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TCVC Director and Policy Board Members Attend NYS Teacher Center Spring Symposium

Teacher Center Directors and Policy Board members from 132 state-wide Teacher Centers converged on Albany on March 22 for a two-day Symposium celebrating 25 years of “continued investment in public education” and what the New York State Board of Regents bills as the most cost effective source of professional development in the state.

Among those in attendance were those representing the Tioga County Teacher Center: Director George Lohmann and Policy Board members Neil Farley and Roger Sharp. It was Farley’s first times at a state-wide Teacher Center event. He observed that “the symposium was an opportunity to see the variety of ways that Teacher Centers achieve their mission of helping teachers improve their craft. That there were so many different styles of management speaks to the ability of these institutions to be flexible, in terms of both their clients—teachers and students—and with changes in methodologies, technologies and the expectations of all participants in our schools. This flexibility makes TCs such an important player in teacher development.



Neil Farley listens with Cortland County Teacher Center Director Bonnie Calzolaio during a breakout session for small Teacher Center consortia.

Committee of 100 Meet with Legislators

Besides the annually scheduled gathering in March, NYSUT called a special gathering of the Committee of 100 on February 3, both of these for the purpose of meeting with state legislators to discuss state aid for education. Director Lohmann and his assistant, Art Cacciola, met with Senator Tom Libous, and Assemblymen Tom O’Mara and Gary Finch. They each voiced support for Teacher Centers.

Lohmann and Cacciola discussing state aid for education with Senator Libous



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**Director
George Lohmann**

A Question of Excellence

Fifteen educators from Candor, Newark Valley, Owego and Tioga Center participated in the "Questioning Our Questions" workshop offered at the TCTC at Nichols Elementary School Monday, March 30, 2009, at. The outcomes for the day included providing participants with the opportunity to learn more about questioning and the power it has to bring students to higher levels of thinking and success. The workshop explored the research on various types and patterns of questions, examined the purpose of different types of questions, considered the role Essential Questions and Socratic Seminars have in questioning, and explored the process of creating questions for classroom lessons and activities. Attendees engaged in a variety of instructional strategies that can facilitate and enhance the learning environment.

Intel® Teach Training Being Planned

The Southern Tier Teacher Center Network (SSTCN) is working out plans to offer the Intel® Teach Thinking with Technology Course to area teachers. This training will take place at Owego Free Academy. Tentative dates can be found on the calendar on page 3 of this newsletter.

The course builds on effective technology integration skills where teachers use free online tools to support the development and assessment of their students' higher-order thinking skills. This modular course provides face-to-face, hands-on experiences with unique online thinking tools that engage students and help them to communicate their understanding of complex concepts. Each tool features an online workspace where students create and save visual representations of their thinking.

Intel® Teach is a nonprofit initiative supported by the state-wide Teacher Center organization.

Project Look Sharp

Would you like to return to the classroom in September with both a new approach and new materials? This summer, Project Look Sharp is offering its 11th annual Media Literacy Institute! This five-day immersion course helps you integrate media analysis and production into your curriculum by providing the theory of media literacy, hands-on practice with digital/computer technology (Mac-based), and one-on-one coaching by nationally acclaimed PLS staff. The course may be taken for 3.3 continuing education units and takes place on the scenic campus of Ithaca College overlooking Cayuga Lake. Inexpensive on-campus housing is available. Limit of 18 participants. Dates are July 13 through 17. Visit our web site to see a 3-minute video from a previous institute or to read comments from past participants: <http://www.ithaca.edu/looksharp/>.



Contact information can be found on the Teacher Center blog: <http://teachtioa.blogspot.com>. E-mail George Lohmann at tiogactc@gmail.com if you would like a flyer.



Facilitator Kim Loucks of Teaching and Learning Connected provided a valuable, educational experience with a continuous influx of humor.

Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 April Policy Board Meeting 4:00	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
13 NO SCHOOL	14 NO SCHOOL	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL	17 NO SCHOOL	18
20	21	22	23 Photoshop WS 3:30-5:30 NVHS	24 STTCN Meeting 10:00-2:00 Endicott	25
27 Policy Board Meeting 4:00 Intel Teach 8:00-4:00 Owego	28	29 Wikis in the Classroom WS3:00-4:00 CHS	30	1 May Study Group Final Reports Due	2
4	5 Intel Teach WS 8:00-4:00 Owego	6	7 NYSSDC Conference in Liverpool	8 NYSSDC Conference in Liverpool Great Geospatial Gorge-Out 9:00-3:00 Cornell	9
11	12	13 Intel Teach WS 8:00-4:00 Owego	14 Advanced Photoshop WS 3:30-5:00 NVHS	15 STTCN Meeting 10:00-2:00 Cincinnatus	16
18	19	20	21 Intel Teach WS 8:00-4:00 Owego	22	23
25 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	26	27	28	29	30 Start the Revolution! 9:00 am - 9:00 am Sunday
1 June	2	3	4 Intel Teach WS 8:00-4:00 Owego	5	6

The Great Geospatial Gorge-OUT 2

Friday, May 8, 2009 - 9 am – 3:00 pm
Mann Library, Cornell University
College of Agriculture Quad
Tower Road, Ithaca, NY 14853

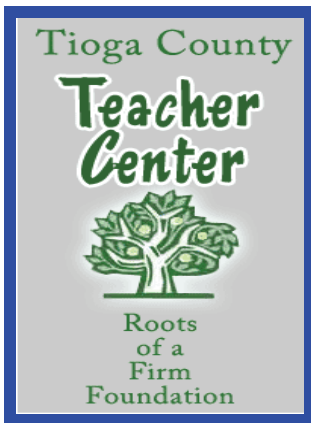
Back by popular demand: Workshops in Map Interpretation, Using GPS, Making Maps with GIS Programs, and Aerial Photography of the Finger Lakes. Go to STTCN blog to access flyer: <http://sttcn.blogspot.com/>.

Start the Revolution!

A Living History Program

Saturday, May 30, 2009, 9:00 am -
Sunday, May 31, 9:00 am
Newtown Battlefield, off Route 17 near Elmira

The Living History Education Foundation will provide a 15 hour on-site course. This is a hands-on course. Participants will take an active role in the life of a Revolutionary War Soldier. The cross-curriculum approach is applicable to both elementary and secondary levels in a variety of disciplines (history, music, art, language arts, technology, math, and science). Participants will sleep over at Newtown Battlefield.



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Workshops

Adobe Photoshop

Learn the basics about using Adobe Photoshop to manipulate and improve the quality of your photos.

Thursday, April 23, 2009

4:00-6:00

NVHS, room 216

Instructor: Kathleen Alexander

Creating a Classroom Wiki

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 among 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 one hour workshop will help to introduce you to the wiki environment using Wikispaces, one of several free wiki-hosting services.

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

3:00-4:00

CHS, room 212

Instructor: Neil Farley

Advanced Adobe Photoshop

Learn more advanced strategies for making your photos even better.

Thursday, October 23

4:00-6:00

NVHS, room 216

Instructor: Kathleen Alexander



\$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.

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