

GREATER SOUTHERN TIER TEACHER CENTER

FALL 2018 OFFERINGS

Introducing the Teacher Center's new Director



Stacie Harris

Hello! My name is Stacie Harris and I'm excited to be working as the Teacher Center director. Jenny Dean retired in July, and I am working hard to fill her mighty big shoes. I've spent the last thirteen years teaching locally, originally 7th grade English at Horseheads Middle School, and then at Corning-Painted Post School District in ELA grades 9-12. I earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Dayton and received my Masters of Science in General Education from Elmira College.

We are very excited to welcome you back to the 2018-2019 school year. We hope you find our offerings to be just what you need, and we would love to hear your ideas for possible future workshops. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at sharris@gstbooces.org.



KINDERGARTEN NETWORK

Second Thursday of each month at Bush Campus Building 11, 4-6pm

Facilitator - Brad McKinney <bmckinney@cppmail.com>

Join us this year for a time of networking and professional development; as we discuss relevant curriculum topics, create hands-on materials for classroom use, brainstorm, and share ideas together.

October 11th:

Music, Movement, Singing, and Dancing

CCLS alignment: K.SL.1-6, K.L.1, K.L.4, K.RF.2-4, K.W.11

November 8th:

Gender roles, stereotypes, and LGBT children's literature

CCLS alignment: K.RL.9a, K.RL.11, K.SL.1c, K.SL.6

December 13th:

Technology Share

CCLS alignment: K.W.6, K.RL.11

January 10th:

Sight Words

CCLS alignment: K.RF.3c, K.RF.4,

February 14th:

Dice Games- practice and master math concepts

CCLS alignment: K.CC.1-7, K.OA.1-5, K.NBT.1, K.MD.3

March 14th:

Making Classroom Books

CCLS alignment: K.W.1-8, K.W.11, K.RF.1-4, K.RI.1-10, K.RF.1-11

April 11th:

Games that Teach

CCLS alignment: K.G.1-6, K.RF.3c, K.RF.4, K.RF.2-3, K.OA.1-5

May 9th:

Yearlong Writing Words - create independent writers

CCLS alignment: K.W.1-3, K.W.5-8, K.W.11

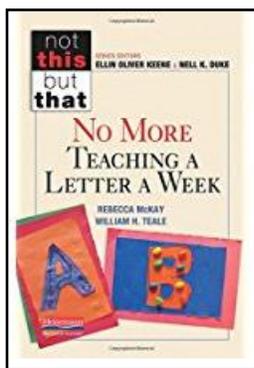
PRE-K NETWORK

Third Thursday of each month at Bush Building 11 Conference Room
(or in a designated Pre-K classroom) 4-6pm with Jessica Kittle

Come join in with a group of pre-k teachers for sharing and collaboration. We will share ideas on lesson planning, engaging activities and classroom management. Throughout the year we will create make and takes in different academic areas to bring back and use in your classroom. We will make a schedule during the first meeting to decide where each meeting will take place and what topics will be discussed.

We will also have a book study on No More Teaching Letter of the Week, by Rebecca McKay and William H. Teale. Each month we will participate in group discussions on different parts of this book.

Meeting Schedule:



- Oct. 18th at Bush Bldg. 11, Large Conference Room- Circle time:
Bring a song or finger play to share.
- Nov. 15th at Watkins Glen - Art center
- Jan. 17th at Bush Bldg. 11, Large Conf. Room - Writing center
- Feb. 7th at Bush Bldg. 11, Large Conf. Room - Block center
- Mar. 21st at Waverly - STEM
- Apr. 25th at Bush Bldg. 11, Large Conference Room - TBD
- May 16th at TBD - TBD
- June 6th at TBD - Open House/Beginning of year

Any questions contact Jessica Kittle <jkittle@gstbooces.org>

WHOLE BRAIN TEACHING

Wed., October 17, Bush Building 1 Large Conference Rm A, B, C, 4-6pm

Thurs., October 18, Bath CSD HS 402, 4-6pm

with Brenda Wright and Nina Warriner

Bath participants should park in the front of the HS, enter through the HS office door, proceed directly up the stairs of the glass tower, turn right. Room 402 is in the hallway on the left side looking into the courtyard at the solar panels.

Whole Brain Teaching is an approach designed to maximize student engagement, and focus on the way the brain is really designed to learn. It is an integrated method combining effective classroom management and pedagogically sound approaches to student engagement. Find out why so many educators are talking about this teaching system. Join us for an opportunity to explore and experience firsthand the techniques of Whole Brain Teaching.

DETERMINING STUDENTS' INDEPENDENT READING LEVEL (WITH ASSESSMENTS FROM COLUMBIA TEACHERS' COLLEGE)

**Mon., Oct. 22, Bush Bldg. 11, Large Conference Room, 4-6pm
with Kelly Emmanuel**

Teachers will be shown how to access free reading assessments from Columbia Teachers' College. Participants will be taught how to administer and analyze the assessments in order to determine a student's independent and instructional reading level. These assessments can provide powerful information so that teachers can plan targeted instruction for both whole and small group reading.

Target Audience: K-6

WHOLE BRAIN TEACHING MAKE & TAKE

Wed., October 24 Bath VEW School (Rm 74 & Teacher Center), 4-6pm
Park in back parking lot, use door facing lot to enter the building and walk through the Teacher Center to access Room 74.

**Thurs., October 25 Bush Campus Building 11, Large Conference Room, 4-6pm
with Brenda Wright and Nina Warriner**

WBT staff, here is the workshop you have been waiting for! This hands-on workshop is designed for participants who have a working knowledge of WBT to create materials that support and enhance a Whole Brain Teaching classroom. Participants will have access to the Teachers' Center resources but should bring their own computer.

THE ART OF ESSAY WRITING

**Mon., Oct. 29. Bush Bldg. 11, Large Conference Room, 4-6pm
with Kelly Emmanuel**

Learn how a strong oral rehearsal and a solid structure can help your students craft both personal and literary essays without frustration. Although the standards do not require written essay until grade 3, first and second grade teachers will learn ways to modify the process and set students up for future success in essay writing.

MAKE AND TAKE

MATH GAMES FOR THE PRIMARY CLASSROOM

**Thurs., November 1 Bush Campus Building 11 Large Conference Rm, 4-7pm
with Brad McKinney**

Games are the perfect way to practice content with your students and increase their fluency and number sense. Math games can be used for whole-group

instruction, small-group instruction, learning centers, RTI groups, AIS groups, and are easy to differentiate. During this workshop, participants will create dice games, file folder games, and card games to support NYS Common Core Standards and Engage NY Math Modules. Topics include: counting, number recognition, ten-frames, subsidizing, math facts, and place value.

Target Audience: PK-2



RETIREMENT PLANNING FOR EDUCATORS

Wed., Nov.7, Bush Building 11, Large Conference Room 4-5:30 PM

How Much Do You Know About Your Retirement?

Don't miss this opportunity! Suitable for ALL members, whether you are close to retirement or just starting your career; whether you have been investing for years or are just starting out, you can benefit from attending this seminar.

OUR GOALS:

- You will receive a better understanding of your retirement, taking into account your Tier (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6), Social Security benefits, inflation rates, pension contributions and anticipated salary increases.
- Have a better understanding of what investment vehicles are available to you.
- For you to understand why you shouldn't come to retirement and only have a TSA/403(b).

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED:

- I have many years before retirement why should I plan now?
- How is my retirement calculated?
- What is the 3% required savings for Tier 5 members?
- What is the graduated required savings for Tier 6 members?
- What are my early retirement options?
- Will I face any reductions in my pension?
- How do I receive my pension?
- What monthly income options do I have? Spousal options?
- What are TSA's and how do they work?
- What other investment vehicles are available to me?
- What changes have been made to the pension system recently?

"THE WRITING STRATEGIES" BY JENNIFER SERRAVALLO BOOK STUDY

**Tues., Nov. 13; Mon., Nov. 26; Tues., Dec. 11, Bush Bldg. 11, Large
Conference Room, 4-6pm with Kelly Emmanuel**

Learn how to use this powerful book to support writers in all stages of the writing process. In three sessions we will explore and practice strategies in the three genres of writing outlined in the NYS Standards: narrative, opinion, and explanatory. Books will be provided.

THE BALANCED TEACHER PATH - BOOK STUDY

Choose one date to attend:

Wed., November 28 4-6pm Bath CSD HS Library

Thurs., November 29 Bush Campus Building 11 Conference Rm, 4-6pm

Wed., December 5 Bush Campus Building 11 Conference Rm, 4-6pm

"With equal parts humor and wisdom, The Balanced Teacher Path analyzes four key aspects of every teacher's life-career, social, physical/emotional, and financial- and offers practical advice to bring these areas into sync. New educators and veterans alike can draw from the author's experiences and hard-won lessons to achieve work-life balance, prevent burn-out, and reignite a passion for teaching." Participants will receive the book to read prior to the workshop. Hurry to sign up! This book study is limited to 25 participants per site!

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: November 5!

To register, e-mail teachercenter@gstboces.org

Remember, if you find you are unable to attend a workshop for which you are registered, please let us know, as a courtesy to us and to the presenter who is expecting you.

**To reach the Teacher Center, please note our current contact
information:**

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