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HARRY WONG PRESENTER 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**



CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Open to all administrators involved in curriculum and instruction in the western region. Each meeting is held at WRESA in Room 104 and is scheduled from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

September 17	December 17	March 18
October 15	January 21	April 15
November 19	February 18	May 20

PRINCIPALS' COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Join us as we kick off this year's *Principals' Council* in conjunction with NCPAPA on **September 28, 2009**, from 10 a.m.-12 noon at WRESA. **Dr. Shirley Prince, the Executive Director of NCPAPA**, will be discussing professional development opportunities, legislative changes and the new assistant principal evaluation instrument. There will also be time for job-alike discussions as well. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 22nd. Hold the remaining Principals' Council dates below:

- December 10, 2009, WRESA, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
The focus will be on technology for administrators and job-alike breakout time.
- March 11, 2010, WRESA, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
A presentation on Testing and Accountability and local discussion on lessons learned from LEAs that have implemented the new teacher evaluation instrument.

Questions about Principals' Council? Contact April Spencer at 828.418.0011, ext. 20 or aspencer@wresa.org

Western Region Fall Leadership Conference October 9, 2009 At WRESA from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
More information to be distributed by September 14.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS OCTOBER 2009 - JANUARY 2010

September 15-16 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Training in Mathematical Big Ideas from the Partners for Mathematics Learning Project - Kindergarten Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/10/09
September 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Get Out (Outside, that is)! Introduction to Using GPS Devices (Grades 6-12) Presenter: Michelle Benigno, Science House Registration Fee: \$20 Registration Deadline: 9/11/09
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: 9/16/09
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: \$50 Registration Deadline: 9/11/09
October 6, 13, 20 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: 9/28/09

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October 7-8 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Training in Mathematical Big Ideas from the Partners for Mathematics Learning Project – Grade 1 Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/28/09
October 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Inquiring Minds Want to Know Presenter: Michelle Benigno, Science House Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 10/2/09
October 20 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	It is Time...To Be Bully Free! Presenter: Rick Spurling, Mitchell County Schools Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 10/8/09
November 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Preparing Our Students from the Beginning for Success on the NC Reading EOG with Kathy Bumgardner Presenter: Kathy Bumgardner Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 10/20/09
November 2 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: 10/20/09
November 4 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Refresher Presenter: Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 10/20/09
November 5 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.	Responsiveness to Instruction (RTI) – One Day Overview Presenter: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 10/20/09
November 5 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Effective Strategies for Guided Reading Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 10/20/09
November 17 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Motivating the Unmotivated – Back By Popular Demand Presenter: Carlann Scherping, Polk County Schools Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 11/6/09
November 17-18 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Training in Mathematical Big Ideas from the Partners for Mathematics Learning Project – Grade 2 Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 11/6/09
December 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Engaging Reluctant Learners with Technology Presenter: Jason Rhodes Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 11/17/09
December 8-9 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Training in Mathematical Big Ideas from the Partners for Mathematics Learning Project – Grade 3 Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 11/25/09
December 9 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Reading and Vocabulary Strategies for Struggling Middle and High School Readers Presenter: Martha Geitner, Asheville City Schools and April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 11/25/09
December 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	NC Association of Elementary Educators (NCAEE) Member and Prospective Members’ Meeting Presenters: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator & NCAEE Region 8 Director Registration Fee: None Required Registration Deadline: 12/4/09
January 12-13 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Training in Mathematical Big Ideas from the Partners for Mathematics Learning Project – Grade 4 Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 1/4/09
February 9-10 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Training in Mathematical Big Ideas from the Partners for Mathematics Learning Project – Grade 5 Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 2/1/09
	ONLINE COURSES --- Registration Fee: \$35 <i>(some online classes also require the purchase of a book)</i>
October 1-October 31	Differentiated Instruction in 6-12 English/Language Arts & Social Instructors: Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Deadline: 9/20/09
October - December	“HOT BLOGGING”: a 21st Century Strategy to Promote Higher Order Thinking in the Classroom Instructor: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator
October - December	Book Study: Exploring the 7 Keys to Comprehension Instructor: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator
October – December	I Can Write Like That! Effective Strategies for Using Mentor Texts in Writers’ Workshop Instructor: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator
November 1 – December 15	Book Study: Professional Learning Communities Instructor: Karen Sumner, Teacher On Loan Registration Deadline: 10/20/09
October - December	Classroom Practices That Make a Difference in Student Learning Instructor: Jan Webster, Director
Throughout the Year	Computer Classes (Listing available on our website – www.wresa.org) Instructor: Charles George, Technology Coordinator

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