

## ***Congratulations to the ESD Math/Science Team!***

North Central ESD Assistant Superintendent Cindy Duncan recently announced the NCESD Math/Science Team received notification that North Central ESD is one of ten successful recipients of a three-year \$750,000 Math/Science Partnership (MSP) Grant. Duncan noted, "This successful grant application tightly aligns with the regional priorities and efforts already in place and will support the key work of our Math Leadership and LASER Alliance." See [www.ncesd.org](http://www.ncesd.org) headlines for the complete news release.

## ***Bob Eaker and Janel Keating Return for MLA/PLC Training***

The MLA is holding the last training of the 2008/2009 school year on Monday, May 18, at the Wenatchee Convention Center. The training is open to all MLA participants, PLC teams, teacher leaders, building principals, and superintendents. The theme for that day will focus on the work of Professional Learning Communities. Bob Eaker (nationally recognized researcher, author, and presenter with Solution Tree) and Janel Keating (Assistant Superintendent White River School District) will be facilitating a day of training personally customized to our region based on the feedback from our MLA participants.

## ***Registration open April 15 for Combined Summer Institute***

The 2009 Combined Summer Institute, scheduled July 13-16, 2009 at the Yakima Convention Center, will focus on using the Universal Design for Learning Guidelines for improving access to the curriculum for students with disabilities. Presentations address: How do we intentionally and systematically design curriculum from the beginning to address individual differences? Is it possible to adapt the general education curriculum to meet the needs of students with multiple disabilities? How do we measure whether the curriculum is effective? How do we incorporate the three primary principles of a universally designed curriculum - the "what"; the "how"; and the "why" of learning? (See [www.cast.org](http://www.cast.org) for the UDL Guidelines.) See [www.ncesd.org/csi](http://www.ncesd.org/csi) for more details.

## ***Paul Turner selected as Tonasket School District's New Superintendent***

Congratulations are extended to Paul Turner who has been named as the new Superintendent of the Tonasket School District! Paul will be taking the reins from Randy Hauff who has announced his retirement the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Paul currently serves as Superintendent of the Columbia School District in Hunters, WA. *Congratulations to Paul* and our congratulations as well to Randy and the Tonasket District for choosing an excellent superintendent!

## ***NetServ Team nominated for GWATA Award***

The North Central ESD NetServ Team was nominated for one of the *Greater Wenatchee Area Technology Alliance Innovator Awards* April 7 at the Convention Center. Superintendent Rich McBride commented, "I could not have been more proud to see our own NCESD NetServ team as one of the nominees for the Tech Savvy Business of the Year." The NetServ team, under the leadership of Pete Phillips, offers expertise and extensive experience in LAN/WAN networking, server administration, and videoconferencing to all public and private schools in our region. Their motto is "It Just Works!"

## ***Summer Sessions Registration Now Available***

Registration is now available on esdWorks for "Summer Sessions," an affordable professional development opportunity with six clock hours available. This conference will help you to stay relevant to the 21st century in your teaching and educational office work and will help you to keep pace with the rapid changes introduced by digital media. The NCESD Summer Sessions "Digital Kids" is scheduled June 29, 2009, at North Central ESD from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This conference will provide quality professional development that will promote classroom success.

Register by May 31 and receive a discount. See [esdWorks](http://esdWorks) for registration information and [www.ncesd.org/summersessions](http://www.ncesd.org/summersessions) for a list of classes and instructors.

Early bird registration is \$50. After May 31, register for \$60. Don't miss this opportunity for affordable professional development!

[More Details](#)

**Save the Date!**  
North Central Educational Service District  
**NCESD Summer Sessions**  
"Digital Kids"  
June 29, 2009  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
North Central ESD  
430 Old Station Road  
Wenatchee

Promoting classroom success through available professional development.

Class offerings selected by popular demand.

The North Central ESD Summer Sessions offer solutions for classroom achievement, including workshops, breakfast and informational benefits. Classes will be offered in the following categories:

- Technology: Web 2.0 and in the Action
- Instructional Technology: Classroom
- Classroom Safety
- Classroom Management
- Classroom Behavior Management
- Classroom Safety

Watch the North Central ESD website and eNews for registration information, workshop details, and announcement of final prices. April 29th Registration Closes 5:01 p.m. June 1

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## ***Two Classes Offered April 18: Legal Issues Confronting School Districts Today and "Keys to Internet Predators"***

**Legal Issues:** Are you wondering if your school district is up to date on legal issues? If so, this is the class for you. Experts from Canfield & Associates will be available to answer your questions regarding boundary invasion, reporting of misconduct, RIFs, custody issues, threats in schools, playground supervision and the new digital issue of "sexting."

**Internet Predators:** Do you worry about your child or student encountering an internet predator? Or are you concerned about someone stealing your personal information? This class will cover risks of MySpace/Facebook, as well as the implications of cyber bullying.

Come to these worthwhile classes and learn how to protect your students and children. The classes are offered at the ESD by the Washington Association of Office Professionals (WAEOP) and Wenatchee Valley Educational Office Professionals (WVEOP). See the attached flyer for registration information.

## ***Clock Hours Available for Writing Conference: Sign up before April 16 and Receive a Discount***

Who needs a writing conference anyway? Whether you are a beginning writer or an experienced wordsmith, this May 16 conference is what you need. Register for the Write on the River Conference before April 16, receive a discount, and learn... Six clock hours are available through [esdWorks](http://esdWorks) for this annual "Write on the River"





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Registration is through [WriteOnTheRiver.org](http://WriteOnTheRiver.org) (\$80 early bird; \$90 after April 16).

### ***We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution scheduled May 18***

We The People, scheduled May 18, is one of the OSPI accepted programs for use with the Social Studies CBAs. This class will be taught by Don Smith and Rose Shook, teachers in the Cashmere Middle School. It will be held at the NCESD from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Don and Rose will lead teachers through a simulated Congressional Hearing. They have been using this program with their middle school students for several years, with great success. They have included local congressional representatives and officials in the program. Teachers will learn how to start this program in their own school as an authentic means to meeting the requirements of Washington State's Social Studies CBAs. Register online at [www.escweb.net/wa\\_ncesd](http://www.escweb.net/wa_ncesd). The Session ID number is 2602386. *For more information regarding this class, please contact Karen Schmitt at the NCESD at (509) 667-7101.*

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