

Technology & PD Center News

LoTi Project School Applications

The NCES T&PDC is accepting applications until June 10, 2005 (extended from May 30) for a Level of Technology Integration (LoTi) Project School for the 2005-06 school year. A LoTi Project School will be selected from each professional development center, for a total of six schools. LoTi Project Schools will be entitled to:

- Administrator "Book Talk" session
- LoTi Results analysis
- Model lessons demonstration
- Lesson planning process support
- Assistance with LoTi observation tool

The application and more information is available at www.ncedservices.org.

LoTi Mentor Program

The NCES T&PDC, along with the other Local Educational Support Centers, is now accepting applications through June 10, 2005 (extended from May 30) for teachers to attend the New Hampshire 2005 Certified Levels of Technology Implementation (LoTi) Mentor Program. The course will be taught by Dr. Christopher Moersch, the developer of LoTi. The emphasis will be on the processes underlying powerful teaching and learning as well as skill development in the areas of planning effective professional development at the "Target Technology" level, and conducting clinical observations of technology integration. The application and more information is available at www.ncedservices.org.

How Can We Top This One!

This has been an exciting year for us working with so many great teachers and presenters. We've witnessed teachers engaged in outstanding professional development activities and it has been a rewarding experience for both of us. From Sharal Plumley's piloting handhelds in the classroom, to the teachers and students involved in the mini-grants, the hands-on science group, collaborating with Bill Church on his successful application for the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical and so much more, this has been a wonderful year. We look forward to doing all this and more next year!

Lori Langlois & Matt Treamer
Co-Directors, NCES Technology & PD Center

North Country Educational Leadership Dinner

The annual North Country Educational Leadership Dinner was held on May 20th at the Town & Country Inn. Superintendents presented leadership recognition plaques to respective SAU Board Chairs. The chairpersons recognized were:

SAU 7 - John Falconer

SAU 20 - Leona Guay

SAU 35 - Tina Peabody

SAU 36 - Brian Fogg

SAU 58 - Harlan Connary



Theodore Comstock

The keynote speaker for the evening was Theodore Comstock, Esquire, Executive Director and General Counsel, New Hampshire School Boards Association. On behalf of the NHSBA, he also presented certificates of recognition to the school board chairpersons.

Lisa Lavoie, Director, North Country Charter Academy, presented certificates to Board Members in recognition of their efforts to establish an alternative pathway for students to earn a high school diploma.



Left to right: SAU 7 Supt Robert Mills, NCES Exec. Dir. Dr. Dan Shoemake, SAU 58 Supt Sherwood Fluery, SAU 36 Supt Dr. Timothy Markley, and Director of NCCA Lisa Lavoie.

Recognized by Executive Director Dr. Dan Shoemake for their years of service and commitment as North Country Education Services Board Members were Annemarie Platt and Robert Bellavance.

Introduction to Handhelds

Instructor: Sharal Plumley

Date/Time: August 5, 2005, 9:00 to 3:00

Location: NCES

Cost: \$300, includes Palm handheld. Lunch provided.

Participants in this professional development activity will receive a Palm E2, one full day of instruction and a follow-up two hour professional development session. Instruction will focus on using the Palm E2 for personal and professional use. To register, contact Becky Ring at NCES 466-5437. Questions about content should be directed to Matt Treamer at NCES.

Personal Use

Initial set up
Synching w/home computer
Calendar/datebook
Organizational tool

Professional Use

Graffiti
Use with Vernier probes
Discussion/video: using handhelds for teaching

Language Development and Change: How words come and go in the English Language

Instructor: Gaye Gould, Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Applied Linguistics/TESOL, Plymouth State University

Dates/Time: August 1 & 2, 2005 from 9:00 to 4:00

Location: NCES, Gorham

Cost: \$95.00, includes continental breakfast, lunch and text

Graduate credit: One (1) graduate credit will be available through Plymouth State University for an additional cost.

This two-day workshop on English morphology and language change is for English and Language Arts educators. In addition to attending the event, participants will be asked to read selected chapters of *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language* and discuss several topics online. We will look at the term "word." What is a word? How are words created? What are the components of a word? If we need a new word, how do we decide what that word will look like? And what categories of words do we have in English? We will also look at how children can learn words based on what they already know. To register, contact Becky Ring at NCES 466-5437.

This event is made possible through support from the Content Enhancement Instructional Leadership Project.

AIDeIng Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Instructors: Teresa Bolick, Ph.D., Traci Gilman, OTR/L, Abby Collins and Thomas Benjamin, M.S., BCBA.

Dates/Time: August 16 and 17, 2005 8:30 – 3:45.

Location: Video conferenced to NCES from SERESC

Cost: \$150.00 per individual; \$125.00 per parent and paraprofessional. Reduced fee is courtesy of the Autism Society of NH. Limited scholarships are also available for NH parents. Lunch will be provided.

Topics covered: Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders, Sensory Processing Considerations, Parents Perspective, Positive Behavioral Supports and Encouraging Socialization and Communication through Play. Please call Becky Ring at NCES to register 466-5437.

Differentiation, Language Arts, & Technology – Oh My!

Instructor: Trish Underwood

Dates/Time: July 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2005 from 8:30- 2:30

Cost: \$150 members, \$175 associates, \$200 non-members (includes morning refreshments, lunches & choice of two books)

Graduate Credit: Two optional graduate credits from Plymouth State University (call NCES for additional cost info)

Does your Language Arts/English classroom have students who all read equally well? Can they all accomplish the same writing tasks with proficiency? Do they all have the same computer skills? Probably not! Yet English/Language Arts teachers are expected to make sure that each student makes "adequate yearly progress" in all areas that have state standards (GLEs). Add to that the goals we have requiring us to integrate technology into the classroom...and it looks impossible, given the range of learners we teach. However, there is hope! Differentiated Instruction is a way of looking at students, standards, curriculum, and school that honors all students and our need to move each one forward. Whether you are new to differentiation or are looking for additional tools to add to your "DI Toolbox," you will find a place in this 4-day class. We will actively read, discuss, experience and create LA lessons for a broad spectrum of learners. Exploring and using the vast array of technological tools that are out there will play a major role in the class. Teachers of K-12 Language Arts and Special Education are encouraged to attend. Social Studies teachers who incorporate a lot of reading and writing are also welcome.

Media Center Update

A great big THANK YOU to all our library patrons! It's wonderful to see this terrific resource well utilized and we've had a super year.

Don't forget to gather all your library returns for the final pick up.

Final pick up dates:

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| SAU #7, 20 & 58 | June 2 |
| SAU #23, 35 & 77 | June 8 |
| SAU #36 | June 9 |
| Berlin | June 10 |

The library is open all summer, which is a great time to come in and browse. There are lots of things in the library worth looking at. The catalog doesn't do it justice. We've got materials on many subjects – Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, Arts, Special Needs, Teacher and Parent Training, and much more. As well as books, there are games, videos and CD-Rom. Come in sometime and check it out.

I am headed off to graduate school and will not return to the library next fall. Although I will miss this job and daily access to the library, I have been thinking about graduate school for many years and the time has finally come for me to go. If anyone is interested in the part-time Media Center Coordinator position, call the agency at 466-5437.

HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL OF YOU!

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ncedservices.org**

**NCES News
will return in September!**



Left to right: Steve Roberts (instructor), Kim Whitted, Nicole Arguin, Kathie Westby-Gibson, Steve Torrey, Priscilla Didio, Lynne Bacon, Ben Woo, Keri Wade, Jan Wood, Elke Carr, Sarabeth Horton, Jim Martin, Cori Knight, Johanna Vienneau, Christine Young, Paul Williams (instructor), Lisa Guay, Sharal Plumley, Bill Church (instructor). Missing from photo: Diana Pelletier.

Peer Mediation Conference

The ninth annual Peer Mediation Conference was held on May 7, 2005 at the Grand Summit Resort & Conference Center. Over 250 participated in the conference. Schools attending this year were:

Berlin Junior High School
Colebrook Elementary
Conway Elementary
Daisy Bronson Middle School
Edward Fenn School
Gorham Middle School
Groveton Elementary
Groveton High School
Hillside School
Lancaster School
Milan Village School
Pine Tree School
Profile School
Stewartstown School
Whitefield School



Topics and presenters:

Conflict Resolution through Movement Exploration
by Jeanne Limmer

Drum Circle (photo left) by Krista Easton

Mission Impossible by Tracy Rexford

Tools of the Trade by Candace Theberge

Problem Solving 101 (above) by Karen Langley & Michael Strauch

Learning through the Senses by Kathy Sosny

Yoga & Art of Mindful Observation by Angela Jones

Conflict Resolution Magic by BJ Hickman

