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The Newsletter of The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester
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THE TEACHER CENTER RECEIVES STATE FUNDING FOR THE 2011-12 FISCAL YEAR

One of the only bright spots in the recent budget bill is that Teacher Centers were funded for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The bill was passed by both houses and is on the Governor's desk for his signature. This is especially good news given the deep cuts made across the state and across the board during this difficult budget year. We are pleased that the state recognized the important work provided by Teacher Centers.

The bill also cuts our public schools by \$1.3 billion dollars and fails to extend the surcharge on the highest income earners. So the fight is not over.

While we do not know the specific amount of money The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center will be allotted, we look forward to continuing our work with consortium districts and teachers. We will continue to offer a program full of opportunities for teachers to grow as professionals by sharing knowledge through inservice and graduate level courses, workshops, teacher conferences, mini-grants, and onsite programs.

We would like to thank all of our consortium members for their advocacy efforts - from faxing their state legislators to phoning the governor's office in support of teacher centers. It made all the difference. We will continue the struggle and fight for restorations in education.

FREE THINKFINITY COURSE

The Teacher Center is offering a **FREE** *Thinkfinity* course for both consortium and non consortium members.

Thinkfinity, an educational initiative website, is a free and powerful digital learning platform with over 2,500 lesson plans aligned to the NYS Standards down to the key ideas and performance indicators. You will have an opportunity to create useful lesson plans, activities, and research exercises along with accompanying handouts, assessments, and work sheets for all discipline and content areas. You will find information specific to grade levels and learning styles and will have multiple opportunities to review lessons, learning objectives, and other standard aligned resources.

At the end of the course, you will have integrated lesson plans that you can use in your classroom.

Instructor: Lisa Watson, Hamilton HS
Dates: Thurs., April 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26
Times: 4:00 - 7:00PM
Location: Woodlands HS Computer Lab
Credit: 1 Inservice (15 Hours)
Grades: K-12

DIFFERENTIATING INSTRUCTION BOOK DISCUSSION (K-12)

Join colleagues in reading and discussing the latest ASCD publication on differentiation, "*Leading and Managing A Differentiated Classroom*" by Carol Ann Tomlinson and Marcia B. Imbeau. At the end of this course, participants will be able to better address student learning differences and abilities. Strategies for both *leading* and *managing* differentiated instruction in the whole class setting will be discussed and then implemented in your classrooms. Participants must purchase the book (ISBN 978-1-4166-1074-8) prior to the first class session. Registration must be done on My Learning Plan. A complete course description can be found there.

Instructor: Lisa Doty
Dates: Tues., April 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14
Times: 3:30PM - 5:00PM
Place: Springhurst Library - Dobbs Ferry
Fee: FREE (Only open to consortium members)
Credit: 12 In-Service Hours

POLICY BOARD MEETING

Please note that there has been a change in the location of the April 12th Policy Board Meeting. We will be meeting in the Conference Room of the Ardsley Central Offices which is located right next to the Ardsley High School. The meeting will begin at 4:00PM. Please email the Teacher Center to confirm your attendance.

Policy Board

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