



NWESD Program Updates October 2018

BEST Consortium

- Our first meetings in Meridian and Lakewood with new teachers and their mentors took place in September. We were surprised at the number of teachers with conditional certifications this year and are looking for additional ways to support them and their mentors.
- Our next round of new teacher toolkit workshops will take place on 11/13 in Lakewood and 11/20 in Meridian.
- Mentors and others who are interested in BEST Mentor Trainings can find more information [here](#).

Computer Science

- The first regional network meeting for computer science was held on October 9. Several districts were represented and they were able to collaborate about program ideas for K-12 computer science with an emphasis on computational thinking.
- **The purpose of the Computer science network is to:**
 - Collaborate with colleagues about your districts' computer science program.
 - Understand and build upon the Washington State vision for Computer Science education.
 - Participate in shared learning about *Computational Thinking* in the K-12 classroom.
- The upcoming meetings are free and will be at NWESD. Please join us! [Register Here](#)
 - January 8, 2019; 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 - March 12, 2019; 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 - May 21, 2019; 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Early Learning

- **Using WaKIDS Data and Reports in your Classroom** for Kinder teachers will take place at NWESD on November 7th. We will weave in elements from Full Day K. Register [here](#).
- **WaKIDS Data for Administrators** will take place in Marysville School District Service Center Board Room on November 26th. Register [here](#).
- **Early Learning Fellows** have begun to a book study focused on *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain* by Zaretta Hammond
- We're partnering with DCYF to pilot a workshop series for **early learning providers** in support of their **dual language learners**. Two cycles will take place before the end of June. Participants will receive a toolkit of materials and free STARS hours. Please contact Sarah Southard for more information ssouthard@nwsd.org.
- **The Social & Emotional Learning Summit** will include an Early Learning strand. For more information or to register click [HERE](#).

- **The State of Children and Families Report** has been published and can be obtained by contacting Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org or at <https://www.nwesd.org/2018-state-of-children-families-report/>
- Please **SAVE THE DATE** for our **Second Annual Early Learning Summit**. On **February 6th** 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.

English Language Arts

- **E2SSB 6162 Update: Early Screening of Dyslexia legislation**
Fall 2019-Review recommendations of screeners (indicating typical literacy development or dyslexia) and best practices for selecting a screener made by Dyslexia Advisory Council.
Spring 2021-Review implementation guidelines and family resources as recommended by the Dyslexia Advisory Council.
Fall 2021-Implement screenings for typical literacy development or dyslexia and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support in grades K-2.
Fall/Winter 2021-Provide OSPI feedback on the implementation process of the selected screener and resources.
[Dyslexia Advisory Council Sept. 24-25 notes](#)
- The [Washington State Comprehensive Literacy Plan: Birth to Grade 12](#) has been in draft stage since 2012. It is being updated and finalized by June 30.
- Our first **Biannual Emeritus Fellows' Convening** is scheduled for **November 16**. Emeritus Fellows will help plan and support our Fellows' sessions this year. Our second **ELA Fellows'** meeting will be held **Dec 6**.
- The **Literacy Learning Network (LLN)** will meet for our second session on **November 29**. Those interested are still able to register at this [LINK](#).
- There are two **Literacy Summits** being offered in Vancouver, BC on Jan. 26-27.
 - [The Joyful Literacy Intervention K-2 Summit](#)
 - [Close the Literacy Gap – Middle/Secondary Literacy Summit](#)
- **Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs):** The Teacher Hand Scoring System (**THSS**) merged with **AIRWays**, so hand scoring and viewing of IAB scores now occur in the same place.

There is a new feature on the **Performance Task Full Write**. Suggested scores are now provided (machine scoring). Teachers are encouraged to use this as a starting point, and they can override the machine score.

Math

- **Math Learning Network** – Our first session was Oct. 25th. There are three remaining sessions Dec 13, Feb 13, and April 25 that are still open for registration. For more information or to register click [HERE](#).
- **Math Fellows** – Our Fellows met Oct. 11th. We introduced “Routines for Reasoning” which will support implementation of math practices. We have 11- new, 18-returning and 4- Emeritus Fellows. The remaining dates are scheduled as follows: Dec 6, Feb 13 and April 25.

- **NCTM Regional Conference in Seattle** – Nov. 28-30. Volunteers are needed. Registration is still open. For more information click [HERE](#).
- **The COE Local Mathematics Moodle** - There are updates in Operational Tasks and Student score records have been uploaded. Districts are to grant access to educators.

Migrant Education

- Our Migrant Education program has an exciting selection of upcoming PD opportunities for our districts, all of which are offered free-of-charge for our partner districts. More information here [insert link to MEP PD flyer].
- Migrant Project Districts, are you interested in free family leadership/engagement trainings for your Migrant Advisory Council (PAC)? Contact Enrique Lopez at elopez@nwesd.org to schedule and more information.
- It's never too early to start planning for intersession and next year's MEP programming. Our staff are available to offer your district any necessary TA or support! Interested? Have questions? Contact Clint Weckerly, cweckerly@nwesd.org, or Enrique Lopez, elopez@nwesd.org.
- All districts that participate in the Migrant Education Program must receive **Migrant 101** training. The training is designed to give an overview of the Migrant Education Program as well as the unique needs of our migrant students. Our team currently offers both 1.5- and 2-hour versions of the training. For scheduling and general inquiry, please contact Clint Weckerly at cweckerly@nwesd.org or Enrique Lopez, elopez@nwesd.org.
- Already received *Migrant 101* and interested in [optional] additional training that offers a deeper dive into promising practices for best-serving migrant students? Our new 2.5 hour-long *Migrant 201* is now available to our districts! For scheduling and general inquiry, please contact our Migrant Academic Coordinator, Clint Weckerly, at cweckerly@nwesd.org.

Science

- **The Science Materials Center (SMC)** Amplify pilot is underway in 8 school districts. 52 teachers have been trained and are using 7 different kit titles. Teachers will gather again to talk about their experiences. Decisions about next steps will be made in March 2019.
- **NGSS 101 and 102** classes are scheduled. 102 builds on 101 to incorporate Engineering and introduces the ideas of course mapping and the sample bundles from Achieve and California. The next scheduled classes are, NGSS101: Dec 18, and NGSS 102: Dec 6. Register at this [LINK](#).
- Revitalization of the **NW LASER Alliance** 2018/19 SY. Joanne Johnson is looking for Advisory Group members (subset of whole). Thank you Bellingham and Sedro-Woolley for being interested. Two or three more people would be a big help.
- Climate Science K-12 Teacher Summit coming this spring. View [FLYER](#) for more information.
- **NW Climate Science (aka ClimeTime)** Projects underway. See [ClimeTime Flyer](#) for details.

TPEP

- **UW-CEL Stage 1 Training** for late hires is available on November 6 & 7, 2018. If you have any principal who didn't receive CEL Stage 1 training you can register them [HERE](#).
- **Rater Agreement Training** is available for Danielson & UW-CEL.
 - UW-CEL is scheduled for Feb 20th
 - Contact Jennifer Longchamps if interested in hosting Danielson Rater Agreement training in your district.

Other

- **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)** training will be held at NWESD on November 14 & 15. Presenters from CAST, Inc. will be sharing a 2-day introductory institute. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).
- **Social & Emotional Learning Summit** is taking place at NWESD on December 3 & 4. This 2-day summit is designed to present impactful and quality professional development opportunities for administrators, teachers, counselors and educational staff who work with, and on behalf of all children and youth. For more information view the [FLYER](#) or [REGISTER HERE](#).

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