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SOUTHTOWN TEACHERS' CENTER NEWS AND COURSE LISTING

TEACHER WISH LIST



Southtown Teachers' Center would love to hear from you! We invite you to visit our website and take part in our newest survey, "Teacher's Wish List."

STC is looking for ideas for some new and exciting items that we can loan to teachers to use in their classrooms with students! Is there something on your WISH LIST?

DO YOU NEED A DIMENSIONS OF LEARNING COURSE?



STC is currently working with our DOL instructors and the school districts to update the DOL courses to bring them into alignment with current standards. The new courses will be offered under the name Classroom Strategies that Work.

Once the new courses are finalized, we will be offering them this Spring. Watch your email!

SOUTHTOWN TEACHERS' CENTER WINTER-SPRING COURSE OFFERINGS

THE FOLLOWING COURSES WILL BE OFFERED AT STC. AS NEW COURSES BECOME AVAILABLE WE WILL LIST THEM ON OUR WEBSITE AND NOTIFY MEMBER DISTRICTS THROUGH EMAIL. Full descriptions can be found on pages 2-4. Registration form is on the last page.

Differentiation Made Simple: Focus on ELA
Dimensions of Learning Strategies
The Effective Aide
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MaryAnn Meegan
Rachel Wysocki
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Debra Townsend
Nancy Dennis
Rachel Wysocki



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Course Policies

STC Courses are \$5 per clock hr.
Most courses are \$75.
(15 hours)

You must submit a registration form and payment to STC to be registered.

If your district will pay for your course, we still need a check to hold the spot. We will return it upon successful completion of the course.

Follow all your district's policies regarding pro-growth. STC will inform your district upon completion of the course regarding the number of hours taken. We do not submit for district prior approval of your taking the course.

Cancellations must be made 10 days prior to the start date to receive a refund. Checks will be cashed after this date.

If we cancel your course due to low enrollment your check will be returned.

Please note that courses may not be offered again this year. If you need a course, especially to meet tenure requirements this year or in the next year, you may want to take the course when it is offered this term.

Questions please call 649-6775 or email

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Differentiation Made Simple

15 Hours

Instructor: Amber Chandler-National Board Certified Teacher

Teachers are juggling more students than ever, so how do we differentiate to maximize learning? This course will allow teachers to create assignments that allow students choice, while at the same time not overburdening teachers. Each session will focus on a different strategy, as well as how to increase rigor. Learn to use MENUs to differentiate and RAFTs for all subjects, vocabulary & every day tips. Project-based learning will also be addressed.

Tuesdays February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

3:45-6:45PM

Frontier Middle School RM 226

\$75.00 Course fee

Maximum of 20 participants.

TEACHERS, TEACHER AIDES

Dimensions of Learning Strategies

15 Hours

Instructor: Laura Glista and Marylou Kallin

Implementing DOL Strategies in the classroom goes beyond the regular DOL curriculum. In this course we will provide participants with two new critical thinking strategies per class. Participants take these strategies, modify as needed and use them in their classroom. Each class consists of sharing of modified strategies, discussion on how each was successful with students, learning two more strategies. An ongoing discussion of improving teaching skills and cooperative learning is stressed.

Tuesdays January 28, February 11 & 25 March 11 & 25

3:45-6:45PM

Pinehurst Elementary RM 158

\$75.00 Course fee

TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS

The Effective Aide

15 Hours

Instructor: Jennifer Carducci

This course provides information that will increase participants awareness and knowledge of the expectations and responsibilities of aides. Included is an overview of special education, effective communication skills, and confidentiality.

This course is open to any Teacher Aide. This course fulfills the Classroom Management Course Requirement for Hamburg CSD Teacher Aides.

February 3, 5, 10, 12 & 13 **This course runs over 2 weeks.**

3:45-6:45PM

Union Pleasant Elementary RM 225

\$75.00 Course fee

TEACHER AIDES

Effective Behavioral Approaches

15 Hours

Instructor: MaryAnn Meegan

This course is designed to provide a variety of Effective Behavioral Interventions that will assist teachers and aides in Classroom Management for both Special Education and General Education students. The focus will be on those approaches that prevent behaviors from escalating and are effective & non-punitive in nature.

This course is open to any teacher/teacher's aide. This course fulfills the Classroom Management Course Requirement for Hamburg CSD Teacher Aides.

Thursdays March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3

3:45-6:45PM

Pinehurst Elementary RM TBA

\$75.00 Course fee

TEACHERS, TEACHER AIDES

Inquiry and Inference

3 Hours

Instructor: Rachel Wysocki

Inquiry and inference are skills all students need to possess to be successful, independent readers. In this course we will discuss how to progress from directly teaching inference in the classroom to the support and encouragement for readers to make inferences on their own. Strategies to assist lower level readers reach the higher levels of analysis and synthesis required by the Common Core Learning Standards will be addressed. This course is for teachers of grades 6 through 12.

January 16, 2013

3:45-6:45PM

Big Tree Elementary RM 168

\$15.00 Course fee

TEACHERS GRADES 6-12

Integrating Technology and the CORE Curriculum

15 Hours

Instructor: Kim Mattioli

PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR REGISTRATION 15 HRS OR 9 HRS

In today's increasingly digital age, technology integration in the classroom is perhaps the best way to engage students and utilize a wealth of tools and resources, while making learning fun. THIS COURSE WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE CCLS TECHNOLOGY EXPECTATIONS AND HOW TEACHERS CAN INTEGRATE MORE TECHNOLOGY, SUCH AS IPADS AND INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS, INTO ENGAGING TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES WHICH ADDRESS THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS. The final two sessions will also provide exposure to the technology components of resources such as Think Central (Math in Focus/Singapore Math) and Lead 21. Some basic and essential tools for instruction for teachers to integrate technology into teaching and learning will be provided for immediate use in their classrooms.

You should be comfortable with your school's interactive white board technology. This IS NOT a Smartboard Course.

Wednesdays January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5

3:45-6:45PM

Big Tree Elementary Room 152A

\$75.00 Course fee

TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS

Integrating Technology and the CORE Curriculum

9 Hours

Instructor: Kim Mattioli

For those educators who previously took "Effective Teaching with Technology and iPads" in the summer and need an additional 9 hours of professional learning credit, this course is a perfect fit! The first three classes will fulfill district requirements needed to create a full 15 hour credit. Please call the center if you have any questions.

Course will run as above.

\$45.00 Course Fee.

Mind, Brain and Teaching in the 21st Century

15 Hours

Instructor: Debra Townsend

The emerging field of neuroeducation synthesizes the findings of the neuro and cognitive sciences with educational pedagogy asking the essential question, "How does the human brain learn?" Join certified neuroeducator, Debra Townsend, and discover how these scientific findings and practical applications can improve instruction across the curriculum and how to better adapt to the expectation of the Common Core. This course provides an overview of the graduate certificate program, Mind, Brain and Teaching at John Hopkins University. **Sessions will address:**

- How does the Brain Learn? Brain Anatomy 101
- Brain-targeting Teaching
- Attention, memory, Intelligence and Aptitude
- Designing the Learning Experience: Big Picture Thinking and Creating Broad Neural Networks
- Teaching for Mastery, Extension, Application and Evaluation.

Mondays Feb 3, 10, 24, March 3 & 10

3:45-6:45PM

Big Tree Elementary RM 149

\$75.00 Course Fee

TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS

There is No “Dis” in Disability: Building a Positive Classroom Environment for All Students.

15 Hours

Instructor: Nancy Dennis

Every year you dream of your ideal classroom. Let this be the year your classroom isn't dependent on your students but on your knowledge of how to work with all learners effectively. Be ready to implement management strategies that make your classroom safe and productive. Understand learning disabilities and how to meet the needs of students of all abilities.

This course is open to any Teacher Aide. This course fulfills one of the two Special Education Course Requirements for Hamburg CSD Teacher Aides.

Tuesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 3

4:00-7:00PM

Charlotte Ave Elementary RM 107

\$75.00 Course Fee

TEACHER AIDES, TEACHERS

Reading, Writing and the Common Core.

3 Hours

Instructor: Rachel Wysocki

Need help knowing where to start with the reading and writing requirements of the Common Core State Standards? This is the class for you!

We will discuss methods to incorporate reading and writing in all subject areas (even math!). Strategies to help students independently achieve the reading and writing requirements of the Common Core will be discussed as well as practical approaches to teaching (and evaluating) student writing within your subject area.

January 23, 2013

3:45-6:45PM

Big Tree Elementary RM 168

\$15.00 Course Fee

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Is there something you would like to use in your classroom?

How about a professional learning resource like a book or DVD?

Leave us a suggestion on our Teacher Wish List!

go to - www.stcweb.org - it's right on the home page!

Did you know...

STC has lots of resources available for loan?

**Flip Cameras, Books, Quizzers, SMART Response System, iPads & Mini iPads
all available for loan for up to two weeks!**

**We also do copies, color copies, laminating, binding, poster printing and offer free
design service for custom needs. All at a reasonable cost.**



Southtown Teachers' Center Workshop Registration Form

Please fill in the form below and return by Mail or District Courier to:

Southtown Teachers' Center
4460 Bayview Road
Hamburg, NY 14075

Be sure to include a separate check for each workshop, payment will hold a permanent place in the class.

Course Fee Policy

Course Fees: (Please note we do not accept credit/debit cards)

- ◆ A check/money order/cash payment for the full amount of the course fee is required in order to register for any course.
- ◆ The course fee for public school teachers will be \$5 per classroom hour. (\$75 for a 15 hr course)
- ◆ In cases where a district is paying the course fee, the participant's check will be returned upon successful completion of the course.

Name _____ School _____

Please check all that apply, so we can properly process your registration

Building Level: Elementary Middle School High School Non-Public School Community

Job Title : Teacher Administrator Teacher Aide SRP Substitute Teacher

Please Note:

Your Course Fee is due upon registration. Refunds will only be made in the event we cancel the course or you notify us at least 10 days prior to the start of the course.

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ ext _____

E-mail Address _____ @ _____

Workshop(s) 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Total # Courses _____ x \$ _____ Fee = \$ _____

Total enclosed

Please make checks payable to STC and submit a separate check for each course requested.