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End-of-the-Year Survey

Granted, it's a busy time of year, but the Teacher Center End-of-the-Year survey does not take very long to complete and it is very important to help us better serve your professional development needs. There are only 15 questions. As of this writing 65 people have already completed it. Can we top last year's 125? If you provide your name, there is a chance you could win a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card, name to be drawn at 11:00 am Monday, June 22, 2009. There are three possible ways of completing this survey: The easiest way would be to go to <http://fs8.formsite.com/glohmann/form555097653/index.html> and submit it electronically. This URL was also E-mailed to you last week. Or you could complete the hardcopy version which was E-mailed to you last week. Or you could find one of the hardcopies placed in your faculty room and complete that. In either of the last two cases, return the survey via interoffice mail or give it to your Teacher Center Policy Board representative (listed at the end of the survey).

Intel Teaching Thinking with Technology Training Will Help Students Learn

In five 8-hours sessions at Owego-Apalachin Middle School from late April through early June, teachers from Owego-Apalachin, Maine-Endwell and Chenango Forks were trained by the Southern Tier Teacher Center Network (STTCN) in integrating technology while developing high quality units using essential questions and infused with formative assessments. Teachers learning to incorporate three tools developed by Intel: Visual Ranking, Seeing Reason and Showing Evidence. Intel Teach is an international program and a state-wide Teacher Center initiative. Tioga County Teacher Center Assistant Director Art Cacciola was trained to offer this training by the STTCN last fall. He was assisted by Director George Lohmann, who also participated in the training. This is the second time the program has been offered by the Network, previously last summer in Lansing. Plans to offer the training again will be discussed at this week's Network meeting.



Our Services

Color Copies \$.15	Laminating \$.40 per linear foot
Bookbinding \$.10 each	Posters \$.50 per linear foot
Ellison Die Machine Cutouts Free	Color Transparencies \$.25

June 2009

STTCN Math Conference November 5

The Southern Tier Teacher Center Network (STTCN) is working on putting together a conference for math teachers grades 5 through 8 to be held at the Owego Treadway, Thursday, November 5, 2009. The keynote speaker will be one of Marilyn Burns' cadre and will present of using formative assessment. Other area teachers will be also be invited to offer workshops on other effective classroom strategies. Tioga County Teacher Center Director George Lohmann wrote a successful grant from the Twin Tier Coalition on Learning, Inc., to help fund this project. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Visit Our Blog!

If you want the most current information about upcoming opportunities and events, please visit our blog at <http://www.teachtioiga.blogspot.com>.

Director
George Lohmann

Occupational Trends Professional Development & Graduate Course

Occupational Trends is a 3-hour graduate level course or 45 hour professional development course is offered July 8, 9, 10, 13, and 14, 2009. Participants, for each of the five days, meet at different businesses representative of the industry sectors in Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Counties. Host firms' representatives provide a short tour of their facility and discuss the nature of their business, occupations, their educational and skill expectations of employees, and how their business relates to the local economy. The representatives also discuss how their business has changed over time and how they anticipate future change.

Participants in the course engage in discussion after the tours. Class discussion also includes questions raised by the text, *The 2010 Meltdown: Solving the Impending Job Crisis* and other readings. Guided curriculum development is facilitated for developing a final project. At the end of the course, participants submit a series of lesson plans or a unit plan that integrates the Career Development Occupational Studies Standards, research and knowledge on one of the region's primary industry sectors, and the content area standards in which the educator teaches or counsels. The course is open to pre-K-12 teachers, college faculty, school counselors, special educators interested in transition planning, and school administrators.

The fee for the course is \$125 with \$50 rebated after the participant submits her/his final project. The SUNY Oneonta graduate tuition cost has been waived by Dr. Nancy Klienski, College President. The cost of materials is subsidized by the Catskill Regional Teacher Center, including the text and a \$100 mini grant will be made available to implement the final projects in the educator's classroom. A \$50 travel stipend is provided to each participant from the Leatherstocking Center on Economic Education. Course instructors are Kevin Price, Executive Director of the CDO Workforce Investment Board and Mary Ann Luciano, Director, Catskill Regional Teacher Center. The course is co-sponsored by SUNY Oneonta, CDO Workforce Investment Board, Catskill Regional Teacher Center, Unadilla Laminated Products, Golden Artist Colors, Amphenol Aerospace, Bassett Healthcare, Medical Coaches, Norwich Pharmaceuticals, Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, The Otsego County Chamber, Sidney Federal Credit Union, OSG Pharmaceuticals, and other organizations.

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Topics covered will include cropping photos, color adjustments, remove red-eye, removing unwanted objects from photos, image replacements and understanding layers.

Google Tools in the Classroom (7-12)

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 3:00-5:00

Follow Up Session Wednesday, November, 4, 2009, 3:00-4:00

Newark Valley HS, room 216

Stacy Mallery, Presenter

Learn how to use Google Documents and Gmail, along with other Google Tools as effective classroom strategies to enhance cooperative learning. Students, in separate locations, can be anywhere the Internet is available and still work together on class projects.

DI: Common Sense in the Early Years (PreK- 6)

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 4:00-6:00

Candor HS, room 209, Cindy Middendorf, Presenter

Classroom teachers are more accountable than ever for the success of all. What exactly *is* differentiated instruction? What distinguishes differentiated instruction in the early grades from DI in the upper grades? What makes a lesson "differentiated?" What is the role of DI in the mandated RTI (Response To Intervention) initiatives that are coming down through the Federal and State governments. This workshop will give you the background and basics that all elementary teachers will need to face the major changes coming to our classrooms. You'll be validated knowing that much of what you already do is differentiated, and you'll be well equipped to handle Tier 1 instruction under the RTI format.

Using Multiple Intelligences & Learning Modalities to Get Their Attention! (PreK-12)

Monday, October 26, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Nichols ES, Teacher Center Office

Cindy Middendorf, Presenter

Turn multiple intelligence theory and learning style knowledge into practice! All the research points to one conclusion: best teaching practices are rooted in different strokes for different folks. But how does an overwhelmed teacher even begin to address all the different modalities and intelligences? Engage in common sense strategies for addressing all those intelligences that your students exhibit, and accommodating all those modalities of learning. Learn how to identify specific modalities and intelligences. Plus, you'll get a chance to survey your own intelligences, and investigate how *your* intelligences impact your teaching style.

Teaching with Manipulatives (K-12)

Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Newark Valley HS, room 245

Aaron Truesdell, Presenter

Manipulatives can be a very effective classroom tool. Nearly every subject area and grade level can use manipulatives from simple, readily available materials. When participants leave the workshop, they will have handouts, an instructional CD, an instructional booklet and a few samples of manipulatives that they have created. When the workshop concludes, the participants will have a variety of ideas for manipulatives that they can integrate into their own classrooms.

Dreamweaver (K-12)

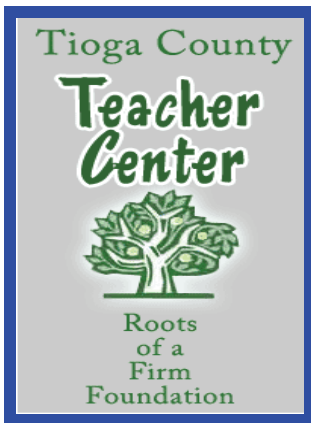
Thursday, November 5, 2009, 3:00-5:00, Newark Valley HS, room 216

Kathleen Alexander, Presenter

This workshop offers an introduction to using Dreamweaver, which is an award winning Web design program that can easily be used to enhance web page design. This workshop is one of the components of the ADOBE CS3 Master Collection is available on all computers at Newark Valley High School. Topics covered will include getting started with Dreamweaver, creating page layouts, working with image files, adding interactive features and using templates.

Calendar of Events

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Fall Workshops



A \$5 fee will be collected when you sign up for the first Teacher Center workshop this school year. You will receive a free 512 MB Flash Drive (worth \$10) when you attend that first workshop. If you sign up but do not attend a workshop, another \$5 fee will be charged for your next workshop. If you cancel in enough time and that cancellation does not result in canceling the workshop due to insufficient participation, you will not be required to pay the fee again.

Care and Feeding of the Teacher Brain: What Every Educator Needs to Know (PreK – 12)

Monday, September 28, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Nichols ES, Teacher Center Office
Cindy Middendorf, Presenter

The exploding science of brain-based instruction has taught us volumes about how student brains imbed learning and respond to stimuli. But what about the *teacher's* brain? In this fast-paced, information-packed session, you'll explore the factors that impact your teaching. What constitutes an optimum environment for your brain? What factors can we control? What really happens in the brain as we age? How can we maintain and even strengthen brain power? What are the differences in the male and female brains? Gain insight into what makes your brain tick as we have fun exploring this Owner's Manual for the Teacher Brain!

Using Wikis in the Classroom (7-12)

Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 3:00-5:00, Candor HS, room 112
Neil Farley, Presenter

A Wiki is a type of Website that can be edited or modified by one, some, or all "members" of a Wiki community. A Wiki can be a great tool for collaborative work both among students and between students and teachers. Unlike a blog, its design can be quite complex and encourages the development of a collaborative product rather than a dialogue between users. Wikis can be a great way to extend your classroom, course or club online. This workshop will help to introduce you to the Wiki environment using Wikispaces, one of several free wiki-hosting services.

Basic Smart Board Tools (K-12)

Monday, October 7, 2009, 3:30-5:30, Nichols ES, Teacher Center Office
George Lohmann, Presenter

Learn to use the basic tools from Smart Notebook, the software that works with Smart Boards. Learn how to create slides, "capture" images from the Internet or from your own files, write with your finger or stylus and convert it to text, along with many other strategies to help you and your students use the Smart Board in your classroom.

Essential Questions (K-12)

Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 3:00-5:00, Candor HS, room 209
George Lohmann, Presenter

Good Essential Questions are at the core of what makes an effective unit, giving teaching and learning purposeful, meaningful and "big picture" focus. They engage higher mental and emotional capacities in your students. Learn how to write and use effective unit and content level essential questions to drive your curriculum planning and that engage your students in all four core thinking areas: for understanding, for the interpersonal, for analysis and for the imagination.

Introduction to Adobe Photoshop (K-12)

Thursday, October 15, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Newark Valley HS, room 216
Kathleen Alexander, Presenter

This workshop will offer an introduction to using ADOBE Photoshop CS3.

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