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The Policy Board generally meets the first Monday in the months of September, October, November, January, March, April and May. Most meetings are held at the Presbyterian Church in Owego at 4:00. Our first meeting this year will be on Monday, September 8.

The Tioga County Teacher Center Policy Board and George Lohmann, the Director, wish to welcome you back and encourage you to take full advantage of the professional development and other services offered by the Teacher Center. If you have questions or are in need of services provided by or through your Teacher Center, please contact the Director or see your Policy Board representative (listed to the left).

Welcome Back!

New E-mail and Schedule and Website Makes Three

Please note two important new changes this year regarding the Teacher Center in addition to our new Website (same URL). Our E-mail address is changed to tiogactc@gmail.com. The Director will continue to monitor the old E-mail account for a while longer, but please make an effort to use the new address. Also, the Director's schedule will be slightly different this year. He will be coming to Candor on Wednesday afternoons instead on Mondays. Because so many holidays occur on Monday, he was missing that time to connect with Candor teachers. It is hoped that these changes will not be too inconvenient for anyone.

If you haven't done so already, visit our new Website. All grant applications are updated, the resource page includes links to many organizations which offer conferences and all the photos are of our own people, maybe even you.

Visit Our Blog!

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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Director

George Lohmann

Arts and Literacy Conference

The Southern Tier Teacher Center Network (STTCN) is planning a "Connecting Arts and Literacy Education Conference to be held at the Regency Hotel in Binghamton on Monday, November 17, from 8:30 to 3:00. The keynote address, delivered by Marlene Roeder, will focus on VTS (Visual Thinking Strategies). Area museums, Roberson Museum and Science Center and the Rockwell Museum of Western art, for example, will also present workshops.

During this day long professional development conference, participants will be provided with effective teaching strategies, resources and tools in teaching the arts (visual, music, theatre) and/or literacy. Particular focus will be given to integrating the arts and literacy into other curricula in our effort to ensure student success in the 21st century global workplace. Preference will be given to workshops linking art and literacy.

Day-Long Energy Workshops Coming

The New York Energy Smart Students program is coming to TCTC. This program focuses on how to raise the level of students' knowledge of energy efficiency and its impact on the environment. This unique program was created by NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority). The workshops are open to K-12 teachers, educators in not-for-profit agencies, pre-service teachers, college professors, and other educational professionals. They offer:

- > FREE NYSED (New York State Education Department)-aligned curriculum
- > FREE materials to use in the classroom
- > Professional development credit
- > Substitute reimbursement for workshops during school hours
- > FREE lunch and snacks

Additionally, once you've attended a workshop you gain access to a wealth of additional resources and opportunities such as:

- > FREE *Energy Smarts* newsletter
- > Applications for energy education grants
- > Teacher and student competitions
- > On-line resources and access to information on what is new and exciting in the world of energy!

Come share in the hands-on learning and fun!

ABCs of Energy

Wednesday, October, 8, 2008, 8:30-3:30

TCTC Office at Nichols Elementary School
Grades K-3

The ABCs are one of the building blocks of primary students. Why not teach the ABCs of energy at the same time? This hands-on workshop introduces basic energy content through fun and engaging activities that will lay the ground work for energy education at an early age. Students will apply classroom learning to their own lives through a family-oriented take-home activity.

And →

Dianne Lynn's Intel Teach Project

Each summer I try to learn something new that will make me a better teacher. Usually it's easy to check this off the list by finding a great new book, but this summer I completed Intel Education's Essentials Online Course. I created a unit which incorporates technology into my classroom. I'm a 'bookaholic,' not a computer person, so this is huge. Learning technology has been on a list somewhere, but with Intel's modeling, I tasted the success I hope to have my students experience next year. For me, Intel's course was challenging enough to be engaging yet supported my learning through scaffolding and simple assessments that I made hard copies of to use in my classroom. I learned by doing. I was challenged. I succeeded. It felt good. This is the stuff good classrooms are made of.

I'm a high school art teacher. In the project-based unit I designed, students will visit online museums to find works of art that they like, thus the name, "I like it, I like it a lot." They will rank the artworks in order of preference and explain their choices in a blog and their sketchbooks. Collectively, the class will define beauty on a Wiki. As an culminating project, students will create a work of art that exemplifies what they've learned and then share. Using the Essential question, "How does understanding art help us to understand ourselves?" I will guide students by using Content and Unit Questions like, "In what way do the works I chose reflect who I am as a person?" I learned more about assessment and motivation. The resources in this course are valuable. Creating environments that encourage thinking and 21st century skills were two topics I responded to. I feel fortunate to have had this learning opportunity and want to share it—more qualities of a good classroom. Visit <http://mslynnadvancedartclass.blogspot.com/>.



The Teacher Center would like to print additional first person accounts of professional development experiences gained through our services. Please contact the Director if you would like to contribute or if you know someone else who should.

Conference Grant Changes

In May 2008 the Policy Board approved increasing the annual Conference Grant limit to \$600, up from \$500. The nightly hotel limit has also been increase to \$150, up from \$100. Conference Grant applications are available by visiting our Website (newly revised) and clicking on "Grant Applications." Study Group Grant and Innovative Teaching Grant applications are also accessible there.

The 4 E's of Energy

Wednesday, October, 22, 2008, 8:30-3:30

TCTC Office at Nichols Elementary School
Grades 4-6

Do you know the 4 Es of energy? This interactive workshop promotes an understanding of energy's relationship with the environment, our economy, efficiency AND the all-important "E" – education. You will use hands-on activities to explore energy forms and sources, global climate change and actions we can take to address the energy challenges we face .

Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 September Labor Day	2 Superintendent's Conference Day	3 First Day of School	4	5	6
8 Policy Board Meeting 4:00	9	10	11	12	13
15	16 Thinkfinity NVHS 2:45-5:45	17	18	19	20
22 Thinkfinity TES 3:15-6:15	23 Thinkfinity NVHS 4:00-7:00	24	25 Google Tools NVHS 2:45-4:45	26 STTCN Meeting 10-2 Johnson City	27
29	30	1 October	2 Scrapbooking for Ed. NTH 4:00-5:30	3 Conference in Oneonta	4
6	7 Policy Board Meeting 4:00	8 ABC's of Energy NES 8:30- 3:30 Thinkfinity TMS 3:15-5:15	9 Photoshop NVHS 4:00-6:00	10	11
13 Columbus Day No School	14	15	16	17	18
20 Thinkfinity THS 3:15-6:15	21	22 4 E's of Energy NES 8:30-3:30	23 Advanced Photoshop NVHS 4-6	24	25
27 NYS Teacher Center Annual Meeting	28 NYS Teacher Center Annual Meet.	29	30	31	1 November
3	4	5 D.A.T.E. Conference in Cortland	6	7 STTCN Meeting 10-2 Cortland	8
10	11 Veterans Day No School	12	13	14	15
17 Arts & Literacy Conference in Binghamton	18	19	20	21	22

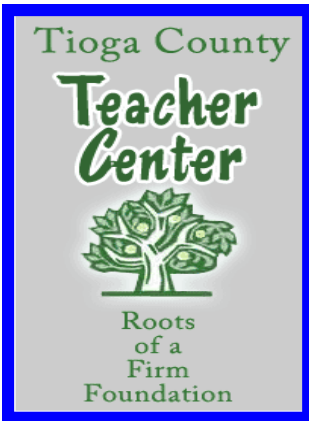
NYS Teacher Center Summer Institute

The Corning Radisson experienced a convergence of Teacher Center Directors and Policy Board members from all 133 New York State Teacher Centers in early August. From the 5th through the 7th, New York State Teacher Centers conducted their Summer Institute, providing workshops and keynote presentation and vendors in an effort to introduce local Teacher Centers to potential services and/or professional development programs. Your director was one of those workshop presenters, presenting his blogging workshop.

Survey Winners

Aaron Smith, Newark Valley High School, and James Howey, Tioga Center High School, each won a \$50 gift certificate as a result of the drawing designed to encourage teachers to complete our survey to provide feedback to the Teacher Center about our programming. 125 completed the survey, up 20%, but still less than half of those served by TCTC. It is not too late. Go to <http://fs8.formsite.com/glohmann/form418589810/index.html> and complete the survey which takes less than five minutes. Your feedback is important to us.





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Workshops

Thinkfinity for Grades 5-12

Thinkfinity delivers FREE top-quality on-line educational resources to strengthen problem-solving, creativity and critical thinking skills for success in the 21st century. There are thousands of lesson plans, educational games and more, created by premier education organizations and experts. Visit <http://www.thinkfinity.org>. Each Thinkfinity workshop will focus on lessons for the grades indicated.

Tuesday, September 16

2:45-5:45

NVHS

Instructor: Stacy Mallery

Thinkfinity for Grades K-5

Monday, September 22

3:15-6:15

TES

Instructor: Jenna Stedje

Thinkfinity for Grades K-4

Tuesday, September 23

4:00-7:00

NVHS

Instructor: Stacy Mallery

Google Tools

Learn to use Google Documents and other tools to help students work collaboratively.

Thursday, September 25

2:45-4:45

NVHS

Instructor: Kathleen Alexander

Scrapbooking for Educators

Learn to use scrapbooking strategies to create projects to help remember those important classroom events.

Thursday, October 2

4:00-5:30

NTH

Instructor: Debbie Richards

Thinkfinity for Grades 6-8

Wednesday, October 6

3:15-6:15

TMS

Instructor: Jenna Stedje

Adobe Photoshop

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

Thursday, October 9

4:00-6:00

NVHS

Instructor: Kathleen Alexander

Thinkfinity for Grades 9-12

Monday, October 20

3:15-6:15

THS

Instructor: Jenna Stedje

Advanced Adobe Photoshop

Thursday, October 23

4:00-6:00

NVHS

Instructor: Kathleen Alexander

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