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Director's Notes

I had the opportunity to spend one day at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference in early December and was pleased to see so many faces from the North Country!

I learned a few tips at the conference including one from Leslie Fisher that might be of interest to schools. She demonstrated how some schools use a Twitter profile gadget on their website as a simple means to push announcements to their website from sport score updates, upcoming events and school delays. It is a nifty tool and we decided to make use of the feature on our site too. This gives you the ability to tweet from any computer or smartphone to post an update on your website.

You can check it out on our website: www.ncedservices.org

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(Front, l-r): Sherry Gregory - Jefferson, Pat MacLean - Lancaster, Pierre Couture - Groveton HS, Joanne Melanson - Colebrook Academy, Erik Anderson - WMRHS, Melissa Loper - Stewartstown, (rear) Lori Lane - CTE WMRHS, Rosanna Moran - Groveton, Shelli Roberts - Stark, Alan Smith - Littleton HS, Steve Sexton - Lisbon, Keith Parent - Gorham M/HS, Kim Stoloski - Bethlehem, Dan Shallow - Stratford, Bruce Scally - Pittsburg. Missing from photo, David Backler - Milan.

Upcoming Professional Development

Cyberbullying Facts and Strategies for NH Schools

The Office of Safe & Drug-Free Schools and the NH Department of Education is offering a free workshop in collaboration with the NH Attorney General's Office and NH Department of Safety.

Presenters:

- Lucy Carillo, Assistant Attorney General, NH Attorney General's Office
- Allison Vachon, Investigator, NH Attorney General's Office
- Maureen Steer, Trooper First Class, DARE Facilitator, NH State Police: "The New DARE"

Date: Friday, January 22, 2010 from 9:00 to 3:00

Refreshments: Continental breakfast beginning at 8:30, lunch provided

Cost: Free

Location: NCES Conference Room, Gorham, NH (also offered January 28 in Keene and January 29 in Manchester)

Registration: Please register by calling NCES at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437.

Deadline: Though registrations may be accepted after the deadline, interested persons should register by December 15 so that the event is not cancelled due to insufficient registration numbers.

[Full description and presenter bios PDF](#)

Language Arts Professional Development

It's a long winter ahead! Come gather with Jean Mann and colleagues at NCES for a variety of evening workshops which will address areas that teachers have expressed a need to strengthen and improve.

Individual Differences: Developmentally Appropriate Practices

(for Grades K-3)

This session will address that wide span of development you have in your classrooms each year so that you can meet each

student where they are. We'll follow the predictable, sequential path of your students physically, cognitively, socially and in the area of language and look at the classroom implications. You'll learn how to integrate all that you are required to teach into developmentally-appropriate practices for your wide range of learners.

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 7:30

Cost: Member school staff \$50, Associate Members \$55, Others \$60

Making Sense of Writing Traits; Teach to Your Students Not to the Test

(for Grades 1-6)

From this session you'll be able to return to your classroom able to engage students in learning how to discover weak areas in their writing, understanding why they occur, and knowing how to improve them and the quality of a whole piece. We'll integrate contexts such as *6-Traits*, standards, and scoring rubrics, and translate them into real-life language for young writers instead of points. You'll improve daily writing practices and at the same time guarantee higher test scores.

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 7:30

Cost: Member school staff \$50, Associate Members \$55, Others \$60

Non-Fiction Reading Strategy Instruction

(for Grades 3-6)

Did you know that cockroaches can predict earthquakes? Come and see what you can learn in this session that helps students make sense of a text. Explicit strategy instruction, transfer of learning, student application and ownership are the keys to enjoyment and comprehension for young readers.

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 7:30

Cost: Member school staff \$50, Associate Members \$55, Others \$60

Increase Vocabulary Understanding and Use

(for Grades 3-6)

Isolated memorizing and practicing of vocabulary words doesn't carry over into successful application. This session will offer explicit instruction on how to help students take ownership of their reading and writing vocabulary. They'll gain higher-level achievement through key strategies, reinforcing practice, and independent application.

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:30

Cost: Member school staff \$50, Associate Members \$55, Others \$60

Optimal Spelling Instruction

(for K-4)

Why do students get 100 on their Friday spelling tests then spell so many things wrong in their Monday writing? This session will cover everything you need to know about teaching

spelling effectively: developmental stages of spelling; authentic assessment of spelling needs; strategies and mini-lessons for phonetic, visual, and semantic patterns; sight words; word-sorting for higher-level thinking and forming generalizations; student accountability to use, proofread and edit what they know in spelling.

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:30

Cost: Member school staff \$50, Associate Members \$55, Others \$60

Registration: Please register by calling NCES at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437.

Families in Conflict: When Education is the Battleground

This three-hour interactive seminar gives educators the tools they need to navigate between the law of divided parenting and the educational needs of children. Lawyers Margaret-Ann Moran, Marilyn McNamara, and Maureen Soraghan of the law offices of Upton & Hatfield bring their collective experience in education and family law together with real-life scenarios that demonstrate the challenges of educating children living in high conflict families. Topics will include: parenting law, how the law impacts parental decision-making, parental authority, child protection, special education matters, and related child-rearing and educational issues.

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from 12:30-3:30

Location: NCES, Gorham, NH

Cost: \$60

Registration: Please register by calling NCES at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437. Purchase orders may be faxed to 603-466-2907.

GLOBE Seasonal Change (Grade K-4 teachers)

Bring science into your literacy and math programs with Elementary GLOBE by using the seasons! Introduce your K-4 students to Earth System Science through storybooks and learning activities appropriate for them. The five Elementary GLOBE books, designed for elementary readers, and their activities, are based around the topics of weather, hydrology, seasons, and soils but also include skills such as writing math sentences, measuring and estimating, writing results of observations, using media and the library, storytelling, and even acting out a play. We will be covering only the seasons book and activities in the evening session but each participant will receive a set of storybooks and activities, along with a CD of all the materials for reproduction purposes (\$40 value). Elementary GLOBE materials also include extensive teacher's notes and have been correlated to the NH Science Curriculum

Frameworks. The activities include the use of technology and inquiry.

Instructor: Jennifer Bourgeault

Dates/Times: Friday, March 5 from 4:00 to 7:30 and Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 to 12:30

Meals: Friday March, 5 a light dinner will be provided. Saturday, lunch provided.

Stipend: Each participant will receive a \$100 Stipend

Location: NCEs: Gorham, NH

Registration: Please register by calling NCEs at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437.

Questions: matt@ncedservices.org or by calling Matt @ 466-5437

GLOBE Seasonal Change (Grade 5-12 teachers)

Get your students REALLY excited about the changes that are happening in the spring and fall and bring relevance to weather and soil data you may already be collecting or thinking about collecting. What causes the trees to burst out and green-up? What causes green-down? Is it the warmer or colder air temperature, warmer or colder soil temperature or availability of water? When does it happen in your area? Are there differences between northern NH and southern NH times of budburst and green-down? Do different species of trees "burst" at different times? In this workshop, you will become prepared to collect spring budburst and green-up data just in time to collect it, and practice entering it onto the GLOBE International database and using GLOBE data from around the world to look at trends. This workshop will also discuss how you can also collect green-down data when the fall approaches. In addition, there are some great background learning activities on seasons which will complete your unit so your students can become 'real' scientists studying phenology. All the data collection protocols and activities are correlated to the NH Science Curriculum Frameworks.

Instructor: Jennifer Bourgeault

Date/Time: Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 9:00 to 3:30

Meals: Lunch provided.

Stipend: Each participant will receive a \$100 stipend

Location: NCEs, Gorham, NH

Registration: Please register by calling NCEs at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437.

Questions: matt@ncedservices.org or by calling Matt at 466-5437

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