

NWESD Coordinator Announcements to Curriculum Directors

March 20, 2015

Science

- WSSLS/NGSS
 - Science EQulP [\[LINK\]](#) Training Materials [\[LINK\]](#) are released.
- Fellows
 - Fellows still are planned for next year.
 - Information and applications will be coming soon from OSPI.
- Northwest Science Leadership Network (NW SLN)
 - Next meeting in April (4/21 North, 4/22 South).
 - In April we will look more closely at the role mathematics plays in alignment to the WSSLS/NGSS Science and Engineering Practices 4 and 5 [\[LINK\]](#)
 - This year we've been providing some models of WSSLS/NGSS-aligned instructional practices as well as looking at some tools meant to support WSSLS/NGSS transition.
 - If you're not sure which one your district is attending, please contact Nancy Menard (nmenard@nwesd.org).
- PSESD MSP TFAST
 - NWESD is participating with PSESD to bring 6 pairs of teachers to learn about the Tools for Ambitious Science Teaching [\[LINK\]](#) as a framework for planning NGSS-aligned instruction.
 - Summer institutes and during-year PD including studio days.
 - Flyers and recruitment pending finalization of funding.
- The Science Materials Center Cooperative is holding a member's meeting on May 12.
 - We look forward to sharing the work we've been engaging people in this year in supporting WSSLS/NGSS-aligned instruction through *existing* instructional materials.
 - For more information, please contact Joanne Johnson (jjohnson@nwesd.org).

ELA

- Literacy Leadership Network (LLN) - The NWESD LLN had the opportunity to explore several topics this school year. So far we've studied:
 - CCSS (WLSL) Speaking and Listening standards
 - Targeted and actionable feedback to learners
 - Close reading
 - OSPI teaching resources and the SBAC Digital Library
 - Differentiation for all learners using SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) and UDL (Universal Design for Learning) tenets and principles
 - The "Most Important Thing" about literacy instruction

We have used several resources from ASCD, The International Literacy (née Reading) Association, PDK International, Expeditionary Learning, The Teaching Channel, The SBAC Digital Library, and Granted, and... (Grant Wiggins' education blog). It turned out to be one of our favorites), and all things TED. If you are interested in exploring these resources, please contact me and your LLN district representatives. We would love to talk with you about the ideas and plans for action we generate during our days of learning!

- Embedded Professional Learning - This year, I had the privilege of working closely with two districts to develop and implement embedded professional learning experiences for teachers. In both cases, we met together with principals, district TOSAs, and teacher leaders to develop

professional learning experiences that are conceptualized, delivered, adjusted, and reflected upon for maximum impact on student achievement. The key to the success of these experiences is context. Rather than removing educators from their classroom realities, we embed the professional learning within the classrooms after a few sessions that build relationships and trust. Please don't hesitate to contact me (aschoenbeck@nwesd.org) or Craig Church, principal of Emerson Elementary - Snohomish School District (craig.church@sno.wednet.edu) to discuss ideas, questions, or thoughts you have about beginning a similar process in your district.

Math

- Upcoming Professional Development:
 - Rational Numbers as a Unifying Theme of the Common Core State Standards [[LINK](#)].
 - Promoting Student Discourse in Mathematics through High Level Tasks [[LINK](#)].

Office of Student and School Success

- The OSSS Spring Outreach for Priority, Focus, SIG and RAD Schools will take place at the NWESD on Monday, April 20th from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. For more information, or to register, please contact Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org or 360.299.4044 or Sarah Southard at ssouthard@nwesd.org or 360.298.1260.

Migrant Education

- 47th Annual National Migrant Education Conference (NASDME) is taking place in Seattle on March 22-25, 2015. The NWESD Teaching and Learning Team will be offering two presentations, *Deepening Learning for All Students* and *Developing Academic Language in Content Areas*.