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The Newsletter of The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester  
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## Discover the Great Explorers with Verizon Thinkfinity Classroom Resources



Travel back in time with students on a journey with the great explorers and adventurers of our past. Using lessons and interactive activities, share stories of discovery, perseverance and the ability to be triumphant in the most difficult of circumstances. Answer the age-old question about whether or not Columbus is properly credited with discovering the New World. Learn the real story of John Smith and Pocahontas. Discover how Meriwether Lewis and William Clark arrived at the Pacific Ocean. Explore everything from the stars to the oceans with classroom resources from *Thinkfinity*.

Visit **Thinkfinity.org** for free lessons and activities. Students in Grades 3-5 can read excerpts from Columbus' letters and journals and reflect on motivations behind his explorations.

Students at the secondary level can hear how the discovery of a longhouse points to Vikings arriving in the New World long before Columbus.

K-12 students can see the actual compass purchased by Meriwether Lewis for his expedition with William Clark to investigate the lands acquired during the Louisiana Purchase.

## Technology Discounts for Teachers

As partners with **Microsoft's Shape the Future Program**, New York State Teacher Centers, Intel, and JourneyEd.com, have teamed up to offer NYS teachers a program where they can access the latest technology, with special educational content at unbeatable prices.

This special offer will allow teachers to effectively use technology in the classroom.

NYS Teacher Centers represent the largest professional learning community in New York State and this new partnership will give all of its members access to technology resources, professional development, and discounted products.

For more information on free tools and resources and big savings on laptops and technology from your new **NYSTC eStore**, visit <http://www.journeyed.com>



## Staff Development Day for Music Educators

The Westchester Arts Leadership Association is sponsoring a Staff Development Day for Music Educators that will be held on **Election Day, Tuesday, November 8 at the Music Conservatory of Westchester**, 216 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606. The day will begin with a continental breakfast and registration from 8:00-9:00AM and will end at 2:00PM.



Listed below is a sampling of the day's workshops:

- Reading Sessions
- Strategies for Special Needs Students
- Dalcroze-Based/Movement Techniques
- Smart Music

If your district is a member of the WCALA, you may take advantage of this opportunity at no cost. There is a \$25 registration fee for non-member districts. The member districts are listed on the flier posted on our website along with a copy of the program registration form. For additional information, please e-mail Jean Newton: [jean@musiced.org](mailto:jean@musiced.org) or call her at 761-3900 ext. 112. The registration deadline is October 21. There is limited onsite parking available at the Conservatory with additional parking available across the street at the municipal lot (please bring quarters).

## CELF Fall Green Schools Conference



The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF) will be sponsoring a 2.5 hour conference to discuss best practices to equip our students with the skills needed for success and sustainability in the 21st Century. Register by going to [www.celfeducation.org](http://www.celfeducation.org), click FORM and return to Janet Harchkham:

[jharckham@greenschoolswestchester.org](mailto:jharckham@greenschoolswestchester.org)

Date: Wednesday, October 19

Time: 4:00 - 6:30PM

Location: Scarsdale Middle School

Audience: K-12 Administrators and Teachers

Fee: No Charge. Bring a team of teachers and administrators from your school

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