



Professional
Development and
Other
Opportunities

Summer 2018

Professional Development

Arts Education: Learning & Sharing Session

Is your curriculum relevant? Do you know how to connect what you do to current issues in education? Do you wonder how your colleagues are addressing new or re-treaded trends? Join the New Hampshire Department of Education's Arts Consultant Marcia McCaffrey for a full-day review of and peer discussions about overarching state initiatives, arts-specific national initiatives, and other topics driven by attendees' wonderings. Topics will include personalized learning, competency based education, competency-based reporting systems, Universal Design for Learning, and well-rounded education in ESSA (Title IV-A). Participants are invited to bring questions and ideas to share. The goal of this day is to clarify what these buzz words mean and learn from others about approaches, success, and challenges related to topics discussed.

The event will be held at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018. The \$45 fee includes pizza lunch. The proceeds will support the NH Arts Learning Network.

[Click here to register.](#)

For more Summer Arts in Inclusive Learning professional development workshops including:

- The Arts & Universal Design for Learning: Strategies that Work Across the Curriculum featuring Rhoda Bernard, managing director of the Berklee Institute for Arts Education and Special Needs, on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at the Monarch School of New England in Rochester. [Register here.](#)
- Teaching Music to Students on the Autism Spectrum: Strategies & Best Practices, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, at the Crotched Mountain School in Greenfield. [Register here.](#)
- Teaching the Arts to Students with Special Needs: Strategies & Best Practices on Tuesday, Aug. 21, Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. [Register here.](#)
- Deborah Stuart hosts The Art of Writing for All Students: Turning words, sentences and stories into unique, student-created books. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018, at RSEC Academy, Amherst. [Register here.](#) Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, at the Currier Museum in Manchester. [Register here.](#) Friday, Aug. 24, 2018, at the Conway Public Library in Conway, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Register here.](#) And Songs & Singing Games, for Pre-K to Grade 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, at Littleton High. [Register here.](#)

Visit the [AANNH Summer Workshops site here.](#)

Professional Development at UNH

Fall registration is open: UNH Professional Development & Training has programs for teachers, social workers, counselors, and other professionals designed to help you succeed at every stage in your career. [View the August newsletter here](#) or go to training.unh.edu to view all upcoming programs.

CFES Brilliant Pathways Conference

The 2018 CFES Brilliant Pathways Conference is for K-16 educators, corporate leaders, and other dream-makers to network and hone strategies that prepare all students for college and 21st-century jobs will be held from Nov. 2, to Nov. 3, 2018, in Burlington, VT. The two days of workshops and panels that will innovate, implement and impact STEM Readiness, Essential Skills, K-12 Business Partnerships, Career Readiness, and College Pathways. Keynote speakers include; William “Mo” Cowan, one of eight African Americans to serve as a U.S. Senator; Rene Godefroy, who arrived in the U.S. with \$5 and two shirts yet today advises thousands on the methods of success, and Carolyn Slaski, head of HR at Ernst & Young.

To register for the event, visit BrilliantPathways.org.

Resources

Districts: Safeguard Your Systems

School districts looking to safeguard computer systems as well as student and teacher information can leverage no-cost cybersecurity resources, services, and assistance offered by the DHS funded Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), which assists U.S. public education organizations. The MS-ISAC provides informational materials, notifications, and services at no cost including:

- Notifications of possible compromise
- Reporting on vulnerabilities of your publicly accessible systems
- Cyber threat intelligence
- Digital Forensics
- Incident Response
- Monthly membership webcasts outlining the past month’s threat landscape
- Cybersecurity educational and awareness materials

Membership in the MS-ISAC is always at no-cost and is voluntary. The only requirement to becoming a member is to have your IT Director, or other technical point of contact, register here:

<https://learn.cisecurity.org/ms-isac-registration>.

Assessment Administrators Needed Next Year

Seeking motivated individuals to proctor in-school assessment sessions with 4th-, 8th- and 12th-grade students for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Must be available to work Jan. 28, to March 8, 2019. Paid training, paid time and mileage reimbursement for local driving, and weekly paychecks. This is a part-time, temporary position.

For more information, visit <http://www.workNAEP.com> and provide your name and email. We will contact you with a link to our online application when it is available. Online applications will be accepted beginning in June 2018. Questions? Email: NAEPPrecruit@westat.com. WESTAT, EOE

Other Info (contests/awards, conference/workshops, notices, and misc.)

Signups Now Open for 2nd Annual Virtual Coding Competition

The New Hampshire Cyber Robotics Coding Competition is an exciting online competition in its second year using a cloud-based simulation platform featuring a virtual, 3D animated robot. The competition focuses on code development – the new frontier of STEM – teams in grade levels will compete from any Chrome computer browser to complete missions and challenges. Winners will be

the schools who can best strategize, plan and complete the challenges. The NH DOE is a co-sponsor of the event. The competition kicks off on Oct. 1, with teacher orientation and training. Teachers will be able to practice with CoderZ – the coding interface from Intelitek – after that. On Oct. 15, the competition “boot camp” starts. Registration will be open to students until Nov. 4.

For more information or to sign up, [click here](#).

Help Holiday Cards 4 Our Military-NH Challenge

The 2018 Holiday Cards 4 Our Military-NH Challenge is underway. The Holiday Cards challenge is an effort to collect thousands of greeting cards for military service members. Last year, organizer Laura Landerman-Garber collected 17,000 cards in six weeks for Navy sailors; this year, she’s expanding the program to all five branches of military service and is hoping that students from schools around New Hampshire will create cards to send to the troops this holiday season. When students sign their cards, they only need to sign their first name as well as their city and state. The cards will be collected at the end of October. Cards can be dropped off at the Fulchino Winery in Hollis, the Hollis Pharmacy in Hollis, Wild Salamander Creative Arts Center in Hollis, Martha’s Exchange in Nashua, Seedlings Café & Hairtharium in Merrimack, Sal’s Pizza in Concord, and the NH DOE office in Concord.

For more information about the Holiday Cards program, [visit the org’s Facebook site](#) or email HolidayCardsNH@gmail.com.

NH’s Lead Bill SB 247

On Feb. 8, 2018, Gov. Chris Sununu signed Senate Bill 247 Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning into law. This law requires, among other actions, that all schools and licensed child care facilities test for lead in drinking water at all locations where water is available for consumption by children. The first round of testing is required to be completed by July 1, 2019. To view the letter sent to all NH schools and licensed child care centers regarding the drinking water testing go to:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/documents/leadbill-ltr-schools-childcare.pdf>. To review SB247 in its entirety, visit:

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2017&id=978&txtFormat=html

Backpack Drive Held Until Aug. 17

The New Hampshire Department of Education will be hosting its annual backpack drive beginning on Aug. 1, 2018. The drive will run through Aug. 17. This is the third year that the NH DOE has been collecting backpacks for children in need throughout the state of New Hampshire. The backpacks can be dropped off at the department’s Concord office – Londergan Hall, at 101 Pleasant St., in the Gov. Hugh. J. Gallen State Office Park – weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The backpacks will then be provided to school nurses for distribution around the state.

Mindfulness In Society Conference Held Sept. 8

NHTI, Concord’s Community College, will be hosting a daylong event how the process of mindfulness can be used in all walks of life from meditation, politics, business, and education. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018. Registration is \$109 and includes breakfast and lunch. Mindfulness helps people succeed academically and professionally, thrive at a personal level, live satisfying lives, and connect with themselves and others. Practicing mindfulness can reduce hate, resentment, and misunderstanding, as well as increase compassion, understanding, and cooperation. Speakers include U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, D-OH, the author of “A Mindful Nation: How a Simple Practice Can Help Us Reduce Stress, Improve Performance, and Recapture the American Spirit.” Also attending the event is Sharon Salzberg, a teacher and best-selling author, who is also the co-founder of the Insight Meditation Society of Barre, MA. Charlie Hartwell, a businessman, and Richard Brady, a writer, will also be speaking at the event.

For more information or to register, [visit this link](#).

Numeracy and Music

Do you embed numeracy skills in your elementary music curriculum? Are you someone who would like to intentionally support your students' numeracy skills while teaching elementary music? The New Hampshire Department of Education is seeking elementary music teachers to participate in a professional learning community focused on building numeracy skills through music. We will exchange ideas, share research articles, and learn from each other. Get-togethers will be driven by need; meetings will be face to face or virtual depending on the desire of the group.

If interested contact Marcia McCaffrey, Arts Consultant, NH Dept. of Education (marcia.mccaffrey@doe.nh.gov, 603-271-3193).

Professional Development Say: 'Reading Solzhenitsyn'

Registration is open for the Professional Development Day at Northern Vermont University (Lyndon) dedicated to the centennial anniversary of the Noble Prize Winner in Literature and Vermont resident for 18 years, Alexander Solzhenitsyn. University professors and experts from several countries, in attendance for the international conference dedicated to the life and works of the writer organized by NVU, will share their knowledge and expertise with Vermont educators on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.

Participants will learn experientially about some instructional strategies for teaching about several of Solzhenitsyn's works and his life. Special certificates will be issued to every participant of the event. For more information, contact Alexandre Strokanov at alexandre.strokanov@northernvermont.edu or 802-748-3256, or register here:

<https://events.lyndonstate.edu/Register/Reading%20and%20%20Discussing%20Solzhenitsyn>

Student Artwork Displayed at the NH DOE

School art departments have the opportunity to promote projects by exhibiting student artwork on the permanent display boards at the New Hampshire Department of Education. An exhibition of student work at the DOE is a valuable public relations tool for you, your program, and your school. Members of the State Board of Education, the commissioner, superintendents, parents, teachers and policy makers in education will regularly see student artwork. Keep the arts alive with student artwork on display. Let the people who make decisions about education remember to make room for the arts! In addition, the staff members at the DOE are very appreciative and enjoy the artwork on a daily basis. The artwork represents all the students for whom we do our job. Artwork remains on display for six to eight week intervals. Blocks of time now available for this academic year. Teachers or other school volunteers are responsible for hanging and taking down the exhibitions.

Email or call Marcia McCaffrey at marcia.mccaffrey@doe.nh.gov or 603-271-3193 for more information about the actual display space and to reserve your block of time.

2019 NH State Spelling Bee

The New Hampshire Union Leader is pleased to present the NH State Spelling Bee on Feb. 23, 2019. The winner of the state spelling bee advances to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Airfare and hotel expenses provided by the Elks. The Spelling Bee program is open to all schools (public, private and parochial) and home-school groups in New Hampshire. Students from grades 1 to 8 can participate. Registration for schools begins at the end of August and the deadline to register for the discounted fee (\$160) ends Oct. 14, 2018.

For more info on joining the 2019 local program visit, unionleader.com/spellingbee If you participated last year, you will automatically be contacted when registration opens. If you would like to be added to the list for updates, contact Community Relations Manager Stephanie Baxter at sbaxter@unionleader.com or 603-206-7833.

Geometry and Art

Calling all interested K-12 visual art teachers (including visual and media arts teachers at CTE centers) who integrate geometry into their curriculum or would like to intentionally support students'

abilities in geometry through visual art. The New Hampshire Department of Education is seeking visual art teachers to participate in a professional learning community focused on geometry and art. We will exchange ideas, share research articles, and learn from each other. Get-togethers will be driven by need; meetings will be face to face or virtual depending on the desire of the group. If interested contact Marcia McCaffrey, Arts Consultant, NH Dept. of Education (marcia.mccaffrey@doe.nh.gov, 603-271-3193).

4th Grade Water Science Fair, Drinking Water Festival and Water Poetry Contest

Three events in one day: Schools may participate in one or all three events. At the Drinking Water Festival, students will spend the day learning about water quality, conservation, erosion, the effects of pollution, wildlife and many other water-related topics. Activities are hands-on and students interact with professionals in fields of science, technology, engineering and math. These lessons are packed with opportunities to explore Next Generation Science Standards concepts.

The New Hampshire state-level Water Science Fair is an opportunity for students to explore a water-related topic in more depth. This can be a true science experiment, history, conservation psychology, green technology, engineering, water properties...whatever sparks their interest related to water.

Students conduct research, create an exhibit, write a report and present their findings to a panel of judges. There are a variety of ways the school-level fair can be configured in preparation for the state-level fair. Organizers have a guide booklet to make this process easy and are happy to discuss with you ways your schools can participate. Students who participate in the festival may also take part in a Water Poetry Contest. Students compose a water-related poem centered on an overarching theme. Poets with the top poems will read them aloud before their peers during the awards ceremony.

The festival, water science fair and water poetry contest are free to registered schools and will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 8, 2019, in Manchester, NH. Space is limited.

To apply or for more information, including copies of the water science fair guide booklet and water poetry guidelines, please contact Lara Hooper at lara.hooper@des.nh.gov or 603-271-4071.

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