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## THE REPORT

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This Newsflash is a benefit of your membership in Washington State ASCD.

### Regional Professional Development Opportunities

#### Instructional Coaching Workshop for Principals, Instructional Coaches and Teacher Leaders with Pete Hall and Alisa Simeral to Be Held in Federal Way and Vancouver in January



Thanks to our co-sponsorship with the **Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP)**, Principal **Pete Hall** and Instructional Coach **Alisa Simeral** will conduct a workshop at **Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way on Friday, January 28 and at Bates Center for Educational Leadership in Vancouver on Saturday, January 29, 2011.** 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 Federal Way workshop, go to [http://www.wsascd.org/Hall\\_Simeral\\_Registration\\_FedWay.pdf](http://www.wsascd.org/Hall_Simeral_Registration_FedWay.pdf).
- Vancouver registration materials - [http://www.wsascd.org/Hall\\_Simeral\\_Vancouver.pdf](http://www.wsascd.org/Hall_Simeral_Vancouver.pdf).
- You can register online for either workshop at <http://www.wasa-oly.org/Building>

#### Rick Wormeli to Present Workshop on Differentiation and Grading in Vancouver, Spokane and Federal Way in February



**Rick Wormeli**, renowned author of *Meet Me in the Middle*, as well as the best-selling books, *Day One and Beyond*, *Fair Isn’t Always Equal: Assessment and Grading in the Differentiated Classroom*, *Differentiation: From Planning to Practice, Grades 6-12*, *Metaphors & Analogies: Power Tools for Teaching any Subject*, will present a workshop focused on basic elements of differentiated lessons, including tips on their design, flexible grouping, the role of formative assessment, and cognitive science principles. The burning issues in grading will be explored, including what to do about zeroes on the 100-point scale, averaging, late work, alternative assessments and scales, homework, unidimensionality, re-do’s, gradebooks, students with IEP’s, and other concerns.

The workshop entitled, ***Differentiated Instruction and Grading: Fair Isn't Always Equal*** will be presented at the following locations. **Team registrations are available - with 4 paid registrations, the 5<sup>th</sup> one is free.**

- ***ESD 112 in Vancouver on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Co-sponsored by ESD 112.*** For registration materials for the Vancouver workshop, go to [http://www.wsascd.org/Wormeli\\_Form\\_2\\_23\\_11\\_Vancouver.pdf](http://www.wsascd.org/Wormeli_Form_2_23_11_Vancouver.pdf)
- ***The Luxury Box in Spokane Valley on Thursday, February 24, 2011, Co-sponsored by NEW ESD 101.*** For registration materials for the Spokane workshop, go to [http://www.wsascd.org/downloads/Wormeli\\_Form\\_2\\_24\\_11\\_Spokane\\_opt.pdf](http://www.wsascd.org/downloads/Wormeli_Form_2_24_11_Spokane_opt.pdf).
- ***Lakota Middle School in Federal Way on Friday, February 25, 2011, Co-sponsored by Federal Way Public Schools.*** For registration materials for the Federal Way workshop, go to [http://www.wsascd.org/Wormeli\\_Form\\_2\\_25\\_11\\_Federal\\_Way.pdf](http://www.wsascd.org/Wormeli_Form_2_25_11_Federal_Way.pdf).

### **PLC Onsite Workshop in White River a Huge Success**

Many thanks to **Dr. Bob Eaker, Janel Keating and White River School District** for hosting the onsite workshop related to Professional Learning Communities in September. For an outstanding article on '*Reculturing Schools to Become Professional Learning Communities*' by Dr. Eaker and Ms. Keating, see page 7 in our Fall 2009/Winter 2010 issue of Curriculum in Context, located on our website at [http://wsascd.org/incurriculum\\_in\\_context%2F2009\\_Fall.pdf](http://wsascd.org/incurriculum_in_context%2F2009_Fall.pdf).

### **Participants Value Mike Mattos' Workshop on Pyramid Response to Intervention**

Thanks to Federal Way Public Schools and Vancouver Public Schools, WSASCD hosted two successful RTI workshops. Mike Mattos provided information on how to create a systematic intervention program that is highly effective and aligned with Response to Intervention (RTI) guidelines. We look forward to offering RTI workshops in the future that focus on next steps, including building a tiered system of interventions and a practical look at universal screening and progress monitoring, and using common assessment data to drive interventions.

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## **Association News**

### **Critical Question: Can We Solve Today's Educational Issues without Training Teachers in How to Teach Boys Effectively?"**



**Michael Gurian** served as our keynote speaker at the recent Annual Conference and provided compelling research on learning for boys and girls. Please read Michael Gurian's article at [November 2010 Critical Question](#). Thank you, Michael, for your insights!

### **Blog for Educators - WSASCD Wants to Hear From You**

**Michael Gurian** believes strongly that by using strategies that engage boys, their learning will improve along with their test scores. What strategies have you used that have increased the involvement and engagement of boys in your classroom? Please respond to our blog at [Critical Question Blog](#).

## 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 Francisco for the ASCD Annual Conference



Early Bird Registration ends January 12th. To register, click on [Annual Conference](#)

## Washington State Educators Serving ASCD

ASCD provides opportunities for educators from our affiliate to be involved in the work of ASCD. **Dr. Becky Cooke**, (Deer Park School District) and **Dr. Joshua Garcia** (Federal Way Public Schools) served on the committee at the national-level to develop the 2010 Legislative Agenda for ASCD. **Tim Nootenboom** (Central Valley School District) and **Janet Regge** (Renton School District) serve on the ASCD Leadership Council, meeting to provide valuable input to the association. **Kathy Clayton** (WSASCD) 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, Kathy visited Argentina this fall to observe firsthand what is happening in schools.

## Washington State Author for ASCD

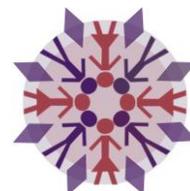


Congratulations to **Dr. Harvey Alvy** (EWU) and his co-author, **Pam Robbins** for their new ASCD publication entitled, *Learning from Lincoln: Leadership Practices for School Success*. The authors identify 10 qualities, attributes, and skills that help to explain Lincoln's effectiveness as a leader; then discuss the implications for modern educators. **Dr. Alvy** will present a full-day Action Lab on this topic at our 2011 Annual Conference in Seattle next October.

## 2010 Annual Conference Review

### Thank you Conference Committee

With the co-leadership of **Brent Howard** (NEW ESD 101) and **Sean Dotson** (Cheney Public Schools), we had a fabulous conference on October 15-16, 2010 at the Spokane Convention Center. Other members of our hard-working conference committee were: **Erika Burden** (Cheney PS), **Robyn Davis** (West Valley SD), **Joann Ekstrom** (retired), **Matt Miller** (Mead SD), **Brian Moore** (Pullman SD), **Bill Motsenbocker** (Liberty SD), **Mandi Poindexter** (Medical Lake SD), **Sue Rasmussen** (Central Valley SD), **Bonnie Remington** (Deer Park SD), **Sharon Robinson** (Spokane PS), **Mark St. Clair** (Nine Mile Falls SD), and **Debbie Tully** (Whitworth University).



## Conference Photos Available

Thanks to Nigel Henderson, Spokane Valley High School student, and Leo's Photography, we have quite a collection of photos from the Annual Conference.

- [Award Winners](#)
- [Exhibits](#)
- [Friday General Session](#)
- [Learning Sessions](#)
- [Saturday Luncheon](#)

## 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 conference. Also appreciated were the sessions presented by **Ann Banks, Kelli Bohanon, Greta Bornemann, Shannon Edwards, Nikki Elliott-Schuman, Susan Johnson, Janice Kelly, Cheryl Lydon, Julie Wagner, Gilda Wheeler** and **Cheryl Young**. We look forward to working together for the 2011 Annual Conference in Seattle.



## Thank you WAEYC

Thanks to our partnership with the Washington Association for the Education of Young Children, our conference offered many more sessions related to educating pre-school children. Many thanks to Executive Director **Agda Burchard** and her fine staff for all the planning and preparation that went into the conference. WSASCD was pleased to partner with OSPI for our recent conference.



## 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/awards>. Many thanks to **Jason Thompson**, Newport School District superintendent, and Jason Smith, principal in Federal Way Public Schools, 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, **Brandon Mack** from Central Valley 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 [Practitioner's Best Friend](#). If you'd like to present at the 2011 Annual Conference, look for the 'Call for Proposals' to be posted to our website in March.

## Keynote Speaker, Michael Gurian a Big Success

Many thanks to the **Dr. Jim Hager** and the **National Training Network** for their sponsorship of **Michael Gurian**. His keynote presentation took us to a higher level of thinking about how children learn - stressing the importance of understanding brain development of boys and girls and using strategies that engage them. For more information about this subject, visit [www.gurianinstitute.com](http://www.gurianinstitute.com) or see the November issue of ASCD's Educational Leadership. **Michael Gurian's** article, co-authored with **Kelley King** and **Kathy Stevens** entitled, Gender-Friendly Schools, explores strategies that help districts, schools, and teachers close opportunity gaps to turn around low-performing schools. Michael Gurian can be reached at

[michaelgurian@comcast.net](mailto:michaelgurian@comcast.net).

### Many Thanks to WAEYC for hosting Jose-Luiz Orozco's Saturday Presentation

WSASCD conference attendees experienced a different type of program on Saturday than is typical. **Jose-Luiz Orozco** shared many Latin American songs for young children that had the audience singing and dancing. Thank you to WAEYC for providing a different experience for us.

### 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**.
- **Dr. Jeanine Butler and Brent Morrison** – *Standards-Based Grading and the Role of Formative Assessment*, sponsored by **GlobalScholar**.
- **Dr. Tammy Campbell** – *Closing the Achievement Gap through Powerful Pedagogy*, sponsored by **Lexia Learning**.
- **Adie Goldberg** – *Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls at the Elementary Level*, sponsored by **PCS**.
- **Nancy Cole Hough** – *Time to Teach: Strategies for Managing Discipline in the Classroom*, sponsored by **Seattle University**.
- **Glenda Sederstrom** – *The RTI System: Effective Practices that Guide Instructional Decisions for Every Learner*, sponsored by **Northeast Washington ESD 101**.
- **Kathy Stevens** – *The Adolescent Brain: A Work in Progress*, sponsored by **Seattle Pacific University**.
- **Charlene Young** – *Solving the Sensory Processing Puzzle for Students Diagnosed with Autism and Bipolar*, sponsored by **Whitworth University**.

### Save the Date – 2011 Annual Conference in Seattle



WSASCD is pleased to continue our co-sponsorship with OSPI for the Annual Conference next year. Conference co-chairs **Marti Shefeland** (Kent School District) and **Janet Regge** (Renton School District) invite you to attend. The conference entitled, *Hope for Tomorrow: Change for Today*, will take place at the **Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport** on **October 14-15, 2011**. Please help us spread the good news!

### WSASCD Partners

#### WSASCD Partner, PCS Edventures, Sponsors Free Webinar on "Funding Strategies for STEM Education"

Government leaders, employers, and educators agree... our schools are not graduating enough students who have the problem-solving and collaborative skills they need to compete in a global economy. The cry for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) instructional techniques is growing louder. Is the current school budget crisis going to get in the way of this priority? Is there a reliable source of the funds you need to buy STEM curricular materials and for teacher professional development? Join us for a **FREE Online Moderated Discussion this Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PST**. For more information, go to <http://www.plcelearning.com/STEM>.



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