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# Newsletter

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## 2009-2010 Teacher Center Policy Board

**“Times, they  
are a changing”**

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Frank, Musgrave, Scott Jobe  
and Steve Savacool

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 14, 2009.

And hopefully all for the good. You may already know that, thanks to the Federal Stimulus, the Teacher Center program was fully funded for 2009-2010. This new source of funding brings with it increased accountability and more focus on program evaluation. You will be hearing more about this when we know what is required. There have also been changes within State Ed. regarding the Teacher Center program's leadership.

Changes have also occurred locally. Candor is no longer our LEA (Lead Educational Agency, i.e., the district which handles the Teacher Center grant), Newark Valley is. Since Newark Valley contracts its purchasing out to the CBO (Central Business Office), there are many new accounting procedures. Then with renovations being done at Nichols Elementary School, there was an opportunity for some classroom reorganizations, so the Teacher Center's main office has been moved down and across the hall.

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

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**Director**  
**George Lohmann**

# Pipeline Project

Last spring Mary Ann Luciano, Director of the Catskill Regional Teacher Center, wrote a Regional Transformation Strategy Grant (coming from Federal Stimulus monies via Workforce New York). She involved three other Southern Tier Network Teacher Centers (STTCN) in this grant—The Teacher Center of Broome County, the Schuyler Chemung Tioga/Corning Teacher Center and the Tioga County Teacher Center. Each Center involved was given a task, for which those completing the task would be paid from the funds and the rest would be at the disposal of each Teacher Center.



The Project is being referred to as the Pipeline Project. We are producing a ten-month desktop calendar for all teachers and education professors in the Southern Tier. Originally it was going to run from September through June, but because of delays, it will run from November through August. Each weekday will include a "factoid" about employment and job seeking, i.e., lesson plans, information about Workforce agencies, other services, useful Websites, career data, etc. TCTC Director George Lohmann was also responsible for creating a blog to correspond to the data on the calendar to provide expanded information. The blog URL is <http://pipelineproject.blogspot.com> and already contains data on 70 calendar entries. There will be a reference number on each calendar entry so that teachers will be able to access the complete entry on the blog.

The purpose of this project is to provide educators with resource to help their students learn job seeking skills. You should receive your calendar in late October.



## Fall Workshops continued from page 4

Topics covered will include cropping photos, color adjustments, remove red-eye, removing unwanted objects from photos, image replacements and understanding layers.

### **Google Tools in the Classroom** (7-12)

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 3:00-5:00

Follow Up Session Wednesday, November, 4, 2009, 3:00-4:00

Newark Valley HS, room 216, Stacy Mallery, Presenter

Learn how to use Google Documents and Gmail, along with other Google Tools as effective classroom strategies to enhance cooperative learning. Students, in separate locations, can be anywhere the Internet is available and still work together on class projects.

### **DI: Common Sense in the Early Years** (PreK- 6)

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 4:00-6:00

Candor HS, room 209, Cindy Middendorf, Presenter

Classroom teachers are more accountable than ever for the success of all. What exactly *is* differentiated instruction? What distinguishes differentiated instruction in the early grades from DI in the upper grades? What makes a lesson "differentiated?" What is the role of DI in the mandated RTI (Response To Intervention) initiatives that are coming down through the Federal and State governments. This workshop will give you the background and basics that all elementary teachers will need to face the major changes coming to our classrooms. 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.

### **Using Multiple Intelligences & Learning Modalities to Get Their Attention!** (PreK-12)

Monday, October 26, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Nichols ES, Teacher Center Office

Cindy Middendorf, Presenter

Turn multiple intelligence theory and learning style knowledge into practice! All the research points to one conclusion: best teaching practices are rooted in different strokes for different folks. But how does an overwhelmed teacher even begin to address all the different modalities and intelligences? Engage in common sense strategies for addressing all those intelligences that your students exhibit, and accommodating all those modalities of learning. Learn how to identify specific modalities and intelligences. Plus, you'll get a chance to survey your own intelligences, and investigate how *your* intelligences impact your teaching style.

### **Teaching with Manipulatives** (K-12)

Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Newark Valley HS, room 245

Aaron Truesdell, Presenter

Manipulatives can be a very effective classroom tool. Nearly every subject area and grade level can use manipulatives from simple, readily available materials. When participants leave the workshop, they will have handouts, an instructional CD, an instructional booklet and a few samples of manipulatives that they have created. When the workshop concludes, the participants will have a variety of ideas for manipulatives that they can integrate into their own classrooms.

### **Dreamweaver** (K-12)

Thursday, November 5, 2009, 3:00-5:00, Newark Valley HS, room 216

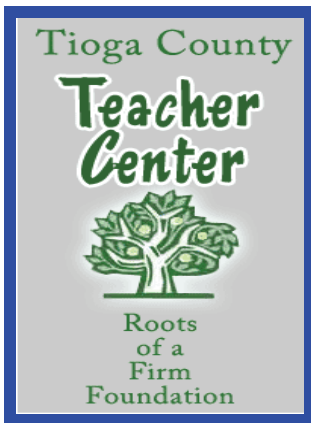
Kathleen Alexander, Presenter

This workshop offers an introduction to using Dreamweaver, which is an award winning Web design program that can easily be used to enhance web page design. This workshop is one of the components of the ADOBE CS3 Master Collection is available on all computers at Newark Valley High School. Topics covered will include getting started with Dreamweaver, creating page layouts, working with image files, adding interactive features and using templates.

# Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 <b>September</b> Policy Board Meeting 4:00 Owego	15	16	17	18 STTCN Meeting 10:00-2:00 Johnson City	19
21	22	23	24		
28 Teacher Brain WS 8:00-6:00 Nichols ES	29	30 Wiki WS 3:00-5:00 Candor HS	1 <b>October</b>		
5 Basic Smart Board WS 3:30-5:30 Nichols ES	6 Policy Board Meeting 4:00 Owego	7	8		
12 <b>Columbus Day</b>	13	14 Essential Questions WS 3:00-5:00 Candor HS	15 Photoshop WS 4:00-6:00 NVHS	16 STTCN Meeting 10:00-2:00 Owego	17
19	20	21 Google WS 3:00-5:00 NVHS Differentiated Instruction WS 4:00-6:00 Candor HS	22	23	24
26 Multi-Intelligences & Learning Styles WS 4:00-6:00 Nichols ES	27	28	29	30 Best Practices Conference 8:00-3:00 Oneonta	31
2 <b>November</b> Policy Board Meeting 4:00 Owego	3 Manipulatives WS 4:00-6:00 NVHS	4 Google WS 3:00-4:00 NVHS	5 STTCN Math Conference 8:00-3:00 Owego Dreamweaver WS 3:00-5:00 NVHS	6	7
9	10	11	12	13 NYS Teacher Center Annual Meeting Albany	14 NYS Teacher Center Annual Meeting Albany
16	17 Promoting Literacy through Storytelling WS 4:00-6:00 Nichols ES	18 Promoting Literacy through Storytelling WS 4:00-6:00 Candor HS	19	20	21





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## Fall Workshops



A \$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.

### Care and Feeding of the Teacher Brain: What Every Educator Needs to Know (PreK – 12)

Monday, September 28, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Nichols ES, Teacher Center Office  
Cindy Middendorf, Presenter

The exploding science of brain-based instruction has taught us volumes about how student brains imbed learning and respond to stimuli. But what about the *teacher's* brain? In this fast-paced, information-packed session, you'll explore the factors that impact your teaching. What constitutes an optimum environment for your brain? What factors can we control? What really happens in the brain as we age? How can we maintain and even strengthen brain power? What are the differences in the male and female brains? Gain insight into what makes your brain tick as we have fun exploring this Owner's Manual for the Teacher Brain!

### Using Wikis in the Classroom (7-12)

Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 3:00-5:00, Candor HS, room 112  
Neil Farley, Presenter

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

### Basic Smart Board Tools (K-12)

Monday, October 7, 2009, 3:30-5:30, Nichols ES, Teacher Center Office  
George Lohmann, Presenter

Learn to use the basic tools from Smart Notebook, the software that works with Smart Boards. Learn how to create slides, "capture" images from the Internet or from your own files, write with your finger or stylus and convert it to text, along with many other strategies to help you and your students use the Smart Board in your classroom.

### Essential Questions (K-12)

Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 3:00-5:00, Candor HS, room 209  
George Lohmann, Presenter

Good Essential Questions are at the core of what makes an effective unit, giving teaching and learning purposeful, meaningful and "big picture" focus. They engage higher mental and emotional capacities in your students. Learn how to write and use effective unit and content level essential questions to drive your curriculum planning and that engage your students in all four core thinking areas: for understanding, for the interpersonal, for analysis and for the imagination.

### Introduction to Adobe Photoshop (K-12)

Thursday, October 15, 2009, 4:00-6:00, Newark Valley HS, room 216  
Kathleen Alexander, Presenter

This workshop will offer an introduction to using ADOBE Photoshop CS3.

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