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Newsletter

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BEYOND THE ABC'S ☀

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A Workshop for Recent Retirees & Those Planning to Retire Soon

GOTCHA! ☀

Workshop Goal: To assist and energize participants in taking a planful approach to retirement and post-retirement activity.
OBJECTIVES: A proactive offering:
To discuss and explore the “new retirement”
To understand the stages and process of successful transition
To involve participants in essential assessment exercises for re-evaluating mid-life
To explore options and ways to reinvent their lives
To identify initial concrete steps to design the next chapter of their life
To tap energy, insight and support of colleagues in this exploration

Are inattentive, late and absent students stightly less than focused? But what you do about it? GOTCHA! Provides effective, easy to use ways to improve student attention, to make them want to be in your class—on time! Dr.



Tony Trunfio has ways to keep students engaged and you will too

Tony N. Trunfio, professor and certified Laughter Leader, offers an interactive program on how to motive your students with humor and other fun—and easy—strategies. He is a very entertaining presenter. Come find out about the Laughing-Learning Connection.

On Wednesday, May 21, 2008, Dr. Trunfio will present (and perform) at Tioga Trails in Owego, co-sponsored by the Tioga County Teacher and the Owego-Apalachin Teacher Resource and Technology Center—from 4:15 to 6:00. Consider staying for dinner afterwards. The Teacher Center will make your reservations.

Tuesdays, May 20 & 27, 2008
4:00 pm—7:00 pm
Tioga County Teacher Center
Nichols Elementary School

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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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George Lohmann

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Bookbinding \$.10 each Posters \$.50 per linear foot
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Thinkfinity Trainer Training

Stacy Mallery, Newark Valley High School, and Mary Joggerst, Newark Valley Middle School, have completed their “Bridge” training to remain certified as end-user trainers of Thinkfinity, formerly Marco Polo. Mallery will be offering a Thinkfinity workshop at Newark Valley High School on Thursday, May 15, from 4:00 to 6:00.

To provide trainers in all three districts, Jenna Stedge, Nichols Elementary School, and Neil Farley, Candor High School, will participate in the 12 hour training to become Thinkfinity Trainers on Friday, June 6, and Monday, June 9, at the Teacher Center of Broome County in Vestal. This training, arranged by Director George Lohmann, is sponsored by the Southern Tier Teacher Center Network and by a special grant provided by NYS Teacher Centers. Joe Pesaventa of the Mid-Hudson Teacher Center will conduct the training.

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>.

TI-nspire Training

The TI-nspire graphing calculator training held March 27, 2008, at Newark Valley High School was a stunning success. Math teachers from all three TCTC schools attended, along with teachers from Binghamton, Cincinnatus, Dryden, Seton Catholic and Susquehanna Valley. The all-day session provided training in the calculator’s use with trigonometry, pre-calculus and calculus. A side benefit to the training was observed by Newark Valley High School Principal Diane Arbes: “An unexpected bi-product: Students wondering what teachers were doing (and who were the others). It was a great opportunity to demonstrate that teachers, like students, are always ready to learn new skills. I hope there will be more opportunities like this!”

Readers’ Theatre Workshop Feedback

Of Readers’ Theatre, Ellen Giblin—a fifth grade teacher at Newark Valley Middle School—writes, “It worked really, really well.” She adds that “using stools and spinning around when [the readers] were not in the scene was a very nice touch. It was easy for a young audience to focus on the appropriate characters.” She goes on to detail her success: “I had four ability groups working on the same play. The high ability group went first so that the others saw a good model. I was happy I made that choice. My lowest group went today and did a terrific job. The extra few days of practice helped them. (I have one very weak reader—he has trouble reading even simple words like ‘could’ and ‘these.’ He was amazing and very proud of himself.)”

Similar reports have come from Heidi Canavan, a social studies teacher at Candor High School, and Andrew VanPatten, a second grade teacher at Nichols Elementary School. VanPatten reports that his students came up with many of their own creative staging ideas. “They certainly responded positively to doing Readers’ Theatre,” he adds. His class performed for Janet Rhodes kindergarten class who thought that “turning their backs to the audience [to indicate leaving the scene] was cool.”

Intel® Teach Essentials Course

This course provides teachers with a foundation of skills to fully integrate technology into existing classroom curricula for student-centered learning. Teachers learn to use backwards curriculum design, ask essential questions that promote higher-order thinking, and use technology to create standards-aligned unit plans. Teachers Leave the Course with:

A fully developed unit plan aligned to State Learning Standards that includes the following:



- Essential Questions, Unit and Content Questions
- Detailed Instructional Procedures
- Sample Student Projects
- Assessment Plans and Tools
- Support Material and Classroom Management Documents

- New Strategies for using Technology to enhance learning
- Free Curriculum Materials, including a CD loaded with sample unit plans, useful Websites and other resources

Training will occur Monday, June 30, 2008, and July 2 and 3, at the Teacher Center in Lansing, sponsored by the Southern Tier Teacher Center Network.

"You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself."
Galileo Galilei

Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 May	13	14	15 Thinkfinity Workshop 4-6	16	17
19 Policy Board Meeting 4:00 Inspiration Workshop 3:15- 5:15	20 Retirement Workshop 4-7 Kidspiration 4:15-6:15 School Budget Vote	 21 GOTCHA! Workshop 4:15-6:00 at Tioga Trails	 22	23 STTCN Intel Teach Leader- ship Forum 10-3 in Endicott	24
26 Memorial Day	27 Retirement Workshop 4-7	28	29	30	31
2 June	3	4	5	6 Thinkfinity Trainer Train- ing 9:30-3:30 in Vestal	7
9 Thinkfinity Trainer Train- ing 9:30-3:30 in Vestal	10	11	12	13	14
16	17 Regents	18 Regents	19 Regents	20 Regents	21
23 Regents	24 Regents	25 Regents	26 Regents	27	28
30 Intel Teach End-User Training 8-4 in Lansing	1 July	2 Intel Teach End-User Training 8-4 in Lansing	3 Intel Teach End-User Training 8-4 in Lansing	4 Independence Day	5

Two Summer Professional Development Opportunities

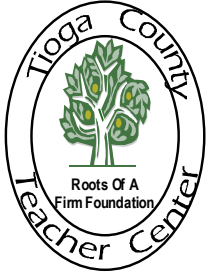
Occupational Trends
July 7-11, 2008
8:00 am—4:30 pm
A graduate course for K-12 teachers, guidance counselors and school administrators which focuses on current and future trends in the career world. Presenter: Dr. John Clow, Director of the Leath-erstocking Center for Economic Education

Core Concepts in Earth Science
Summer Institute
August 4-8, 2008
8:30 am-5:00 pm
A summer institute and graduate course for teachers of Earth Science. Faculty: Jim Ebert, Professor of Geology at SUNY Oneonta, and Steve Kluge, 30 year teacher of Earth Science and Physical Geology

Contact the Teacher Center for Further Information.

STTCN to Host the NYS Teacher Center Summer Institute

The Southern Tier Teacher Center Network will host this year's NYS Teacher Center Summer Institute in Corning at the Radisson Hotel, August 5 though 7, 2008. This three-day event provides Teacher Center Directors and Policy Board members with workshops and keynote speakers related to the latest technology and educational trends.



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Workshops

Inspiration:

Designing Classroom Activities

Standards: *English Language Arts – language for information and understanding Math, Science, Technology-information systems, interconnectedness, analysis, inquiry and design.*

Inspiration provides teachers and students with an easy to use computer program that allows visual representations of ideas and concepts. Using a diagram or outline view, participants will be able to develop concept webs, flowcharts, graphic organizers and outlines. Special attention will be given to organizers, which are required on the New York State ELA assessment. Among the topics to be covered are brainstorming, planning, concept webbing, using the draw tools, managing documents, and exporting work to other programs. (grades 4-12)

Kidspiration:

Designing Classroom Activities

Standard: *Math, Science, Technology- access, generates, process and transfer information using appropriate technologies: apply technology knowledge and skills to design construct, use, and evaluate products and systems to satisfy human and environmental needs.*

Kidspiration, from Inspiration Software, will help teachers with students K-3 see, organize and develop ideas using proven principles of visual learning. Students will build confidence in creating stories, organizing information, and understanding concepts using thought webs and visual mapping. Teachers will be able to translate the knowledge gained in this course into actual classroom projects immediately. (K-3)

Sign Up At

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A \$5 fee will be collected when you sign up for the first Teacher Center workshop this school year. You will receive a free 256 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.

When and Where

Inspiration

Monday, May 19, 2008, 3:15-5:15,
Candor High School Computer
Lab (112)

Kidspiration

Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 4:15-6:15,
Candor Elementary School
Computer Lab

Director

George Lohmann