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Program Changes

Because New York State Teacher Centers are being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), certain changes were required to comply with federal regulations. The Policy Board approved the following changes at their October meeting: When you wish to apply for funding through the Teacher Center to attend a conference, you will now use our Conference Passport Program application, which is accessible via the Website. Use the Study Group Program application to apply for study group funding, the Classroom Laboratory Program application to apply for funding requiring the purchase of materials to try new teaching strategies in the classroom, and the Professional Reading Program application for funding for books and/or media for professional development. These too are all accessible via the Website. The Professional Reading Program application is in the form of a Formsite.com application and can be submitted any time during the school year until funding is depleted.



Neil Farley, Policy Board Vice Chair, conducts November meeting at TCTC

VTS Comes to Newark Valley

Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) is a program that helps students better communicate what they see and experience in an effort to improve their literacy skills. Three Newark Valley teachers—Michele Hammond, Sharon Camp and Christine Bobrowich—attended a training provided by the Teacher Center of Broome County in August. Marlene Roeder, the trainer for the session, will also be coming to Newark Valley on November 18, 2009, to observe these teachers and consult with them about providing this instruction effectively. She will also be observing and consulting again with them later in the school year to complete the training.

The Tioga County Teacher Center plans to offer this training to other teachers as soon as arrangements can be made with Marlene Roeder.



Roeder (left), with Mary Ann Luciano, Director of Catskill Regional TC, before she presents keynote at conference in Oneonta

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Pipeline Project Update

The Pipeline Project calendars should be “in your hands” as we speak. The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) was very impressed with the products created by the Southern Tier Teacher Center Network (STTCN), particularly Mary Ann Luciano, Director of the Catskill Regional Teacher Center, Gail Szeliga, Director of the Teacher Center of Broome County, and George Lohmann. They were particularly pleased that it was a project that covered the entire Southern Tier region. Due to contract approval delays the calendar, which was supposed to run from September through June, runs from November through August. WIB has expressed interest in a follow-up project for which the Network will probably collaborate with WSKG’s Education and Outreach program, particularly Eric Jensen and Jackie Stapleton. Jackie has already produced a companion document which is now available on the Pipeline Project blog: <http://pipelineproject.blogspot.com>. The follow-up project will probably take the form of professional development related to career education. Preliminary plans have already begun.

The Network also met with Christian D. Harris, Senior Economist at the New York State Department of Labor, Division of Research and Statistics, who presented on Occupational Trends in the Southern Tier. His PowerPoint presentation and Excel spreadsheet will soon be available on the Pipeline Project blog.



Jensen with STTCN at WIB presentations

Harris presenting to STTCN Directors

Penguin Book Sale

This annual event includes thousands of titles, including those published by DK and Reader’s Digest—fiction, nonfiction, juvenile, hardcover, paperback and audio. All books are new. Prices go as low as \$1.00 with no entry fee. Cash and checks only. Checks require two forms of ID, including one photo ID. No credit cards accepted.

- Saturday, November 14, 1:00-8:00pm
- Monday, November 16, 5:00-8:00pm
- Tuesday, November 17, 5:00-8:00pm
- Wednesday, November 18, 5:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, November 19, 5:00-8:00pm
- Friday, November 20, 5:00-8:00pm
- Saturday, November 21, 1:00-5:00 pm

The sale is located at the former Maines warehouse on Terrace Ave. in Conklin, NY. Directions from Interstate 81 Northbound: Make a left off exit 1. Go .8 miles to light at Conklin Rd. Make right turn. Go 6.2 miles to Terrace Dr. and make left turn at large "FOR LEASE" sign.

Directions from Interstate 81 Southbound: Take exit 3 to traffic light. Turn right to 2nd traffic light and turn left. Go over bridge to Conklin Rd. Turn right. Go .4 miles and turn right onto Terrace Dr. at large "FOR LEASE" sign.

All Day Workshop for Substitute Teachers

Area school districts—and more importantly their students—need you! If you are a new substitute teacher or have ever thought of becoming one, this workshop is for you. Participants will explore many topics related to substitute teaching. The day will include:

- An overview of certification requirements
- Tips from the perspectives of administrators
- Safety concerns / Right-to-Know Information
- Substitute teacher survival kit ideas
- Classroom management strategies
- Material making and networking opportunities

The workshop will be facilitated by Bonnie Calzolaio, Director of the Cortland County Teacher Center. Refreshments, lunch and materials are included free. The workshop will run Monday, December 7, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Tioga County Teacher Center in Nichols Elementary School.

Book Collection

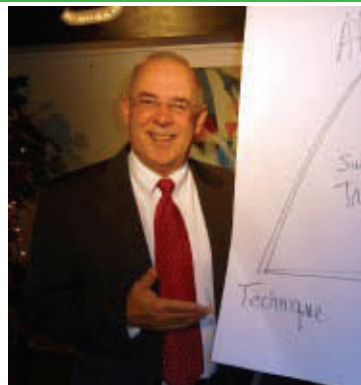
If you are no longer using a book purchased with Tioga County Teacher Center funds, please share it with a colleague or return it to the Teacher Center. If you share it with a colleague, please inform the Teacher Center about who has the book.

Calendar of Events

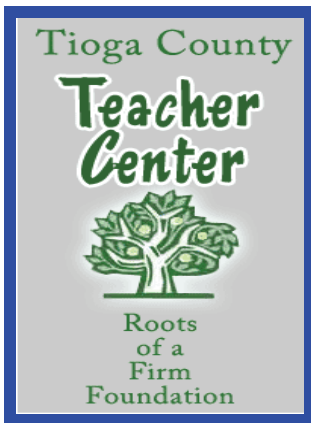
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 November Policy Board Meeting 4:00 Nichols ES	3	4	5 STTCN Math Conference 8:00-3:00 Owego Dreamweaver WS 3:00-5:00 NVHS	6	7
9	10	11 VETERANS' DAY	12	13 NYS Teacher Center Fall Focus	14 NYS Teacher Center Fall Focus
16 Great websites for Elementary Teachers WS 4:00-6:00 Candor ES	17 Promoting Literacy through Storytelling WS 4:00-5:30 Nichols ES	18 Promoting Literacy through Storytelling WS 4:00-5:30 Candor HS	19 Introduction to PowerPoint WS 3:30-5:30 Tioga MS	20	21
23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 THANKSGIVING	27 NO SCHOOL	28
30 Great websites for Elementary Teachers WS 4:00-6:00 Candor ES	1 December	2 Introduction to PowerPoint WS 3:45-5:45 Candor HS	3	4 STTCN Meeting 10:00-2:00 Roberson	5
7 WS for Substitutes 9:00-2:00 Nichols ES	8	9 Socratic Seminar "Roll Through" NVHS	10	11 CHANUKAH Begins	12
14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 CHRISTMAS	26 KWANZAA Begins
28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	1 January NEW YEAR'S DAY	2

Valuable Advice Offered at Tioga Trails

Those who attended the "Fully Engaged! Strategies that Engage Your Peers and Students" workshop on October 27, 2009, conducted at Tioga Trails Café, came away with some truly practical advice about how to make sure your audience—whether adults or students—is with you from beginning to end. Presenter Fred Ashforth provided, in particular, some useful strategies to help participants connect with their audience. This workshop was done in conjunction with the Owego Apalachin Teacher Resource and Technology Center.



Fred Ashforth presenting at Tioga Trails



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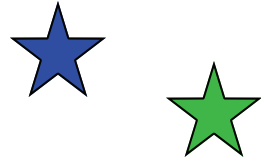
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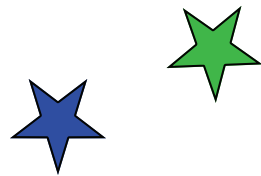
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Fall Workshops



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Great Websites for Elementary Teachers (K-6)

Monday, November 16, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Candor ES, Computer Lab

Monday, November 30, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Candor ES, Computer Lab

Nancy Riggs, Presenter

Are your students struggling with math facts? Do you need something to illustrate a science lesson? Worried about the New York State tests? Turn on your computer, but don't buy costly software. There are hundreds of great websites available at the click of a mouse. Come find out what they are from a teacher whose second job is finding great sites for an online company. You'll want to take time to explore the sites, so the course will be offered on two different dates. Come to one or both, depending on how much time you have to investigate the vast array of sites.

Promoting Literacy through Storytelling (Pre-K-6)

Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 4:00-5:30, Nichols ES, Teacher Center

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 4:00-5:30, Candor HS, room 209

Regina Carpenter, Presenter

Regi Carpenter, storyteller, author and educator, effectively integrates storytelling with the teaching of literacy to young children. During this 90 minute workshop teachers will use paper, drawing, language, sand, puppets, crayons and the body to learn and tell stories with and to children. These simple and easily applied methods help develop both receptive and expressive language skills, understanding of story sequence and narrative abilities. It's gentle, fun, inexpensive and effective. Regi Carpenter is a nationally known storyteller and educator who specializes in stories with primary and elementary aged children. A teaching artist trained through the Lincoln Center Arts in Education program, Regi understands how to link curriculum requirements with aesthetic principles. A teller since 1993, Regi has been granted many national awards and travels internationally to perform and teach.

Introduction to PowerPoint (Pre-K-12)

Thursday, November 19, 2009, 3:30-5:30, Nichols MS, Computer Lab

Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 3:45-5:45, Candor HS, Computer Lab, room 112

Eric Gutierrez, Presenter

This class will focus on how to build a basic structured PowerPoint presentation, including basic button functions, inserting graphics and text, simple timesaving keyboard shortcuts, the Slide Master, basic animations, and adding sound/video to slides. Basic MS Word skills are required.



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