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NWESD's more than fifty programs organized into seven departments to serve you: Administration, Early Learning, Fiscal Services, Prevention Center, Special Programs and Services, Teaching and Learning, and Technology Services. Please visit us on our website at www.nwesd.org for more information on each of these departments.

NWESD Mission

Together We Can... provide leadership and cooperative services to our educational communities to support their efforts to increase the number of students meeting state and local standards.

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Awarded Schools

District School

Everett Garfield Elementary Ferndale Central Elementary

Lakewood **English Crossing Elementary**

Lopez Middle High Lopez Marysville Bio Med Academy* Oak Harbor Oak Harbor Middle Sedro Woolley Clear Lake Elementary Snohomish Cathcart Elementary Snohomish Machias Elementary

2015 Schools of Distinction

a note from the Superintendent

The winter months are such a busy time, filled with holiday activities and buzzing with student excitement. It's such an enjoyable time to be an educator - great opportunities to teach our students about philanthropy and gathering families for winter events. And once the festivities are complete, I always forward to January, a time that we can reset the schedules and recommit our focus to the educational systems we support.

While we recommit that focus, it's always exciting to reflect on the outstanding achievement we continue to see happening in this region. Just a few weeks ago, the nine regional Schools of Distinction were announced. recognized showing outstanding for improvement in reading and mathematics sustained over a five-year period. In these schools growth in student

achievement over several years as consistently been among the top 5% of schools across the state.

This is the ninth year for the annual School of Distinction award, which honored 92 schools across Washington State in 2015. These awards are not intended as a replacement for the state and federal accountability measures school performance, but rather as a supplemental measure to recognize and celebrate school staff, students, and leaders who improve performance for all students over a sustained period of time in English/Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics.

The School of Distinction awards are presented The Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) partnership with the Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD), the Association of Washington School Principals

(AWSP), Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA), and the Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (WSASCD).

Over the next few weeks, NWESD Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Pam Estvold and I will be traveling to the commended schools/districts to recognize the School of Distinction award winners with their leadership teams or school boards. This is one of the best parts of my job, where I get to honor the teachers and leaders in our districts that are working tirelessly to build better systems and provide a first-rate education for every child, every day. This award recognizes the benefit of that sustained hard work over several years, which is a tremendous accomplishment.



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Math and Science

The Washington State Legislature has provided funding solely for professional development and coaching for state-funded high school mathematics and science teachers. As stated in ESSB 6052, Sec. 513(26), this professional development shall include instructional strategies and curriculum-specific training to improve outcomes for the statewide high school mathematics and science assessments.

NWESD is working with the other ESDs around the state to develop professional learning opportunities in both math and science to fulfil this state requirement. If you are a high school math or science teacher, save the date and plan to attend one of these trainings.

Supporting Assessment, Conceptual Understanding and Productive Instructional Routines

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.

March 1st & 22nd, 2016

Closing the Achievement Gap for Biology EOC

This workshop is designed for high school science teachers that administer the Biology End of Course (EOC BIO) assessment. We will begin by exploring what data tells us about student performance and challenges on the EOC BIO. Teachers will learn research-proven strategies for working with ELL, differently-abled, migrant, and poverty-impacted students which improve learning for all students.

March 15th & 28th, 2016

Number Talks Institute by Ruth Parker

Bridging the Standards for Mathematical Practice

Number Talks is a short, ongoing daily routine that provides students with meaningful practice with computation. A Number Talk is a powerful tool for helping students develop computational fluency because the expectation is that they will use number relationships and the structures of numbers to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Number Talks focus on sense making once they become part of a classrooms instructional routine. Teachers realize that their students' mathematical thinking confidence increases. Classrooms that implement Number Talks develop an environment and culture in which student voice is valued.

Whether you have tried Number Talks with your students before, or are new to Number Talks, this

institute will help you learn how to make Number Talks a vibrant and essential part of your everyday classroom practice.

Learn ways to:

- Connect Number Talks to numerical and algebraic reasoning.
- Choose which Number Talks to do to help build important concepts and properties over time.
- Get buy-in from students, even at the high school level.
- Help students learn to make mathematically convincing arguments.

Full listing on page 13.









Full-Day Kindergarten Administrator Conference

Join principals, curriculum directors, assessment coordinators, early learning coordinators, and TOSAs from around the region to hear examples of best practices specific to evaluating and developing high-quality full-day kindergarten programs.

This daylong conference will include sessions on the fundamentals of child development, kindergarten environments, hiring practices, highlights from WaKIDS implementation and how elements of high-quality full-day kindergarten fit into instructional frameworks.

Date & Time: February 29, 2016, 8 am – 4 pm

Location: NWESD. Anacortes

Audience: Principals, curriculum directors, assessment coordinators,

early learning coordinators, TOSAs

Cost: \$85 per participant



full-day kindergarten conference

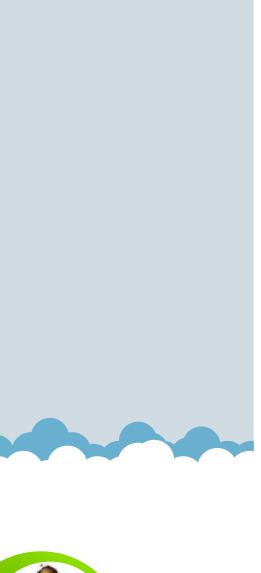
Many things happen during the kindergarten year that makes it special. At Growing Kindergarten, teachers and administrators come together to increase their understanding of the current context of kindergarten in Washington State, learn about examples of rigorous, research-based practices for meeting and achieving high standards within a child development context and reflect on what makes their role special in the lives of children and families.

Date & Time: July 20-21, 2016, 8 am – 4 pm

Location: NWESD, Anacortes

Audience: Kindergarten teachers, principals, curriculum directors, assessment coordinators, early learning coordinators, TOSAs

Cost: \$225 for both days, \$150 for one day





early learning

Foundations of Literacy 3-Part Seminar

Event ID: 31188

P-3 teachers/administrators review literacy content/learning and visit identified classrooms with a preplanned lesson that is modeled by the literacy expert as a context for inquiry. During subsequent demonstration days, teachers take over the role of presenting lessons in whole group and small group formats that are aligned with literacy benchmarks along a developmental continuum. Demonstration days conclude with each participant setting specific goals for improving professional practice. Participants will also identify specific student-based evidence that will demonstrate achievement of these goals, as well as specific supports needed from colleagues, coaches, principals, and/or other administrators.

Presenter(s): David Matteson & Sherri Laboon Facilitator: Anya Bell Clock Hours: 18 Registration Fee: \$200 Location: NWESD **Dates:** January 15, 2016; March 25

2016; April 15, 2016 **Time:** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM **Improving School Readiness** through EL Collaboration

Event ID: 31244

Learn about Early Learning (EL) resources and activities kindergarten readiness your community including summer "jump start" programs, playgroup partnerships, and collaboration with preschool providers.

Target audience: District administrators, principals, early learning coordinators, and kindergarten teachers

Presenter: Karma Hugo Facilitator: Anya Bell **Clock Hours:** 3 Registration Fee: Free Location: NWESD **Date:** February 26, 2016 **Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



teaching & learning

Access Standards for **Mathematical Practice**

Event ID: 31393

The Common Core Standards in Mathematics require that educators and students appreciate and utilize the habits of mind of mathematicians. The three shifts- focus, coherence, and rigor- are addressed when teachers and students access these practice standards. Those attending the course will consider the mathematical content as a means to implement the Standards for Mathematical Practice. Collectively we will look at the mathematical practice standards as appropriate learning goals and targets.

Participants will leave the class with grade band tasks that will promote the understanding of the Standards for Mathematical Practice.

Target audience: Grades K-8 teachers

Presenter: Mary Ellen Huggins Facilitator: Nancy Menard **Clock Hours:** 5 Registration Fee: Free Location: NWESD Date: February 25, 2016 Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Deep Dive Into the **Next Generation Science** Standards

Understand the architecture and development of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Learn about the connections between the Washington State Science Standards and the NGSS and develop a deeper understanding of the specific standards for your grade level. Increase your understanding of the Washington State implementation timeline for the NGSS and consider key instructional shifts for these new standards.

Target Audience: K-12 teachers and instructional coaches

Presenter: Brian MacNevin Facilitator: Nancy Menard **Clock Hours:** 6 Registration Fee: Free Location: NWESD **Time:** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Event ID: 31233 **Date:** January 26, 2016

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Event ID: 31236 **Date:** April 28, 2016







Engineering Solutions for Student Problems - Grades 6-12

Event ID: 31400

Starting with a natural phenomena is an excellent strategy for engaging middle and high school students in science and engineering. Who can resist considering a problem and using the design process (define, develop, test, and optimize) to come up with a creative solution? Come to this interactive workshop to collaborate with colleagues and develop engaging challenges for your students.

Target audience: Grades 6-12 teachers

Presenter: Brian MacNevin Facilitator: Nancy Menard Clock Hours: 5.5 Registration Fee: Free Location: NWESD **Date:** March 3, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Engineering Solutions for Student Problems - Grades K-5

Event ID: 31399

Children are curious and fascinated by science, so asking questions comes naturally. Learning to design solutions to solve problems is the next step in supporting our children's learning in science. Come to this interactive workshop where we will use the design process (define, develop, test, and optimize) to support our own learning and development of strategies for engineering in our science classrooms. Think about explaining phenomena as a place to start.

Target Audience: Grades K-5 teachers

Presenter: Brian MacNevin Facilitator: Nancy Menard Clock Hours: 5.5 **Registration Fee:** Free Location: NWESD Date: March 2, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Register early.

Classes not meeting minimum enrollment may be cancelled.





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Implementing Open Educational Resources in the Classroom

Event ID: 31394

Open Educational Resources (OER) is quickly being considered as year long curriculum options and as an supplementary resource to engage students in meaningful mathematical tasks. Participants will review OER copyright specifications. There will be time provided to look at the tasks found on OER and better understand how to weave these tasks into a yearly mathematics instructional plan. Teachers will determine whether these tasks can be used formatively as an introduction to a mathematical unit, as content support during the presentation of the unit, or as a culminating activity at the end of a unit of study.

Target audience: Grades K-12 teachers

Presenter: Mary Ellen Huggins Facilitator: Nancy Menard **Clock Hours:** 5 Registration Fee: Free Location: NWESD Date: March 8, 2016 Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Networkina **Opportunities**

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Integrating Close Reading Into What You Already Teach

Event ID: 31406

The English Language Arts CCSS require our students to engage in regular reading of complex texts and to provide written and spoken responses grounded in evidence from the text. One way to accomplish this in the classroom is through close reading. Participants will learn how to plan for and integrate close reading into content area texts. In this workshop teachers will analyze texts to determine if they are "close-read worthy" and dive into their grade-level state literacy standards to craft text-dependent questions. Participants will leave this training with a clear understanding of how to develop close reading lessons that support both literacy and content area learning at a deeper level. Teachers should bring at least one complex informational text that they plan to have students read as time will be provided to apply the strategies learned in this workshop to classroom texts.

Target audience: Grade 3 - 8 classroom teachers and literacy coaches

Presenter: Kim Kellogg Facilitator: Anita Garcia-Holzemer **Clock Hours:** 6 Registration Fee: Free Location: NWESD Date: February 25, 2016 Time: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Making Students' Thinking Visible

Event ID: 31401

Based on the research in How People Learn we know that teachers need to be aware of the ideas inside students' heads. We also know that students need to be aware of how their thinking changes over time. In this workshop we will explore strategies to make students' thinking public including discourse and arguing from evidence. Participants will learn to support students' sense-making and incorporate these strategies into their instruction.

Target audience: Grades K-12

Presenter: Brian MacNevin Facilitator: Nancy Menard Clock Hours: 5.5 Registration Fee: Free Location: NWESD Date: March 16, 2016 Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM



Number Talks Institute with Ruth Parker

Event ID: 31411

Whether you have tried Number Talks with your students before or are new to Number Talks this institute will help you learn how to make Number Talks a vibrant and essential part of your everyday classroom practice.

Learn ways to:

- Connect Number Talks to numerical and algebraic reasoning.
- Choose which Number Talks to do to help build important concepts and properties over time.
- Get buy-in from students even at the high school level.
- Help students learn to make mathematically convincing arguments.

Teachers will:

- Experience a learning environment that embodies the Common Core
- State Standards for Mathematical Practice.
- Learn ways to provide both support for struggling learners and challenges for successful learners without labeling or grouping students.

Target audience: Grades 4-10

Presenter: Ruth Parker Facilitator: Nancy Menard

Clock Hours: 12 **Registration Fee:** \$225

Location: NWESD - Cap Sante Room Date/Time(s): January 27 & 28, 2016

Time: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Opinion Writing in the **Elementary Classroom** Event ID: 31407

Being able to effectively communicate an opinion and reasons to support this preference is an important part of being a writer in today's elementary classroom. Participants in this workshop will learn more about Writing Standard 1 in the English Language Arts CCSS and what proficient opinion writing looks like. This workshop will also provide teachers with a toolbox of resources and strategies to implement in their classroom to create engaged students who feel empowered to have their own opinion and be able to express it clearly both verbally and in writing.

Target audience: K-5 teachers

Presenters: Kim Kellogg & Sherri Laboon Facilitator: Anita Garcia-Holzemer **Clock Hours:** 6 Registration Fee: Free **Location:** NWESD **Date:** January 26, 2016 **Time:** 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Young Authors Conference

The NWESD Young Authors Conference will be held this year Tuesday through Friday, March 22-25, 2016 at Skagit Valley College. This program is highly anticipated by teachers and students alike, with many schools participating year after year.

We are excited to focus on non-fiction writing this year. Our featured author, Bob Kann, travels from Wisconsin to motivate our young authors. As an educator with a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bob has been educating youth and adults for the last 30 years. Bob is the author of six biographies for young readers, chronicling the lives of women athletes, political activists and even Frank Lloyd Wright.

Students attending the NWESD Young Authors Conference should come prepared with their own manuscript to share. While original non-fiction is not required, we encourage teachers to consider a non-fiction assignment for their students.

You can download the registration form at, https://www.nwesd.org/young-authors or email at youngauthors@nwesd.org for further information.



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WA 98221.

Fax: Fax registration form with purchase order or credit card information to 360-299-4070.

Register early - class sizes are limited. Classes not meeting minimum enrollment may be canceled.

Cancellations must be received in writing no later than two working days prior to the course to receive refund. A \$20 administrative fee will be assessed.

Clock hours and college credit are available if indicated under individual course descriptions. Payment and application for clock hours and college credit will occur at the end of the course session. Please do not send payment for clock hours or college credit with registration.

For registration information/assistance call 360-299-4057 or email registrar@nwesd.org.											
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