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The Newsletter of The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester
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Capture and Showcase Student Growth using Evidence Binders

The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center and Learner-Centered Initiatives, founded by Dr. Giselle Martin-Kniep, is offering teachers an opportunity to work with their colleagues to design evidence binders that will empower them to better understand their students' growth.

The Race to the Top (RttT) Reform Agenda requires teachers to use multiple measures to assess and document student growth, evaluate instructional effectiveness, and modify instruction. The best evidence of teacher's effectiveness is found in student learning.

This 15 hour hybrid course which is being facilitated by LCI consultant, Jane Lombardo, a former Teacher Center Director, will revolve around teachers' development of evidence binders or professional portfolios as a way of capturing and showcasing the evidence of their practices. Jane will help teachers determine what constitutes "evidence," how to present and annotate it, how to triangulate data, and how to organize what you collect into a coherent story of your professional practice.

The instructor will use a "blended" approach, using a combination of three (3) onsite face-to-face meetings and eight (8) hours of technology assisted interactions (using wiki, webinar, phone conferences, Skype (if accessible) and other available technologies). **There is no cost for this initiative. It will be paid for by the Teacher Center state grant and is only open to our consortium K-12 teachers. To register for this course or for more information, please go to our website and click on MLP.**

Dates: Tues., Jan. 10,17, Feb. 28, 2012
 Place: Greenburgh CSD No. 7 Board Room
 Snowdates: January 24 and March 6

Time: 4:00 - 6:30PM (Jan.) & 4:00-6:00 (Feb.)
 Credit: 1 Inservice
 Online: 8 Hours between 2nd and 3rd meeting date

Book Discussion: *The Trouble with Boys*

Join colleagues in reading and discussing the **Peg Tyre** book, "The Trouble with Boys." This two hour book talk will revolve around the eye-opening NY Times bestseller which speaks to how schools can negatively impact the emotional and academic success of boys. The author explains why and how the educational system is failing boys and is a manifesto on how to change this culture in order to salvage their educational future. Participants must purchase and read the book prior to the commencement of the workshop. Please be prepared to share your questions and your insights.

Instructor: Lisa Doty - Assistant Principal
 Springhurst, Elementary School
 Date: Thursday, December 15
 Time: 3:30-5:30PM
 Place: Springhurst School
 Dobbs Ferry
 Fee: FREE (Only open to consortium members)
 Credit: 2 In-Service Hours



*Book must be purchased and read prior to first class meeting.

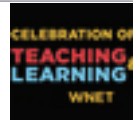
National Board Certification

There will be an Informational Workshop on National Board Certification on Thurs. Dec. 1 from 3:45-5:45PM at The Teacher Center of Central Westchester in Valhalla.

For more information or questions, call them at 358-1450.



Celebration of Teaching and Learning



The Seventh Annual Celebration of Teaching and Learning (which has been dubbed the *World's Fair of Education*) will be held on **Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17, 2012** at the Hilton in New York City. Two of the featured speakers will be Charlotte Danielson and Pedro Noguera.

Consortium teachers interested in this event should call or e-mail our office. We will be able to pay the registration fee for a limited number of teachers for one day of the event. Early Bird discounts end December 16th. For detailed information, visit their website: thirteencelebration.org

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