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Regional Professional Development Opportunities

WSASCD Offers Team Pricing for All Regional Workshops

WSASCD is committed to the concept that educators learn best when they attend professional development activities as members of a team. For each of our regional workshops, if four people register as a team, a fifth person can attend free. If, however, the fifth person is not a WSASCD member, he/she will need to pay the \$50 membership fee. Team pricing is not available for our Annual Conference because of the high cost of hosting such an event.

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** as they present, *Professional Learning Communities: What would it Look Like if We Really Meant It?* For the seminar that will take place at **Silver Lake Elementary in Federal Way on Friday, March 5, 2010**, go to <http://www.wasacoly.org/source/meetings/EventRegistration/team/details.cfm?event=WSMAR5&hideadmin=true>.

For the PLC seminar at the **Vancouver School for Arts and Academics on Saturday, March 6, 2010**, go to <http://www.wasacoly.org/source/meetings/EventRegistration/team/details.cfm?event=WSMAR6&hideadmin=true>.

WSASCD Hosts ‘Creating ACTIVE Readers’ Workshop with Barry Hoonan in Spokane

Join **Barry Hoonan** as he presents, *Creating ACTIVE Readers: Applying Research-Based Comprehension Strategies in Grades 2-8* at **Prairie View Elementary on Saturday, April 24, 2010**. Registration materials are available at <http://www.wasacoly.org/source/meetings/EventRegistration/team/details.cfm?event=WSAPR24&hideadmin=true>.

Back by Popular Demand - WSASCD Sponsors White River School District’s On-Site Workshop related to Professional Learning Community Concepts

Because of White River’s efforts to embed professional learning community concepts 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 be hosting this 2-day event at **White River High School on Monday and Tuesday, June 21-22, 2010**. Registration materials are available at <http://www.wasacoly.org/source/meetings/EventRegistration/team/details.cfm?event=WSPLC10&hideadmin=true>.

Need Help with Online Registration? Here's the Process...

- When you click on an online registration link, you will be guided to a page on the WASA website.
- You will be prompted for your login, or you may select the option to search for your email address. Your login is your work email address and your password is last four initials of your last name + first two initials of your first name. Example: Mary Davis password would be davima. Passwords are not case sensitive.
- If your login email is found, but your password does not work: please click "Forgot password". You will be sent a link to your email to select a new password.
- If your login information is not found: You will have the option to try again or "create an instant access web account". Please proceed to set up an access account. You will then have access to register for future WSASCD events.
- You may register multiple persons in your district using the online registration system. The list of names in your district is listed alpha by first name. If you need to register someone who is not listed, choose the "Add" option at the bottom of the list. You will be prompted for the registrant's information.
- Please contact Laura Holden at 360.357.9535 if you need assistance with your log in or online registration.

PLC Workshop Series to be held in Vancouver and Federal Way

During the next year, WSASCD will sponsor a series of four workshops related to the implementation of Professional Learning Community concepts. 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! For more information, check out our website at www.wsascd.org. Team registrations will be available for all sessions in the series.

2010 State Recognition and Outstanding Young Educator Awards

Nominations Window

Nominations are now open for our State Recognition awards, as well as the Outstanding Young Educator Award. The deadline for nominations is April 15th. All recipients will be honored during the WSASCD-OSPI-WAEYC Annual Conference luncheon at the Spokane Convention Center on October 15, 2010. Many thanks to the Awards Committee, co-chaired by **Jason Thompson**, Newport School District superintendent, and **Jason Smith**, principal of Adelaide Elementary in Federal Way.

State Recognition Awards

There are eight State Recognition awards in three categories – Individual, Program, Team and Community Partner. Nominations must be made by a WSASCD member. For nomination information, go <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/stawrdsnom.pdf>.

Outstanding Young Educator Award (OYEA)

The Washington State ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award nominee is an education professional, 40 years of age or younger, who demonstrates exemplary commitment and exceptional contribution to the profession. The OYEA winner will receive a check for \$2,000, provided by a generous donation from McGraw Hill School Education Group, at the annual conference. The winner will also receive Washington State and International ASCD Memberships, and a complimentary subscription of *Curriculum in Context* for their school library. For nomination information, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/oyea.html>.

2010 WSASCD-OSPI-WAEYC Annual Conference

Looking through the Kaleidoscope: Focusing on the Learner

Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16

Annual Conference Co-Sponsored by OSPI and WAEYC

You are invited to the **2010 WSASCD-OSPI-WAEYC Annual Conference**, scheduled for October 15-16, 2010, at the Spokane Convention Center. **Washington State ASCD** will be co-sponsoring with the **Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)** and the **Washington Association for the Education of Young Children (WAEYC)**. WAEYC will begin the conference on Wednesday, October 13 and WSASCD and OSPI will join them on Friday, October 15. The exhibits will be open from Thursday through Saturday, October 14-16. This outstanding venue will attract educators from all over the region.

Thank you 2010 Conference Committee

With the co-leadership of **Sean Dotson** (Cheney) and **Brent Howard** (ESD 101), plans are underway for our Annual Conference. Registration materials will be available in April. Other members of our hard-working conference committee are: **Bonnie Bantis** (Deer Park), **Karen Bromps** (West Valley-Spokane), **Erika Burden** (Cheney), **Robyn Davis** (West Valley-Spokane), **Joann Ekstrom** (Spokane), **Matt Miller** (Mead), **Bill Motsenbocker** (Liberty), **Mandi Poindexter** (Nine Mile Falls), **Sue Rasmussen** (Central Valley), **Sharon Robinson** (Spokane), **Mark St. Clair** (Nine Mile Falls), and **Debbie Tully** (Whitworth University).

Conference Concurrent Sessions

The **'Call for Proposals'** is now available at <http://www.wsascd.org/10conf/clfrprpls.pdf>. The deadline for proposals is April 30, 2010. Individuals, schools, districts, and other educational institutions are invited to submit proposals for presentations related to our conference theme. Session proposals should relate to one or more of the following strands: *Interventions, Assessment/Grading, Technology for Learning, Global Citizenship, Leadership, Student Motivation, Schools of Character, Inquiry-Based Instruction, Active Learning, Collaborative Inquiry, Effective Collaboration Models, and Closing the Achievement Gap.* Proposals that promote a product or service will not be accepted. We appreciate the time and effort that people put into their proposals.

Conference Exhibits

This year, we will have an extended time for our vendors to exhibit their products and services. The exhibits will be open from Thursday through Saturday, October 14-16, 2010. This will enable the WAEYC participants to visit the exhibits the day before the official start of the WSASCD-OSPI part of the conference. **Exhibit Application Materials** will be available on our website at <http://www.wsascd.org> on March 1. The deadline for applications is Friday, August, 15, 2010.

Michael Gurian to Serve as Keynote Speaker for Friday Program

Join us on Friday, October 15 as **Michael Gurian** presents an inspirational, practical, and humorous presentation related to ***How to Help our Sons and Daughters Do Their Best in School and Life.***

Michael Gurian is the author of *The Purpose of Boys, Leadership and the Sexes, Nurture the Nature, The Minds of Boys, The Wonder of Boys, Boys and Girls Learn Differently!* and *The Wonder of Girls*.

Action Labs for Saturday Institute Program

Eight outstanding full-day sessions are offered for our Saturday Institute.

- **Dr. Alan Burke and Jessica Vavrus** will present '*K-12 Agenda for Change: OSPI Updates.*'
- **Dr. Jeanine Butler and Brent Morrison** will present a session on '*Standards-Based Grading and the Role of Formative Assessment.*'
- **Dr. Tammy Campbell** will present '*Closing the Achievement Gap through Powerful Pedagogy.*'
- **Nancy Cole Hough** will present '*Managing Discipline in the Classroom.*'
- **Adie Goldberg** will present '*Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls at the Elementary Level.*'
- **Glenda Sederstrom** will present '*The RTI System: Effective Practices that Guide Instructional Decisions for Every Learner.*'
- **Dr. Kathy Stevens** will present '*Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls at the Secondary Level.*'
- **Dr. Charlene Young** will present a session related to '*Autism and Bi-Polar Disorder.*'

Registration information will be available at www.wsascd.org in April.

WSASCD Association News

WSASCD Co-Sponsors State Schools of Character Award

Washington State ASCD, Whitworth University and Leadership Innovations Team have come together to sponsor the State Schools of Character (SSOC) award in our state. The SSOC award is an extension of the National Schools of Character (NSOC) program sponsored by the Character Education Partnership (CEP) in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Schools of Character award is to identify schools that successfully implement any model of comprehensive, quality character education. The recipient of this prestigious award will be honored at the WSASCD-OSPI-WAEYC Annual Conference on Friday, October 15, 2010. Many thanks to **Dave Colombini** (WSASCD), **Heather Knight** (LIT), **Dr. Sharon Mowry** and **Debbie Tully** (Whitworth) for their leadership in bringing this fine program to Washington State.

Thank you Curriculum in Context Co-Editors

Many thanks to **Dr. Jim Howard** (Washington State University), **Dr. Gene Sementi** (West Valley – Spokane) and **Dr. Becky Cooke** (Mead) for their expert editorship of our Fall 2009/Winter 2010 *Curriculum in Context* entitled, *Moving from Success to Significance*. The selection of articles was outstanding. Our co-editors are working on a special electronic version of the journal for this spring. Stay tuned...

Watch for WSASCD Board of Directors Election

Our Nominations Committee has developed a great slate of candidates for our 2010 election. As you may know, we run our board positions unopposed. Our nominations committee seeks out a slate of candidates that will maintain a strong balance on the Board of Directors with regard to job roles, age, gender, and ethnicity. Our commitment is to guarantee this balance. The ballot will be available through our March 1 Newsflash. You will see candidates representing the **ESD 123 region, ESD 171 region, ESD 114 region,** and the **ESD 121 South region**. We will also be voting for **President-elect** and our **ASCD Representative**. After this year's election, our Board of Directors will have representation from every ESD region in Washington State.

Minutes of Board of Director Meetings

Want to learn more about the work of the fabulous WSASCD Board of Directors? The minutes of WSASCD Board Meetings can be viewed at <http://wsascd.org/minutes.htm>.

International ASCD News

ASCD Annual Conference in San Antonio

The Annual Conference & Exhibit Show will take place in San Antonio, Texas March 6-8, 2010. If you plan to be there, look for WSASCD president **Josh Garcia**, board member **Tim Nootenboom**, and executive director, **Kathy Clayton** at the Welcome Reception on Friday, March 5th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Ballroom C, Third Level of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. We'd love to see you there! For registration information, go to <http://www.ascd.org/annualconference>.

Washington State Educators Presenting at ASCD Annual Conference

WSASCD is proud of the educators who will present at the prestigious ASCD Conference in San Antonio. Presenters from Washington State are: **Harvey Alvy**, Eastern Washington University, Cheney; **Bill Blokker**, *Literacy First, Mill Creek*; **Karen Cowan**, *Focused Fitness, Spokane*; **David LaRose**, *South Kitsap School District, Port Orchard*; **Paula Leitz**, *Pacific Lutheran University, Gig Harbor*; **Peter Hall**, *Spokane Public Schools*; **Regie Routman**, *Seattle*; **Forrest Clark and Elizabeth Clark**, *North Thurston Public Schools, Lacey*; **Betty Garner**, *Aesthetic of Lifelong Learning, Gig Harbor*; **Tara Richerson**, *Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia*; **Margery Ginsberg**, *University of Washington, Seattle*; **Cathy Thompson**, *Seattle Public Schools*; **Joshua Garcia**, **Shawn Simpson**, and **Angie Neville**, *Federal Way Public Schools*; **Ron MacDonald and Linda Keller MacDonald**, *Model Secondary Schools Project, Bellevue*. Thank you also to **Dr. Joshua Garcia**, for serving on the planning committee for this conference!

Thank You Dr. Becky Cooke, Member, ASCD Board of Directors

The 2010 ASCD Annual Conference marks the end of **Dr. Becky Cooke's** three-year term on the ASCD Board of Directors. As a board member, Becky has provided valuable input related to ASCD's mission to improve learning, teaching, and leadership. Thank you, Becky!! WSASCD is proud of your involvement and commitment!

Whole Child Resources to Help Your School and Community Make the Grade

ASCD is committed to providing resources that will support you and your community, as you work to ensure that each child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. The "Grade Your School Tool" will help you move your community toward this goal by providing a snapshot of your community's strengths and weaknesses. For further info go to: www.wholechildeducation.org. Grade your school and community today!

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.

Tell YOUR Whole Story

We'd love to hear from you! If you have a Whole Story about your school or district that can be highlighted to encourage and affirm others, please email **Kathy Clayton** at kclaytonascd@gmail.com.

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