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LUCY CALKINS PRESENTS Writing Professional Development for Grades K-12

Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC – Heritage Ballroom

September 9 – 10, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration Fee: \$150 (lunch provided)

Lucy Calkins, Ph.D. is the author of *Units of Study for Primary Writing* and *Units of Study for Teaching Writing, Grades 3–5*, *The Art of Teaching Writing, One to One*, *The Art of Teaching Reading*, and the DVD *Big Lessons from Small Writers*. She is the Founding Director of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University's Teachers College. Lucy Calkins and her colleagues have helped hundreds of thousands of teachers become experts in the teaching of writing. At this two-day training, **Lucy Calkins, Mary Ehrenworth and Laurie Pessah** will demonstrate time-tested teaching practices to help you teach writing to your students. **Mary Ehrenworth**, Deputy Director for Middle School, is the author of *Looking to Write* and co-author of *The Power of Grammar* and is currently working on another publication on Testing Realities--teachers and students preparing for exams. **Laurie Pessah** is the Executive Officer for Literacy & Research Development with the NYC Department of Education. She's a former teacher, assistant principal, and principal; is co-author of *Nonfiction Writing: Procedures and Reports* and is currently working on a publication for principals. Dr. Calkins will present on September 9 with her colleagues sharing the presentations on September 10. If you have questions, contact Carol Bennett at cbennett@wresa.org or 828.418.0011, ext. 17. **Registration Deadline: August 10, 2009 – Limited to 400 participants**

HARRY WONG PRESENTS The Effective Teacher

DEBORAH JONES PRESENTS

Rigor, Relevance, Relationships: Building Blocks for Improving Teacher Performance & Student Learning

Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC – Heritage Ballroom

October 29, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration Fee: \$75 (lunch provided)

Dr. Harry K. Wong is possibly the *most motivating, exciting and dynamic speaker in education today*. But most importantly, his presentations result in **positive audience behavior change**. Dr. Wong leaves his audiences with practical, useful techniques for how to succeed in the classroom. His expertise is in *classroom management and student motivation*. Although Dr. Wong regards himself as “a plain old classroom teacher,” record shows that he has been an excellent teacher who has shared his success with thousands of teachers internationally. During more than 33 years in the classroom, Harry Wong developed methods which resulted in his having a **zero dropout rate, no discipline problems, a 95 percent homework turn in factor, and the ability to demonstrate master level learning by each of his students**. Dr. Wong will present from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. A book publisher will be on site.

Dr. Deborah Jones, with Educational Leadership Consulting, will present from 1 – 3 p.m. Deborah believes that teacher performance in the classroom can directly impact *student learning and academic success*. A framework will be introduced that can **improve teacher and student performance by increasing the level of rigor and the application of relevance in curriculum planning, instruction, and assessment**. Teachers will be given practical strategies and information that will aid them in establishing meaningful and productive relationships with their colleagues, students, and families to ensure student and school success. If you have questions contact Karen Sumner at ksumner@wresa.org or Jan Webster at jwebster@wresa.org. **Registration Deadline: October 1, 2009 – Limited to 400 participants**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2009

<p>April 28 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Mentor Refresher Presenter: Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 4/20/09</p>
<p>April 28 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.</p>	<p>It is Time...To Be Bully Free! Presenter: Rick Spurling, Mitchell County Schools Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 4/20/09</p>

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May 5, 12, 19 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Training Presenter: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator and Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 4/27/09
May 7 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Ag in the Classroom: Reading, Writing, Science & Social Studies Integrated Workshop (Grades K-5) Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator and a NC Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Ambassador Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 4/20/09
May 8 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	TPR Storytelling for Foreign Language and ELL Teachers Presenter: Blaine Ray, Creator of TPR Storytelling Registration Fee: \$100 Registration Deadline: 4/20/09
June 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Teaching to Poverty April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 6/1/09
June 17 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Early Planning for Successful Retirement Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Presenter: Robert Ayers Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 6/8/09
June 17 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Problem-Based Learning With the News: The Logical Place to Start Presenter: Sandra Cook, NIE, NC Press Foundation Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 6/3/09
June 17 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Brain Fitness: Improve Learning Capacity for All Students – Move Students to Proficiency and Beyond Presenter: Dr. Martha Burns, Scientific Learning Registration Fee: \$25 Registration Deadline: 6/8/09
June 19 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Dropout Prevention Team Planning Presenter: Dr. Jay Smink, National Dropout Prevention Center Registration Fee: \$100 per team Registration Deadline: 6/5/09
June 19 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Reading Strategies That Bridge Narrative and Expository Texts (Grades 3-9) Presenter: Tom Tufts, Educator and Author; Sandra Cook, NIE, NC Press Foundation Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 6/5/09
June 22-24 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Language! Training for Teachers of Struggling Students (Grades 3-12) Presenter: Angie Cloninger, Literacy Consultant, NCDPI Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 6/8/09
July 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Children of Poverty: Now What? (Prerequisite: Must have attended “Teaching to Poverty” training session.) Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 7/3/09
August 3-4 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	NC School Executive Principal Evaluation Process Presenter: Shirley McGee and Jan Webster, Certified Trainers Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 7/20/09
August 3-5 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Training Institute Presenter: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator and Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 7/20/09
September 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Refresher Presenter: Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/4/09
September 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Get Out (Outside That Is!): Introduction to Using GPS Devices (Grades 6-12) Presenter: Michelle Benigno, Asheville Outreach Coordinator, NC State University/The Science House Registration Fee: \$20 Registration Deadline: 9/4/09
September 22 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Reading Across the Content: Engaging Students with Picture Book Read-Alouds in All Curricular Areas (K-8) Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 9/8/09
September 24 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Don’t Guess On Tests: Infer! Presenter: Karen Haag, UNC Charlotte Writing Project, Co-Director of Teacher Research Institutes Registration Fee: \$70 Registration Deadline: 9/10/09
	ONLINE COURSES --- Registration Fee: \$35
May 1 – July 30	Book Study: Professional Learning Communities Instructor: Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan
June 1-30	Differentiated Instruction in 6-12 English/Language Arts & Social Studies Instructor: Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan
June - August	Math Partners Training for K-5 Educators Instructor: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator
June - August	Book Study: Teaching the Male Brain Instructor: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator
June 15-July 27	Book Study: Disrupting Class – How Disruptive Innovation Will Change the Way the World Learns Instructors: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator & Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan
August 31 – October 5	Marcia Tate’s Worksheets Don’t Grow Dendrites – Part 2 Instructor: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator
Throughout School Year	Computer Classes (Listing available on our website – www.wresa.org) Instructor: Charles George

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