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8th Annual Cortland Educator's Conference

A Conference for Educators, by Educators

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Registration: 7:30-8:15

Program: 8:15-2:30

Homer High School

Keynote: It's Imperative to Go Green! By Kurt Schmidt

Kurt Schmidt is a science teacher at Cincinnatus Central School and is on the adjunct faculty at SUNY Cortland. He received a Fulbright scholarship to teach and study in the United Kingdom (1995-96) and was awarded New York State Environmental Educator of the Year (2000). He holds degrees from Paul Smith's College, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, and Syracuse University and SUNY ESF. Mr. Schmidt was published in the Journal of Outdoor Education in January 2007.

Workshop titles: Green Jobs for the 21st Century, Biome Blast!, Jar Lids & Bottle Caps, Schools of the Future: What a Green School Might Look Like, Going Global: Exploring Biodiversity on Your School Yard and Beyond, The Changing Nature of Childhood, From Truffula Seeds to Kapok Trees, Math: Play, Make & Take, You Can't Spell SUSTAINABLE without US!, It's All Connected: Migrating Birds and Our Local Habitat, Go Green Initiative / Ideas, Do Birds Have Belly-buttons? Kids Answer the Funniest Questions!, Reducing Your Carbon Footprint: What You, Your Students, and School Can Do!, A Visit from Thrae and What Do Harvard Medical Students and Kindergarteners Have in Common?

Use a Conference Grant application to cover your \$30 registration. Conference brochures will be in your mailbox.

Ithaca Loves Teachers Week

Friday, February 13, through Sunday, February 22, 2009

Ithaca and Tompkins County, home of Cornell University, Ithaca College and Tompkins-Cortland Community College, offer educators a discounted week of recreation, relaxation and professional development. Opportunities include indoor activities such as hotel and restaurant discounts, plays, concerts, winery tours and brisk outdoor fun in the area's rural beauty. More than 1,300 educators took advantage of the initial program in central New York's cultural and educational hub last February, and more are expected this year. For information about the festival, go to <http://www.ithacalovesteachers.com/>.

Visit Our Blog!

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

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

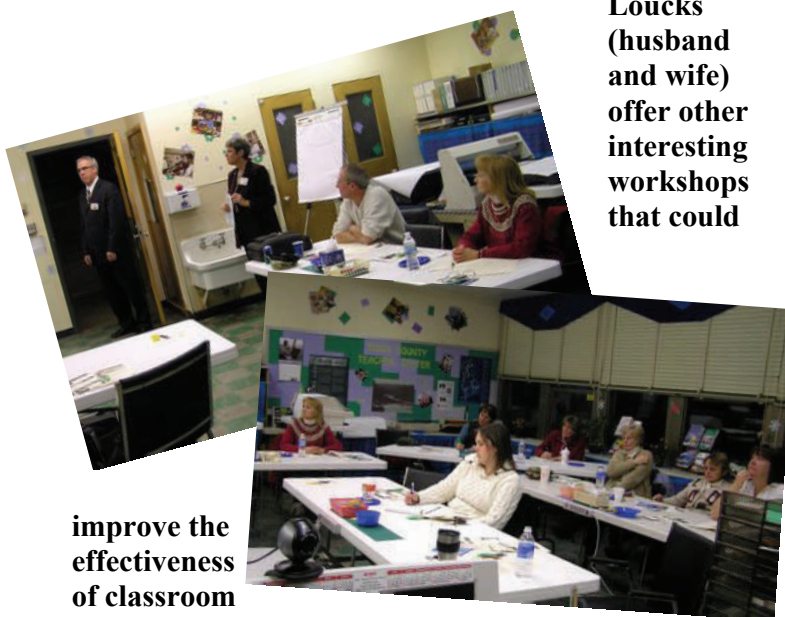
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True Colors™ Workshop a Valuable Experience

Using color as a metaphor for various personality traits, in mid-January Kim and Carolyn Loucks of Auburn showed participants from Tioga and Broome Counties how they could use this understanding to work more effectively with students and colleagues alike. People are intrinsically different and they strive to achieve a sense of self worth from very different perspectives. With entertaining activities, this training provided teachers with the skills to enhance the cooperative spirit when working with the inherent diversity found within just about any group. Participants learned how to help students doing group activities to work more effectively and productively.

Each attendee has now added to his/her repertoire ideas that can be used to enhance human relationships and increase cognitive and affective success in school. Participants were excited to learn that the

Loucks (husband and wife) offer other interesting workshops that could



improve the effectiveness of classroom instruction.

They will certainly be asked to return to the Tioga County Teacher Center for additional workshop experiences.

Visit Study Group Blogs

Visit this year's study group blogs featuring the following professional books: *How the Brain Learns Mathematics*, *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, *Strategies That Work*, *Guiding K-3 Writers*, *Words Their Way*, and *An Ethic of Excellence*. Go to <http://teachtioa.blogspot.com/> and click on the links on the right.

Dreamweaver Workshop Coming

Presenter: Kathleen Alexander

Thursday, March 19, 2009

3:00-5:00

Newark Valley High School, room 216

Come learn how to create your own professional-looking Website for use with your students. Dreamweaver is the latest Website creating software produced by Adobe. This workshop will provide you with the basics for getting started.

Hudson River Panorama:

400 Years of History, Art and Culture at the Albany Institute of History & Art

The Albany Institute of History & Art will offer professional development opportunities and digital curriculum resources with the exhibition, HUDSON RIVER PANORAMA: 400 Years of History, Art and Culture from February 7, 2009 through January 3, 2010, produced in conjunction with the statewide Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial. The Hudson River Panorama curriculum resource (a set of lessons with digital reproductions and supporting materials) will provide teachers with tools to introduce students to people of the past through authentic materials. Up to six hours of professional development credits can be earned. Admission by application; limited to 15 teachers each day:

- Elementary School Teachers March 4 or September 30, 2009
- Middle School Teachers March 5 or October 1, 2009
- High School Teachers March 6 or October 2, 2009.

All workshops are 9 am to 4 pm. Teachers will be provided with:

- Reimbursement for the substitute teacher for their classroom for the day of training (up to \$100)
- Free admission for one class to visit the Albany Institute
- A \$100 subsidy for bus transportation for the class trip
- A digital and printed copy of the curriculum.

For a copy of the application visit <http://www.albanyinstitute.org> and click on education.

Grant for Teachers

The New York State Retired Teachers' Association is offering a \$1,000 grant to an educator who is pursuing a master's degree and professional certification in New York. Eligible candidates must be working full-time in a public school district in the Southern Zone of the association, which includes Tioga County. Applications are available from building principals and on <http://www.nvsrta.org/>. The deadline to apply is March 14, 2009.

Calendar of Events

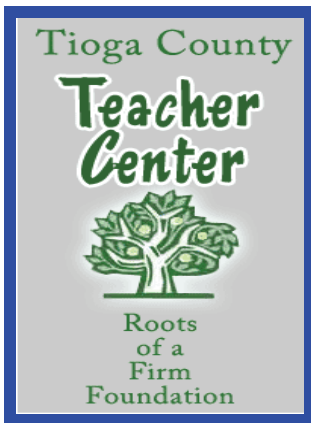
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 February	3 Special Meeting of the Committee of 100 in Albany	4	5	6 STTCN Meeting 10:00-2:00 Cortland	7
9	10	11	12 Differentiated Instruction WS 4:00-6:00 THS	13 Ithaca Loves Teachers	14 Ithaca Loves Teachers
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23	24 Multi-Intelligences & Learning Styles WS 4:00-6:00 THS	25	26	27	28
2 March Policy Board Meeting, 4:00, Owego	3	4 Learning Centers WS 4:00-6:00 THS	5	6	7
9	10	11	12 Sensory Integration WS 4:00-6:00 THS	13 Educators in training Conference SUNY Cortland	14 8th Annual Cortland Educators' Conference 8:15-2:30 Homer HS
16	17	18	19 Dreamweaver WS 3:00-5:00 NVHS	20 Superintendent's Conference Day (Newark Valley & Tioga)	21 NYS Teacher Center Spring Retreat in Albany
23	24 Committee of 100 in Albany	25	26	27	28
30	31	1 April	2	3	4

NYS Teacher Center Online Academy Winter-Spring, 2009

All classes are 15 hours in length and run from **March 18 to May 6, 2009**. Teacher Center Member Fee is \$125 per course and Non-Teacher Center Member Fees is \$150 per course. These classes are vetted to the highest standards and have been developed and are taught by your fellow NYS teachers. Upon successful completion of a course and provided funds are still available, you may apply for reimbursement from the Teacher Center.

Generate Custom Bingo Cards

If you are looking for a way to spice up your lesson plans, try this free Internet service: <http://print-bingo.com/bingo-cards-custom.php>. It provides a quick and easy way to generate bingo cards using numbers, words and phrases from your curriculum content. Even foreign language teachers can use this by copying and pasting words with their special diacritical marks included. Give it a try.



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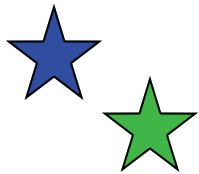
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RTI Workshops



\$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.

Do you know what *your* role is under the new RTI mandates that are rapidly becoming educational policy nation-wide? When Congress restructured the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) in 2004, very specific new procedures were mandated that will affect the way we report, document, and intervene for struggling learners in the elementary grades. Cindy Middendorf will be offering three workshops that will provide the background, tools, and strategies needed to keep pace with teaching in the 21st century. New York State, along with all other states, is currently forming the framework for structuring early intervention services. By law, THE CLASSROOM TEACHER will be the “first level responder.” These enlightening, fast-paced sessions will get you on board!

Differentiated Instruction: Common Sense in the Early Years (PreK – 4) Classroom teachers are more accountable than ever for the success of all. What distinguishes differentiated instruction in the early grades from DI in the upper grades? What makes a lesson “differentiated?” This workshop will give you the background and basics that all elementary teachers will need to face the mandated RTI initiatives that are coming down through the Federal and State governments. 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. **Thursday, February 12, 2009, 4:00-6:00**

Multiple Intelligences and Learning Styles in the Early Years: How Smart They Are, and How They Are Smart! (PreK – 4) Turn multiple intelligence theory and learning style knowledge into practice! Engage in common sense strategies for addressing all the intelligences that early learners exhibit, and accommodating all the modalities of learning. Learn how to encourage children to explore all their intelligences, and feel confident about providing a smorgasbord of activities to feed every learner’s appetite. Plus, you’ll get a chance to survey your own intelligences, and investigate how *your* intelligences impact your teaching style. **Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 4:00-6:00**

Learning Centers: Dare to Differentiate! (Pre K – 2) Learn the tricks and tips for turning your good learning centers, and free-choice sponge activities into great ones for all your learners! Discover inexpensive, creative ways to design your centers to meet the wide range of readiness levels, abilities, and interests in your classroom. Learn to help children explore all modalities of learning and a wide variety of intelligences through hands-on centers and activities. Best of all, leave with “use-it-tomorrow” ideas for dynamite differentiated centers! Be confident that you are offering Tier 1 instruction according to RTI mandates. **Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 4:00-6:00**

Location: Tioga High School Library

Presenter: Cindy Middendorf

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