane Convention Center** on **October 15-16, 2010**. Please help us spread the good news!

### **Other News**

#### **Grant Opportunity from WAEYC**

WAEYC (Washington Association for the Education of Young Children) is offering several \$500 mentorship grants to help nurture partnerships between Early Childhood Special Education programs and community-based childhood programs. All district-based Early Childhood Special Education programs are eligible; a maximum of three districts in each ESD will be selected. Applicants must select a partner program that serves 3- to 5-year olds and provides, or is interested in providing, an inclusive environment. For grant information, click on [http://www.waeyc.org/documents/Inclusion/2009-10 Dyad App.pdf](http://www.waeyc.org/documents/Inclusion/2009-10%20Dyad%20App.pdf) or call Luella Bechtold at (253)854-2565. The deadline for applications is **December 18, 2009**.

#### **Holiday Shopping through Amazon?**

If you're planning on shopping online through Amazon.com, if you go through our website at [www.wsascd.org](http://www.wsascd.org) to shop, a portion of the transaction will benefit our association.

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