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Teacher Center Technology Committee State-wide Initiatives

The State-wide Teacher Center Technology Committee has been working very diligently to foster partnerships with foundations and other organizations to supply teachers with a variety of valuable online resources. Most of you are familiar with our partnership with Verizon which provides us with Thinkfinity, a resource continues to get bigger and better. If you're thinking that this is a service available nationwide, ask yourself where the references the NYS Learning Standards came from. That's right; the Technology Committee saw to it that these were added to the service.

Now we have SAS Curriculum Pathways. SAS, the leader in business analytics software and services and the largest independent vendor in the business intelligence market, now also provides online resources for educators. The award-winning SAS Curriculum Pathways provides a variety of tools and resources at the middle and high school levels in five core areas: ELA, social studies, science, math and Spanish. Access to these comes to you through your Teacher Center. If you have not received your access code and password, contact George Lohmann. See the workshops scheduled for training listed in this newsletter (page 4).



One of our latest partnerships is with Oracle Education Foundation, which provides ThinkQuest. ThinkQuest is a protected, online learning platform that enables teachers to integrate learning projects into their classroom curriculum and students to develop 21st century skills. It includes the following: a project environment where teachers and students engage in collaborative learning; a competition space where students participate in technology contests; the award-winning ThinkQuest

Library, a learning resource visited by millions; and a professional development program for educators. Go to <http://www.thinkquest.org/en/>.

And finally we have Professor Garfield. The Professor Garfield Foundation (PGF) learning portal is a fun interactive online environment where children can safely explore, learn and creatively express themselves. The PGF was formed in 2003 as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization to provide children, parents, and teachers an opportunity to enhance and support classroom learning in new and innovative ways. A Contest for students in grades 3-5 is being provided through the Teacher Center. Materials for this contest have already been distributed to all appropriate teachers but visit http://www.professorgarfield.org/pgf_home.html to see what else Professor Garfield has to offer.



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

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From Project Look Sharp

Dear Educator,

Please join us in Ithaca, NY, for a 5-day media literacy training session with our nationally acclaimed trainers Cyndy Scheibe and Chris Sperry! This session includes an overview of media literacy, hands-on media training, and time to develop a media literacy lesson or project to use with your students. This session is ideal for K-12 educators, librarians, community educators, and teacher education college faculty.

Media Literacy Training Session

DATE: July 12 - July 16

TIME: 8:30-4:00

LOCATION: Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

COST: \$775.00

MORE: This popular media literacy session can only accept 18 participants so be sure to register early! This session earns 3.4 continuing education units, and is aided through TST BOCES if you are a NY State educator.

- Affordable on-campus housing available
- Continental breakfast each morning & Friday lunch
- Free use of Ithaca College facilities: fitness center, outdoor swimming pool, library, TCAT bus-line for local travel
- Local hiking and unique restaurants abound!

*If you can't make it, then perhaps one of your colleagues can, so please pass this message along!

Sincerely,

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Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Early Childhood Services Head Start

Tioga Opportunities Head Start programs are now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year.

Programs are available for pre-school children living in the Candor, Newark Valley, Owego/Apalachin, Tioga Center and Waverly school districts. If your child lives in one of these districts and will be three or four years old on or before December 1, 2010, s/he is eligible to apply for the program. We welcome children with special needs. Children who are age-eligible for Kindergarten cannot apply.



For applications, contact Elaine Lovegreen, Family Services Coordinator, at 607-687-5888 or toll free at 1-866-687-5888.

Workshop Schedule

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Smart Notebook Math Tools (5-12)

Thursday, May 27, 2010, 4:00-6:00, Newark Valley High School, room 231/233

Presenter: Matt Ringh

Learn how Smart Notebook Math extends the capabilities of the Smart Notebook software with a dynamic set of math-specific tools and features. Designed specifically for middle and high school math classrooms, Smart Notebook Math has built-in features such as an equation editor and custom graph builder. Explore how you can manipulate shapes, use interactive measurement tools and even launch your Texas Instruments-brand emulator all from within the software.

Graphic Novels (7-12)

Tuesday, June 1, 3:00-5:00, Candor High School, room 209

Presenters: Meisha Lohmann & David Benjamin

Your students are reading and enjoying graphic novels! Why not consider ways to incorporate this popular medium into your literacy program, combining textual literacy with visual literacy? Allow visual thinking strategies to enhance your students' reading and writing skills. This workshop is primarily for English, art and social studies teachers and librarians.

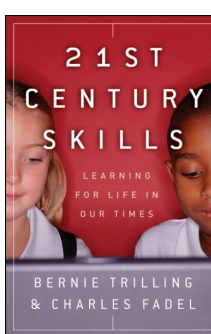
21st Century Skill in Your Classroom (K-12)

Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 3:00-5:00, Candor High School, room 209

Presenter: George Lohmann

It doesn't take much insight to realize that a certain set of skills, being taught too infrequently in American classrooms, are essential if young people are going to be competitive in the 21st century.

Whether we like it or not, we live within the framework of a global economy and in a society that is changing—FAST. To have any



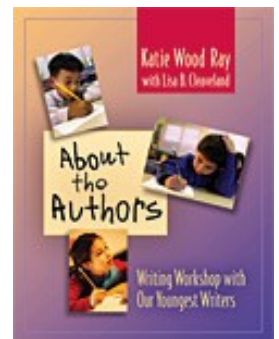
chance of competing, to have the chance to live a life with a sense of self-worth, our students will need, in addition to the basic core subjects, a set of skills that fall into three categories: learning and innovations skills, digital literacy skills, and life and career skills. This workshop will take a look at the initiative set forth by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills and the book *21st Century Skills, Learning for Life in Our Times* by Bernie Trilling and Charles Fadel and what it mean for what you do in the classroom.

About the Authors (K-3)

Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 4:15-6:15, Candor Elementary School, room 12

Presenter: Patrick Patterson

About the Authors by Katie Wood Rey is about the littlest authors—those in kindergarten through third grade. Based on a profound understanding of the ways in which young children learn, it shows teachers how to launch a writing workshop by inviting children to do what they do naturally—make stuff. So why not write books? Patterson was the leader of a study group that experimented with the strategies that Rey had to offer.



Calendar of Events

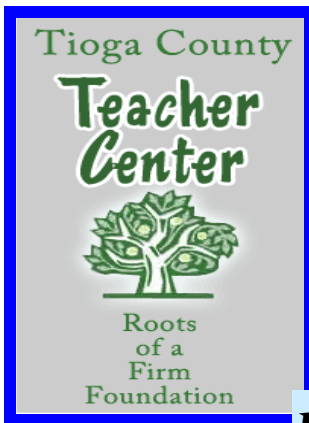
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3 May	4	5	6	7	8
10 Focus on Solar WS 9:00-3:00 NES	11	12	13	14	15
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24 Policy Board Meeting 4:00 Owego Presbyterian	25 Spatial Literacy WS 3:30-5:00 NES	26 SAS Curriculum Pathways WS 3:00-4:30 CHS	27 Smart Notebook Math Tools WS NVHS	28	29
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The Virginia Department of Education has teamed up with the Professor Garfield Foundation and the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia to provide guidance for students, teachers and parents to help students protect themselves online.

Try out this new site – good learning activities for younger children. Professor Garfield offers the lesson and then lets the children apply the lessons to situations. Great activity to do with your kids which could prompt conversation. This site is new and promises more to come. Check it out: <http://www.infinitelearninglab.org/>.





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Winter Workshops

Focus on Solar (5-12)

Monday, May 10, 2010, 9:00-3:00, Nichols Elementary School

Presenter: NYSERDA

Create Energy Smart students. Integrate solar energy education into your lesson plans. The workshop focuses on the what, when, where, why and how of solar energy, demonstrating the role solar electric power photovoltaics can play in providing clean energy and more. FREE materials valued at \$100 provided for each participant. Substitute stipend also provided to your district.

SAS Curriculum Pathways for English & Social Studies (7-12)

Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 2:40-3:30, Newark Valley High School, room 214

Presenter: Stacy Mallory

SAS Curriculum Pathways is a FREE Internet resource for teachers and students, providing curriculum, assessments and tools to be used in the classroom. Learn how what this resource has to offer and practice how to use it for English and social studies. Learn in particular how to use the editing tool.

SAS Curriculum Pathways for Math & Science (7-12)

Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 2:40-3:30, Newark Valley High School, room 216

Presenter: John Mosher

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Spatial Literacy in Your Classroom (K-12)

Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 3:30-5:00, Nichols Elementary School

Presenter: Meisha Lohmann

How does the arrangement of your classroom affect learning? How are your students relating to their spatial position within your classroom? Learn how to read the language of spatial relations both for the purpose of improving classroom instruction and for developing student awareness of their own position within their environment.

SAS Curriculum Pathways for English & Social Studies (7-12)

Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 3:00-4:30, Candor High School, room 112

Presenter: Neil Farley

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SAS Curriculum Pathways for Math & Science (7-12)

Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 3:00-4:30, Candor High School, room 110

Presenter: Matt Gelder

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