



## Mid-Month Micro: News, Announcements & More

### Attention Early Elementary Teachers

You are invited to gather at NCES for professional conversation. Lisa Morse, second grade teacher at Milan Village School and Kim Hockmeyer, second grade teacher at Groveton Elementary, have volunteered to facilitate a collegial meeting for teachers of grades 1, 2 & 3 on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 3:00 to 5:00 at NCES. They envision convening this group a few times a year. Bring your ideas, concerns, and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. There is no fee to participate. Certificates of participation will be awarded. Please RSVP to NCES by calling 800-268-5437 or emailing [becky@ncedservices.org](mailto:becky@ncedservices.org) by March 26.

Want to start your own group? Let NCES know and we'll be happy to host and get the word out.

### What is Numeracy & How Can We Help Students Develop It?

The NH Impact Center at Plymouth State University and the New Hampshire Department of Education are hosting a workshop at North Country Education Services to share and discuss the information in the newly released "Numeracy Action Plan." This workshop will provide a general overview of numeracy and why is it important; ways we can help our students develop numeracy; and the resources available to help promote numeracy. The workshop will also include a variety of activities and problems to illustrate how numeracy can be incorporated across the curriculum. Parents, classroom or content teachers, administrators, and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

**Date:** April 27, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:30

**Cost:** Free

**Meal:** A light dinner will be provided at 6:00.

**Location:** NCES Conference Room, directions to NCES <http://ncedservices.org/directions.htm>

**Registration:** Please register by calling Becky Ring at 466-5437, 800-268-5437 or

[becky@ncedservices.org](mailto:becky@ncedservices.org)

**Questions:** Please contact Matt at 466-5437 or [matt@ncedservices.org](mailto:matt@ncedservices.org)

### Moodle for Educators

Interested in learning about why you should use Moodle, how Moodle can improve student learning or how to make your Moodle class appealing and effective? Ron Danault a WMRHS teacher will answer these questions and teach you how to:

1. Create a course.
2. Create user accounts.
3. Update user profiles.
4. Upload files and folders.
5. Work with images.
6. Create hyperlinks.
7. Create assignments.
8. Using other features of Moodle

Participants in this three morning series may host one class on the NCES Moodle server for the 2010 / 2011 school year.

**Instructor:** Ron Danault

**Dates:** Monday, August 2: 9:00 – 11:00

Tuesday, August 3: 9:00 – 11:00

Monday, August 9: 9:00 – 11:00

**Location:** NCES Conference Room

**Meal:** Light Continental Breakfast

**Cost:** \$100

**Class size:** Limited to 20 participants

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**Questions:** Contact Matt Tremer at 466-5437 / [matt@ncedservices.org](mailto:matt@ncedservices.org)

### NH Teachers of Mathematics: Annual Spring Conference

The NHTM conference will be video conferenced to NCES. The following middle and high focused sessions will be video conferenced:

- **Keynote: NH's Quantitative Literacy Plan** by Brian Beaudrie & Emily Ricard
- **Mathematical Investigations - Great Ideas in Mathematics** by Rich Andrusiak & Britney Graham
- **Ride the Slopes, Enjoy the Views, and Keep the Change** by Neil Portnoy
- **4, 6, 10, 16 and Other Variations on a Fibonacci Theme** by Teresa D. Magnus

**Date:** April 6, 2010 from 8:30 – 3:30

**Cost for the NCES location:** \$25 (includes lunch)

**Location:** NCES Conference Room

**Registration:** Please register by calling Becky Ring at 466-5437 or [becky@ncedservices.org](mailto:becky@ncedservices.org)

**Questions:** Contact Matt Tremer at 466-5437 or [matt@ncedservices.org](mailto:matt@ncedservices.org)

**Visit:** [www.nhmathteachers.org](http://www.nhmathteachers.org) to learn more about the conference or [ncedservices.org/profdev.htm](http://ncedservices.org/profdev.htm) to read the session descriptions.

### Questing

Join author Steve Glazer to learn how to incorporate place-based teaching and learning in your curriculum. A quest is a community treasure hunt that guides people through -- and teaches them how to see -- a unique community treasure. This treasure might be a natural feature in the community (a watershed, a park or wetlands), a cultural site (the oldest building, the first gravestone) or perhaps the setting of a particular story (the life of a person, the home of an animal or the beginnings of an industry). [Read the full workshop description here.](#)

**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2010 from 9:00 to 2:30 (a repeat of the March 9 workshop)

**Audience:** This workshop is designed for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers with an emphasis on community and state landmarks which may be transferred to other age groups.

**Cost:** Member School Staff \$25, Associate Member School Staff \$30, Non-Member \$40

**Location:** NCES, Gorham, NH

**Registration:** Please register by calling NCES at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437 or by emailing [becky@ncedservices.org](mailto:becky@ncedservices.org). Purchase orders may be faxed to 603-466-2907.

**Questions:** Please contact Matt Tremer at 466-5437 or [matt@ncedservices.org](mailto:matt@ncedservices.org)

**Additional information** on Questing may be found at <http://www.poeticsofplace.org/index.htm>

### Optimal Spelling Instruction

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.

**Instructor:** Jean Mann

**For:** Grades K-4

**Date:** Wednesday, March 17, 2010

**Time:** 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 or by emailing [becky@ncedservices.org](mailto:becky@ncedservices.org). Purchase orders may be faxed to 603-466-2907.

### Educating the 21st Century Learner

Featuring keynote speaker Wesley Fryer and a variety of breakouts on issues pertaining to the role of technology in educating students, this conference is one that you do not want to miss. Fewer than 20 seats remain for the April 1 event. Register today! Learn more at [lescn.org](http://lescn.org).

### NHSDC Annual Spring Conference

**Talk about Teaching: Leading Professional Conversations that Make a Difference**

A panel discussion with *Talk about Teaching* author Charlotte Danielson joined Alan Chmiel and Teri Schrader.

**Date:** Monday, May 10, 2010, 8:30 to 12:30

**Location:** Bedford, NH

[Download brochure.](#)

## Projects WILD and WILD Aquatic Workshop

Project WILD is an international activity-based, supplementary curriculum that supports the teaching of conservation and environmental education concepts. Targeting classroom teachers and non-formal educators of K-12 students, Project WILD activities focus on wildlife and are both interactive and interdisciplinary. As students are intrinsically interested in wildlife, they readily engage in learning when it's related to wildlife. While the Project WILD manual is full of activities relating to terrestrial wildlife, activities included in the WILD Aquatic manual focus on wildlife and concepts associated with aquatic environments.

**Time:** Saturday, March 20, 2010, 9:00– 4:00

**Location:** Owl Brook Hunter Education Center, Perch Pond Road, Holderness, NH

**Cost:** \$60.00, includes 2 manuals, lunch and snacks

For more information or to register, contact Mary at [mary.goodyear@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:mary.goodyear@wildlife.nh.gov) or (603) 271-6649.

## Call for Presenters: NC Professional Development Day, October 8, 2010

We are looking for teachers/teams to share their best practices in Response to Intervention, data-driven decision making and technology integration areas for various grade spans for the North Country Professional Development Day conference on October 8, 2010. If you may be interested in sharing or facilitating a discussion please contact [lori@ncedservices.org](mailto:lori@ncedservices.org).

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More information about upcoming professional development at NCES:

<http://www.ncedservices.org/profdev.htm>

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