

Math

- The **Math Fellows** had a productive meeting on March 14th as Fellows looked at their leadership growth in their school and district. There continued to be a focus on Mathematically Productive Instructional Routines that focus on engaging K-12 students in sense-making as well as conceptual understanding, which Fellows are now prepared to try out in their own classroom and/or share with their school or district teams. Our last meeting is April 25th and between now and the 25th, those administrators who support Fellows should meet to discuss leadership growth and opportunities for Fellows. OSPI and AESD have agreed to initiate a 3-year Fellows program, with an emeritus status in 2018-19 for those Fellows who complete the 3-year initiative. Applications will be open from mid-April to mid-May. New Fellows will be asked to attend our Fellows Kick-Off on August 16th.
- **Bridge to College Mathematics** teachers will meet in their Community of Practice in March and April. Each teacher will explore common assessments and what the work of a “B” student looks like. This course exists in thirteen districts throughout our region and will most likely be facilitated regionally by the NWESD next year.
- **Sci/Math Network**
NWESD is continuing to bring a local, integrated approach to Science and Mathematics learning for our teachers. We have completed 1 out of 3 sessions. We meet again on March 29th at the Marysville Administrative building. Participants will engage in a real life phenomenon, experience a learning cycle outlined in the Next Generation Science Standards while incorporating Science, Mathematics and English Language Arts standards. You can follow the [LINK](#) to register for the course.
- **Open Educational Resources** Illustrative Mathematics has created an OER middle school curriculum, called *Open Up* that is currently being piloted and will be operational by September of 2017. OSPI will host facilitator trainings for those interested in supporting the work in their district or region.
- **Summer Math Offerings**
 - K-2 Number Talks : August 3-4
 - Ratio-Proportional Thinking: July 12-13
 - LAP Menu of Best Practices: August 1
 - Gr. 4-10 Number Talks: June 28-29

Registration Opening Soon!

Science

- **NWESD SMC Cooperative** is working with K-2 teachers to create storylines for each grade level - April 18 and May 3. Please invite one teacher per grade level per SMC district to attend. [[Registration Information](#)]
- NWESD is working with Puget Sound ESD to offer another cohort of **Partnership for Ambitious Science Teachers Leaders (PASTL)** beginning in August, 2017. There will be a fee for this cohort. IF you wish to be included in conversation about the new opportunity, please email [Pam Estvold](#).

English Language Arts

- The **ELA Fellows** met March 7 and the final meeting is **April 25**. Keep an eye out for the 2017-18 WA state Fellows applications later this spring.
- Applications for **Bridge to College** funding is now available for 2017-18 through iGrants Form Package 719. For more information, visit this [LINK](#).
- The final **Literacy Learning Network** is **March 22**. Over 50 educators in our region have participated in this 4-session professional learning community this year!
- Mark your calendars: Washington State University author/presenter Gisela-Ernst Slavitt will present a one-day workshop on **August 15** titled, “**Academic Language and Diverse Learners.**” NWESD’s Migrant Education Program is sponsoring this event. For more information, see the [FLYER](#) or register [HERE](#).

Early Learning

- **Practical Strategies for Social-Emotional Development and Positive Behavior in PreK and Kindergarten Environments:** According to 2016 WaKIDS data, social-emotional development was one of the areas that students entered kindergarten the least prepared. This has big implications for classroom management, in both PreK and kindergarten. We are pleased to offer, ***The Pyramid Model – Practical Strategies*** on March 29th. For more information or to register for this event follow this [LINK](#).

On March 30 and May 26, we will be offering a community of practice to support school districts and early learning programs interested in implementing this effective model. For more information or to register for this event follow this [LINK](#).
- **Kaleidoscope Play & Learn:** In our region, less than half of children will attend preschool prior to kindergarten. One effective way that schools can connect with families early and support children’s school-readiness is by hosting Play & Learn groups. Estimates from local programs suggest that even once-a-week Play & Learn groups have potential to reach 130 families over the course of a 6-month program. Find out more about Play & Learn, including a March 30 & 31 training on our website: <https://www.nwesd.org/northwest-play-learn>
- **Early Learning Fellows** Our first-ever Early Learning Fellows have had an exciting year! The focus has been early math development with an emphasis on equity and family engagement. Action plans span the PreK-3rd grade continuum. Convening four will be on May 4th.

Migrant

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TPEP

- **Version 3 of UW-CEL 5D+ Teacher Evaluation Rubric** was available in 2016-17. However, it becomes the official version for all districts using the UW-CEL 5D+ Framework in 2017-18. NWESD is offering a 1-day training on June 19th to offer an orientation to the new version. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).
- **TPEP Roundtable Meeting** is Monday, March 20th. The agenda can be viewed [HERE](#)
- **TPEP Training 2017-18 Schedule** is being organized right now. NWESD will offer framework training for the Danielson, UW-CEL 5D+, and AWSP Leadership Framework. More information coming soon!
- **Feedback Conversations for Professional Growth** is a training to help principals and evaluators explore conversation structures and communication tools to increase the quality, clarity and efficiency of teacher-supervisor interactions. Skillful evaluators move effectively among the stances of coaching, collaborating, consulting, and calibrating with those they coach. The ability to structure and facilitate powerful growth-oriented conversations lies at the heart of both one-to-one and collective work with those they support. Please contact us if you would like a presentation on Feedback Conversations at one of your leadership team meetings.

Deeper Learning

- We are welcoming more districts to join our Deeper Learning Cluster. For more information, contact Pam Estvold at pestvold@nwesd.org.
- **Writing for Deep Learning** is a new opportunity that we'll be offering this summer. This course will focus on four fundamental, transferable tenets of writing that explores how leveraging those tenets provides clear paths to creativity, communication, citizenship, critical thinking, character, and collaboration. Registration will open soon.
- **Concept-based Curriculum & Instruction** will be offered again on August 8 & 9. Registration will open soon.

Other

- **NWESD ELL Cooperative** has room for more districts should they wish to join. For more information and to discuss fees please contact Jennifer Longchamps at jlongchamps@nwesd.org
- **BEST Consortium** for 2017-18: If you wish to be part of the NWESD consortium for new teachers and their mentors, please email your interest to Pam Estvold. NWESD would then include your district in the grant application. NWESD facilitates network meetings for new teachers and mentors in our region.

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