

Director's Notes

Who was that educator who made a positive and profound difference in your life; and conversely, who was the one you would rather forget and who would probably not be invited to your class reunion? What characteristics marked these individuals both personally and professionally to have you still hold them in your memory as if you had returned to yesteryear?

As a teacher/coach and later as an administrator, I would often remind myself of their attributes to reflect upon how effectively, or ineffectively, I performed in either an organizational setting or in an interpersonal one. Such a self-analysis is healthy and helpful and can assist each of us to reach optimal performance in all aspects of life.

With September and the fresh beginning of the school year, all staff and students return invigorated from the summer's respite. For educators the trick is to look at each month as September with the same joy and optimism that lured you to this profession in the first place. You hold an awesome responsibility in educating and challenging our future generations to be more knowledgeable, better skilled, and better human beings than their predecessors. You literally hold their future in your hands.

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\$5000 Technology Integration Grants

Twenty-five mini-grants to support technology integration projects will be awarded through a statewide competition (pending funding approval). An overview session - mandatory for at least one person from an applying team - will be held on October 20th at the NH Department of Education. There will be two overview sessions on the 20th. One from 9:00 to 12:00 and one from 1:00 to 4:00. Each prospective team needs to have a team member attend only one of the two sessions.

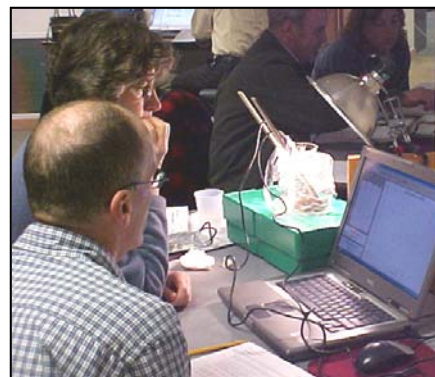
Registration for the overview sessions is required and limited to the first 40 people for each session. Participants must register online using the link on the www.ncedservices.org. Questions should be addressed to Matt Tremer at 466-5437 or matt@ncedservices.org.

North Country Professional Development Day

Friday, October 6, 2006

**WMRHS, Whitefield
and NHCTC, Berlin**

**Download Program Booklet
at www.ncedservices.org**



Hands-On Science for Educators:

Teaching science aligned to the NH Science Frameworks

**Wednesdays, once per month, beginning
October 11, 2006**

**4:00-8:00
at the NCES PD Center**

See page 3 for details.

Zen Buddhism: Another View of Asia

The series *Zen Buddhism: Another View of Asia* is designed as continuing education for all interested community members and educators, including mature high school students, to learn about Zen Buddhism and the many influences it has exerted upon Asian civilizations. The lead scholar for the series, Professor Todd Lewis, is one of the leading academics involved nationwide in the continuing education of K-12 teachers in world religions. See page 2 for details and the schedule.



Fall courses begin October 10th.

Registration and more details are available online:
<http://nheon.org/opennh/courses.htm>

Graduate credit available.

Dialog with High Schools about Earth Space Science

Join us as we brainstorm and discuss issues around Earth Space Science in the High School. How do we make sure all students have access to this important content? Come and share ideas, successes and concerns. Teachers and administrators from all parts of the state are invited to attend. Groups will gather in Manchester and Gorham and will interact via video conferencing.

Date: October 25, 2006

Time: 9:00 to 11:00 or 1:00 to 3:00

To register for the Gorham location, contact Becky Ring at 466-5437 or becky@ncedservices.org at NCES.

For the Manchester location, contact Diane Marchand 628-6144 or dmarchand@mansd.org at GMPDC.

Geocaching in Education

Learn about Geocaching, Global Positioning Systems (commonly referred to as GPS) and their ability to enrich your classroom curriculum. Participants will learn about:

- Geocaching
- Operating a GPS unit
- Google Earth
- Travel bugs
- Classroom applications

Presenter: Matthew Treamer

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2006

Time: 4:00 to 7:30

Location: NCES PD Center

Meal: Dinner provided

Cost: \$25.00

Note: Participants should dress for outside activities.

Middle School Math for Teachers, By Teachers

Ten math content review and enrichment sessions which are designed, presented and facilitated by middle and high school Highly Qualified math teachers.

Time: 4:00-7:00 (registration at 3:30)

Cost: \$ 30.00 per session

Location: NCES (Gorham), SERESC (Bedford), SWNHESC (Keene). Presenter site will vary, other sites by video conference.

Seminar 3: October 3, 2006

Pay Attention to the Dimension 1

Presenter: Kay Burns

Seminar 4: October 10, 2006

Pay Attention to the Dimension 2

Presenter: Kay Burns

Seminar 5: October 17, 2006

Let's Be Reasonable 1

Presenter: Rob Lukasiak

Seminar 6: October 24, 2006

Let's Be Reasonable 2

Presenter: Rob Lukasiak

Seminar 7: November 7, 2006

Let's Be Graphic!

Presenter: Sue Bracy

Seminar 8: November 14, 2006

What Are Your Chances?

Presenter: Nicole Doherty

Seminar 9: November 28, 2006

Let's Be Discrete

Presenter: Rob Lukasiak

Seminar 10: December 5, 2006

Function Junction

Presenter: Rob Lukasiak

Note: Seminars 1 and 2 were held in September.

Session descriptions and registration information is available by contacting Robin Knight at 206-6816 or at <http://www.seresc.net/events>.

Zen Buddhism: Another View of Asia

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The series begins by establishing the necessary background in Buddhism and the wider context of East Asian spirituality. It will then examine texts and monastic practices that cultivate Zen spiritual awakening. It will continue by exploring the fine arts and areas in which Zen influence has been especially significant. Finally, it will consider the depiction of Zen in Western historical imagination.

Lead scholar: Professor Todd Lewis, one of the leading academics involved nationwide in the continuing education of K-12 teachers in world religions.

Location: Professor Lewis will be presenting from SERESC in Bedford, NH and connected through live, interactive video with NCES in Gorham, NH.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00

Dates/topics:

September 20: Intro to the Buddha, Buddhist Doctrine

September 27: Origin of the Zen School, Doctrines, Historical Emergence

October 4: Zen Buddhist Meditation

October 18: Zen and the Fine Arts

October 25: Zen Painting Practicum

November 1: Zen and Japanese Cinema

November 8: Zen, Modern Japan, and the Western Imagination

Cost: \$15.00 per session.

Registration: Contact NCES to register.

Visit NCES on the Web: www.ncedservices.org

From IEP to Classroom & Community

These will be interactive forums for special education teachers, classroom teachers, clinicians, parents and anyone who is looking for practical ideas for modifications and accommodations as well as interventions that incorporate a child's strengths to help minimize their challenges.

Presenter: Teresa Bolick, Ph.D. author of *Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence: Helping Preteens and Teens Get Ready for the Real World* and *Asperger Syndrome and Young Children: Building Skills for the Real World*.

Using Modifications, Accommodations and Direct Intervention to Maximize Strengths and Minimize Challenges for Elementary Grades

Date/Time: Thursday, October 19, 2006, 8:30 to 3:30

Cost: \$110 for Member School Staff, \$120 for Associate Member School Staff, \$130 for Non-member School Staff

Location: Live, interactive video conference* from SERESC in Bedford to NCES in Gorham.

Using Modifications, Accommodations and Direct Intervention to Maximize Strengths and Minimize Challenges for Middle/High School Grades

Date/Time: Thursday, November 2, 2006, 8:30 to 3:30

Cost: \$110 for Member School Staff, \$120 for Associate Member School Staff, \$130 for Non-member School Staff

Location: Live, interactive video conference* from SERESC in Bedford to NCES in Gorham.

Registration: Call NCES to register for the Gorham location.

*Video conference participants should be aware that the presenter will be at the SERESC location. There will be some time spent discussing/working in groups. These discussions will not be facilitated at the receiving site (NCES), so participants should plan to work independently or can engage in a local discussion.

Interested in Collegial Meetings?

The NCES Professional Development Center is willing to host collegial meetings. As a starting point for establishing Professional Learning Communities we would like to hear from potentially interested teachers who would like the opportunity to gather, even if only once or twice a year, with other content-specific educators. Please contact Lori Langlois at 466-5437 or lori@ncedservices.org with your subject area, grade level and any ideas you have for topics or interests.

Hands-On Science for Educators: Teaching science aligned to the NH Science Frameworks

Through this course you will enhance your science content knowledge and skills through hands-on activities. Activities will focus on the teaching of science to meet the revised NH Science Frameworks. You will use modern tools and technologies including probeware, sensors and handheld electronic devices. Assessment strategies will be a key component of this course and you will experience firsthand how to use animation as a tool to measure student understanding.

Instructors: Paul Williams, Steve Roberts & William Church

Dates/Time: Wednesdays from 4:00 to 8:00

~~September 20~~ Rescheduled for October start
October 11* - Science process skills focus
Nov 15 & Dec 6 - Physical science topics
January 17 & February 14 - Earth/Space topics
March 21 & April 11 - Life science topics
May 16 - Presentations and closing activity

*Most of this session will be outdoors. You are likely to get wet. We'll provide ponchos, but dress accordingly.

For: Middle school content will receive the most emphasis, however elementary and high school educators are also encouraged to attend. To determine the activities for the following months, participants will rank their desired activities based on the assessment targets for the Tri-State Assessment.

Participants will receive:

- A binder of the revised NH Science Frameworks
- A loaner webcam for animation use throughout the course
- A loaner flash drive or other media to save your work
- Access to science related professional development library
- Access to probes, sensors, Lego Mindstorm kits and other scientific tools for classroom use

Participant requirements: You must have access to a computer or laptop with a USB port. Some work will be done outside of class time which will require a webcam, downloading a small application from the Internet and saving files to a flash drive or cd-rom.

Location: NCES PD Center, Gorham

Cost: \$125 for Member School Staff, \$150 for Associate Member School Staff, \$175 for Non-member School Staff

Meals: Refreshments and supper provided.

Graduate credit option: Three graduate credits will be available through Plymouth State University for \$400 (payable to PSU). Registration forms available at first class.

Register: Contact NCES to register.

Registration is required for all events by calling 466-5437 or 800-268-5437 or emailing becky@ncedservices.org. All events are held at the NCES Professional Development Center, Gorham, NH unless otherwise noted.

NCES Media Center: What's in it for you?

Are You Teaching Writing?

Do you need some ideas to augment your curriculum? Here's a very short list of some of our books and videos:

Differentiated Instructional Strategies for Writing in the Content Areas Chapman & King (PD-0110)

Writing Workshop: The Essential Guide Fletcher & Portalupi. (PD-0200)

Guided Readers & Writers in Grades 3-6: Teaching Comprehension, Genre, and Content Literacy. Rountas & Pinnell. (PD-0210)

The Literacy Map : Guiding Children to Where They Need to Be (4-6). J. Richard Gentry, Ph.D. (PD-0230)

NonFiction Craft Lessons: Teaching Information Writing K-8. Fletcher & Portalupi. (PD-0460)

VCA-2137 *English File: The Power of Speech* video for grades 9-12, [30 minutes]. Writers examine the oratory styles of 14th century tax protester John Ball, slave Sojourner Truth, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Each technique is examined within the context of the message and the audience.

VCA-3070 *When Students Write* video for grades K-8, [120 minutes 2002]. 4-Part Set.

A Quick Look at Science

Atoms, Bacteria, Cells, Darwin, Energy, Fungi, Genetics, all the way to Zoology. The Media Center can supplement your classroom content.

What are Your Needs?

If you're looking for materials to supplement and enhance your curriculums, perhaps you should search the Media Center's on-line catalog. There are five collections:

North Country Heritage:
North Country history books, audio, and video.

NHPTV Videos:
The Knowledge Network series – English, history, foreign language, geography, math, science, Bill Nye, and Magic School Bus.

Professional Development:
Books related to NCES professional development classes.

Curriculum Resources:
Books, games, manipulatives, software, reading kits, Touch Math series, ESL, science materials and more.

Video Collection:
Over 3,000 titles covering a wide spectrum of topics. Free to all schools with media membership; \$5.00 per day for non-members.

Let us know what your classroom needs are because we're always ready to assist you.

Victoria McGillicuddy
Media Center Coordinator
library@ncedservices.org

NHPTV's Knowledge Network



See why so many NH teachers turn to TeacherLine online courses to help them meet HQT requirements. Graduate credit is available from Plymouth State University. More information found at www.nhptv.org/teacherline. Fall courses begin October 25.

LiveFIT NH:
It's for Everybody!



LiveFIT NH, NHPTV's new community engagement project, encourages healthy eating and physical activity in children and adults. In September, over 100 educators registered for the LiveFIT NH / CircusFit free workshop. For more information: www.nhptv.org/livefitnh.

Interested in Cultural Programs for Your School?

The Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire has an annual roster of arts and cultural programs for schools and communities that bring outstanding professional performers as well as visual, literary and traditional artists to present school assemblies, classroom programs, community workshops, and public concerts. These range from World Music to Franco-American fiddling to authors' visits and writing workshops to theater and movement experiences to hands-on art making.

The Arts Alliance will work with you to support your specific school, community or organizational goals through the cultural experiences of your choice. If you want to get their e-roster, email info@aannh.org or call 323-7302.

Anticipated for March 2007*

Combating Nature Deficit Disorder

The Friends of Mirror Lake Association is working to bring

Richard Louv,
author of

Last Child in the Woods,
to Plymouth State University.

Co-sponsors include the Hubbard Brook Foundation, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the North Country Education Services Professional Development Center, the New Hampshire Citizens Alliance along with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and Plymouth State University.

* This event is in the planning stage. Watch for announcement and more details in this newsletter.