

## NWESD Program Updates January 2019

### BEST Consortium

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- Mentors and new teachers will participate in their third meetings in February. This next session will feature Lara Cole supporting new teachers in the area of instructional design.
- BEST Grantee Convening will take place at the Lynnwood Convention Center on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The Mentor/Coach Conference follows on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit the [OSPI BEST website](#).

### Computer Science

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- The **Computer Science Network** meeting was on January 8, 2019. The resources that were shared during this meeting can be viewed at this [LINK](#).
- The next network meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2019; we welcome anyone interested to attend. Please register [HERE](#).

### Early Learning

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- Registration is now open for our **Second Annual Early Learning Summit**. On **February 6<sup>th</sup>** we'll be joined by the **Educational Research and Data Center and Mari Taylor from the UW National P-3 Institute** to help us discover and utilize data that informs our understanding of local early learning systems and work within a P-3 Framework to strengthen those systems. For more information, or to register, click [here](#).
- The **Early Learning Climate Science** Design Team will meet one more time in January to develop the **professional learning session for the region on April 25<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be available in February, but feel free to **share the date** with teachers who might be interested in the opportunity.
- We've just started the first round of "Supporting Dual Language Learners in Early Learning" series in Snohomish County. This pilot is to test a training model developed by I-Labs and DCYF and gather data to be used in revamping the design before the next round which will take place in Whatcom County in April and May.
- **With support from Boeing, Early Learning, Migrant Education, and Zeno Math** will be partnering to put on a **Training for Parent Facilitators** about using math parties to **engage families in early numeracy** activities and conversations with their children. More information about that opportunity will be available soon!

## English Language Arts

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- There are several resources related to the **Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)** and the **Smarter Balanced Assessment** that you might wish to share with principals and teachers:
  - [4 Ways to Supercharge Learning with IABs](#)  
New! Includes helpful tips for instructional use and an informative webinar.
  - Performance Task Full-Write Resources:**  
[LINK](#) Helpful overview of the resources available to teachers to use in preparation for the PT.
  - [SBA Sample Test Items](#) Allows educators to view one assessment item at a time. Often used to project an SBA question to work on whole-group with students.
  - [Smarter Balanced Construct Relevant Vocabulary for ELA and Literacy](#) Helpful resource that identifies the academic vocabulary used on the SBA and that is found in the ELA CCSS. Vocabulary is grouped by grade level.
- Upcoming ELA professional learning opportunities at NWESD include:
  - Feb. 24 [Foundational Reading Skills Instruction for Students in Grades 2-8](#)**
- The **Dyslexia Advisory Council** will meet in February. I will provide updates in March. [LINK to the OSPI Dyslexia page](#). You can sign up for updates regarding the **Dyslexia Law E2SSB 6162** at this site.
- **OSPI Data Brief on K-4 Data Collection:** [LINK](#)  
This is a follow-up on our initial conversation in November regarding the relationship between local reading assessment K-4 data and performance on the SBA in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- If you have questions regarding **Locally Administered Assessments (LAA)**, **Locally Determined Courses (LDC)** or the **COE Local Assessment**, check with your DAC or Lesley Klenk, COE Local Coordinator:  
[Lesley.klenk@k12.wa.us](mailto:Lesley.klenk@k12.wa.us)  
-[LINK to COE Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- OSPI is recruiting secondary ELA educators interested in developing high-quality OER units of study and implementing them with students. See [LINK](#) for more information. Interested teachers and TOSAs should contact Molly Berger at [molly.berger@k12.wa.us](mailto:molly.berger@k12.wa.us) or Barbara Soots at [barbara.soots@k12.w.us](mailto:barbara.soots@k12.w.us) by the end of next week. Thank you for sharing!

## TPEP

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- **TPEP Evaluation Toolkit** is scheduled for March 7, 2019. This training is appropriate for central office staff, principals or district teams. For more information and to register please click [HERE](#).
- **Calibration to Your Framework Using eVAL** will be taking place on May 20<sup>th</sup> at NWESD. This 3-hour training will be offered in the morning and again in the afternoon. Come and learn how the resources in eVAL can help your district ensure rater reliability. Registration will be available soon.

## Math

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- There will be a **Math Collection of Evidence** workshop Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be work together to answer questions and review scoring of COE for LAA's. Here is the [LINK](#).
- Please note that the **OSPI Moodle Server** address, which is home to the COE Math Task Bank (and more), has changed to <https://moodle1.ospi.k12.wa.us/>.
- Use student reflection to support students as mathematicians. **The Power of Student Reflection in Mathematics** 2-part evening workshop 3/19 and 4/9. Here is the [LINK](#).
- The **HS Math Works Math Modeling Challenge** is still open for registration. This is for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders seeking a real-world challenge. Here is the [LINK](#) for more information.
- The **Math Learning Network** (MLN) will meet for the 3<sup>rd</sup> session Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Those interested may still register. Here is the [LINK](#).
- **Math Fellows** will have their 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will continue to studying "Routines for Reasoning: Fostering the Mathematical Practices in All Students"
- **Modeling our World with Mathematics** Canvas site <https://learningspace.instructure.com/courses/125>
- Are your middle and high school mathematicians interested in competing? **The Washington State Mathematics Council Middle School Olympiad** and HS Contest will be this spring. Here is the [LINK](#) for more information.

## Science

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- **NWESD Science Materials Center Cooperative** is finishing up their pilot of Amplify materials. Preliminary data is mixed. Teachers will formulate their recommendations in mid-March. The SMC Advisory will make decisions about moving forward at it's next meeting on April 10.
- **Page Keeley** will be presenting a workshop in Spokane on March 9, 2019. For more information please view the [FLYER](#).
- The **NW LASER Alliance** implemented Phase 1 of a statewide needs assessment around current implementation of NGSS/STEM in schools/districts. Phase 2 has begun and results of Phase 1 have been sent requesting the Phase 2 survey be completed. IF YOU COMPLETED Phase 1 and have not seen Phase 2, please notify Joanne Johnson.
- **Climate Science** has a great opportunity for high school science teachers! Participants will learn current climate science taught at UW and build a spectrophotometric device, modeled after those used in current ocean research, to measure pH. This course is being offered twice: [February 12<sup>th</sup> in Bellingham](#) or [March 5<sup>th</sup> in Marysville](#). Districts will be reimbursed for substitute release time.

## Other

- **The NWESD Regional High School Art Show** is now accepting student work. Registration is due by March 8, 2019. For more information please view <https://www.nwesd.org/artshow/>
- **Young Authors Conference** will be held on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Skagit Valley College. There are still slots available on Tuesday and Thursday. For more information contact Kristine Juhl at [kjuhl@nwesd.org](mailto:kjuhl@nwesd.org) or (360) 299-4030.
- **Administrative Professionals Conference – April 24, 2019:** The role of administrative assistant has evolved to encompass more dynamic skills and managerial leadership. This conference will expand your skillset and provide opportunities to learn, grow and share with other professionals. This one-day conference is designed for administrative assistants in school district offices, school buildings, and other educational settings. [Register HERE.](#)

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