

NWESD Coordinator Updates

November

Science

OSPI Science Fellows

- See separate Fellows informational handout.

Upcoming Workshops

- Deep Dive Into the Next Generation Science Standards - 12/15, 1/26, 2/25, 3/22, 5/25 & 6/28. All sessions are here at NWESD and are from 8:30AM-3:30PM
- Making Students' Thinking Visible - 3/16/16 - at NWESD from 9:00AM -3:30PM
- Engineering Solutions for Student Problems - K-5 - 3/2/16 at NWESD from 9:00AM - 3:30 PM
- Engineering Solutions for Student Problems - 6-12 - 3/3/16 at NWESD from 9:00AM - 3:30 PM

English and Language Arts

OSPI Assessment

- The Assessment Viewing Application (AVA) is now live on the Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program (WCAP) portal. This allows teachers to view the interim assessments using a student view. One of the issues that was difficult for teachers last year was the inability to actually see the types of reading passages and questions their students were being asked until students logged in to take the interim assessments. This application solves that problem and will support teachers in better understanding which interim blocks to assign as well as gaining a clear understanding of the testing environment.

Fellows

- 15 ELA Fellows attend their first Fellows convening on October 27. We focused on leadership and our content goal: *The ELA fellows will grow their instructional practice in the area of writing, specifically with drawing evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis and reflection.* Fellows should be working with their administrator to craft their Action Plan. Our next Fellows convening is December 8.

Literacy Learning Network (LLN)

- We have completed 2 sessions, with 40-50 teachers and administrators attending each session. Our focus has been on better understanding the Fundamentals of Learning by Margaret Heritage et al and topics including close reading, the SBA informational writing performance task and Smarter Balanced writing rubric, specific feedback, and strategies to promote student engagement and effective discussions. Our next LLN session is December 7.

Upcoming Workshops

- Academic Language Development: Dec. 3 and January 14 [[Registration](#)]
- Opinion Writing in the Elementary Classroom: Jan. 28 *Registration coming soon*
- Integrating Close Reading into What You Already Teach: *Date and registration coming soon*
- Units of Study - Writing; coming June, 2016!

Mathematics

OSPI

- The WA State Legislature has provided funding for each high school math teacher in the state to receive 6 hours of professional development to support student learning and improve student performance in mathematics (and for biology teachers). The funding pays for teachers' time to participate in the professional development via a stipend or paying for a substitute.

Course Description

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to instructional routines that can be implemented in their classrooms immediately to support student learning through discourse by making student thinking visible. Participants will engage in learning experiences in that model how to introduce and revisit rich tasks to build conceptual understanding and deepen students' mathematical ideas.

Fellows

- Fellows met October 27th and follow-up memo was sent to supporting administrators. Our next meeting is December 8th. See separate handout with Fellows information included.

Math Leadership Network

- A lot of new members joined our returning members at the Math Leadership Network(MLN). We now have over 25 participants. During our meeting we dug into the Fundamentals of Learning and Number Talks. We looked at video that highlighted the 8 Mathematics Teaching Practices in order to review Principles to Actions for our new members. Those attending the MLN can lead PLC's in looking at the mathematics teaching practices with an accompanying Teaching Channel video. MLN members also looked at a series of math tasks from Inside Mathematics and were asked to use one of the tasks with a group of teachers and students so we can look at student work samples at our next MLN meeting on December 3rd.

Upcoming Workshops

- Questioning November 10 and January 12th from 4-7 PM
- Studio Day at Post Middle School, Arlington: Algebra 1 on November 19th
- Promoting Student Discourse - High Level Tasks (MEP): December 10 from 9AM-3PM
- Making Number Talks Matter January 26-27 with Ruth Parker 8:30AM-3:30PM
- Assessing the Standards for Mathematical Practices on February 25th from 9 AM-3PM
- Open Educational Resources in Mathematics: March 8th from 9AM-3 PM

Student & School Success

Upcoming Workshops

- Turning High-Poverty Schools into High-Performing Schools: Nov. 23 and February 8 from 8:30-3:30 [[Flyer](#)] **Only 7 seats remaining!**
- Register [HERE](#).

Migrant Education Program

Bilingual/Migrant Updates (Webinars)

- MEP/BEP Updates: Jan. 15, April 1, and June 3 from 9-12
- iGrants Training: February 26 from 9-12

Upcoming Workshops

- Academic Language Development: Dec. 3 and January 14 [[Registration](#)]
- Migrant Student & Parent Conference: December 5th; 8:30am-2:30pm at Allen Elementary (BESD).

Early Learning

OSPI

- Early Learning Coordinators across the 9 ESDs have been invited to submit a proposal to The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation this fall that would allow for the implementation of a cohort of early learning teacher-leaders using the Fellows structure currently in place for Science, English Language Arts and Math. The timeline for implementation is still in development but if your district would be interested in participating in our inaugural Fellows group, please contact Karma Hugo at khugo@nwsd.org.

Early Learning Coalition

- Save-the-Date! NWESD is pleased to announce Launching Leadership for Early Learning: Full-Day Kindergarten & WaKIDS Administrator Conference on February 29, 2016 at NWESD in Anacortes! This daylong conference will include sessions on how best practices for FDK fit into instructional frameworks, hiring practices for kindergarten, evaluation kindergarten environments and highlights from WaKIDS implementation. Launching Leadership for Early Learning is intended for principals, curriculum directors, assessment coordinators, early learning coordinators, TOSAs. Registration will open December 3rd.
- Northwest Early Learning (NWEL) Coalition just released the 2015 State of Children and Families Report which includes demographic and programmatic data from our region. NWEL is an early learning planning initiative that has prioritized increased access to high quality early learning as a way of impacting school achievement and life outcomes. Currently, NWEL is working with districts and early learning partners across the region to implement community playgroups targeting children and families who would not typically attend preschool prior to kindergarten. The 2015 report can be viewed here: https://www.nwsd.org/early_learning/nwel/reportNWEL

Upcoming Workshops

- Kindergarten Leadership Series: November 6, February 26 & May 6, 9am – 4 pm
- Foundations of Literacy Overview with David Matteson PreK – 3rd: Fri., Oct. 16, 8:30am – 3:30pm
- Foundations of Literacy 3-Part Seminar with David Matteson & Sherri Laboon (Overview is a prerequisite)
 - o PreK & K: Jan. 22, Mar. 18 & April 15, 8:30am – 3:30pm
 - o Grades 1-3: Jan. 15, Mar. 25 & April 15, 8:30am – 3:30pm
- Launching Leadership for Early Learning Launching Leadership for Early Learning: Full-Day Kindergarten & WaKIDS Administrator Conference: February 29. Registration will open December 3rd.

[Registration Information](#)

TPEP

Roundtable Meetings: For a current schedule of the TPEP Roundtable Meetings check out our website. <https://www.nwesd.org/tpep/rtmeetings>.

Upcoming Workshops

- UW-CEL 5D+ Teacher Overview Training on 12/7/15
- AWSP Leadership Framework Overview Training for Principals on 12/7/15
- [Registration Information](#)

District Assessment Coordinators

- The District Assessment Coordinators meeting are scheduled for Jan 7, Mar 18, and June 21.
- OSPI is offering a continuing webinar series about WaKIDS, WA-AIM, ELPA21, EOC, NAEP, and Smarter Balanced. These webinars are recorded and posted on the website in case you aren't able to join "live". Register for the following webinars by clicking on the date(s). All webinars begin at 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.
 - [November 17, 2015](#)
 - [February 2, 2016](#)
 - [March 1, 2016](#)
 - [May 10, 2016](#)

Other

Concept-based Units of Study

- On October 29th Lynn Erickson joined us for a one-day workshop on Concept-based Curriculum and Instruction. Eleven districts in the NWESD region participated in this great day of learning. We will be offering a follow-up session (part 2) to this same audience on February 25th. More information will be sent out soon.
- June, 2016 Lynn Erickson will be returning to NWESD to offer a 2-day workshop (new cohort). Registration information will be available this spring.

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