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**MOSAIC OF THOUGHT AND
7 KEYS TO COMPREHENSION WORKSHOPS: AN
OVERVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$60
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/3/10**

An internationally-known speaker and workshop leader, **Susan Zimmermann** is co-author of the educational bestsellers *Mosaic of Thought*, Second Edition (2007) and *7 Keys to Comprehension* (with Chryse Hutchins, 2003). She co-founded and served as the Executive Director of the Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition, an organization that has *spearheaded ground-breaking comprehension work*. During her ten years there, she initiated numerous programs to improve the quality of public schools, including the Reading Project, which has been implemented in more than one hundred schools and provides the examples in *Mosaic of Thought*, Second Edition, and *7 Keys to Comprehension*. Currently a full-time speaker and writer, Susan has given hundreds of workshops, keynotes, and summer institutes in over 40 states, throughout Canada, and in Mexico on ways to deepen reading and writing experiences for adults and children. This *interactive workshop provides a snapshot of the comprehension strategies while taking the participants on a journey into their own reading*. It is based on the premise that for adults to understand and teach the comprehension strategies outlined in *Mosaic of Thought and 7 Keys to Comprehension*, they must first consciously apply them in their own reading and discuss them with peers.

Biotech Awareness Conference

OCTOBER 8, 2010

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

REGISTRATION FEE: NONE

LUNCH PROVIDED

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/20/10

**FIRST 35 CLASSROOM TEACHERS
WHO REGISTER WILL HAVE THEIR
SUBSTITUTES PAY REIMBURSED**

*Calling all Science and CTE teachers as well as
School Counselors and Curriculum Specialists
across the region!*

Do you want to learn more about biotechnology and its impact in your classroom and on our students? This conference will do just that! The program will focus on the critical role of biotechnology to the current and future North Carolina economy and how that impacts our schools and students. Topics to be addressed will include: Why is biotechnology important to WNC? What biotechnology resources are available to our schools? How are students using biotechnology degrees in this area? There will be speakers and panel discussions. If you have questions, please contact April Spencer at 828.418.0011, ext. 20 or aspencer@wresa.org

**Western Region Fall Leadership Conference — September 27, 2010
More Information To Come!! Mark Your Calendars!!**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS SEPTEMBER 2010 – JANUARY 2011

September 9, 23 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Training (2-day training) Presenter: Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 9/3/10
September 13 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Understanding the Adolescent Female Presenter: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/3/10
September 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Moving To Success: K-5 Physical Education Presenter: Dan Young, Consultant, Moving To Success Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/7/10
September 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Integrating Game Tactics with Motor Skill Progression: Grades 6-12 Physical Education Presenter: Dan Young, Consultant, Moving To Success Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/7/10
September 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Close Reading and Academic Writing Strategies Presenters: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator; Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/10/10
September 21-22 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Teacher Evaluation Instrument Training Presenter: Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator Registration Fee: \$20 Registration Deadline: 9/15/10

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September 20 12 noon – 4 p.m. September 21-22 October 26-27 November 9-10 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	RTI Training: Responsiveness to Instruction/Problem-Solving Model Foundations (7-day training) <i>For questions and registration information contact Sherry Abernethy (sabernethy@dpi.state.nc.us – 919.807.3596) or Amy Scrinzi (amy.scrinzi@ncpublicschools.gov – 919.807.3852). This training will be held at WRESA. Registration Fee: None Required --- Limited to 85 participants</i>
September 28 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	We The People and Project Citizen Training Registration Fee: None Required Registration Deadline: 9/21/10
October 4 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	NC FALCON Presenter: Dr. Sarah McManus, Chief, Testing Policy and Operations, DPI Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/20/10
October 12 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Teaching to Poverty Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 10/1/10
October 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Using Picture Book Read-Alouds to Engage Students in All Subjects (Grades K-7) Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 10/1/10
October 18 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Technology Made Easy Presenters: Jennifer Drury and Dwayne Squires, Canton Middle School Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 10/8/10
October 22, December 3, February 25, April 8 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	In Sync With Success (Grades 3-12): A 3-Credit Reading Seminar With NC Reading Specialist and Author Karen Haag (4-day training) Presenter: Karen Haag, Reading Specialist & Author Registration Fee: \$300 for 4-day Seminar Registration Deadline: 10/1/10
November 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Get Out (Outside, That Is)! Introduction to Using GPS Devices Presenter: Michelle Benigno, The Science House Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 10/18/10
November 4, December 14, January 13 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Defining Formative Assessment to Support Student Learning (3-day training) Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 10/20/10
November 9 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: 11/1/10
November 17 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Chalk and Talk Won't Work: Media and the 21st Century Adolescent (Grades 6-12) Presenters: Nancy Ruppert, Professor, UNC-A and April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 11/5/10
December 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	The Magic Behind the Mathematics Presenter: Chris Cain, Professor, Mars Hill College Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 11/18/10
December 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Biotech Protocol Institute <i>(See Institute agenda under workshop description – First 45 teachers registered will have substitute pay reimbursed.)</i> Registration Fee: None Required Registration Deadline: 11/19/10
December 8 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Using Lab Quests in the Elementary Classroom Presenter: Michelle Benigno, The Science House Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 11/22/10
	ONLINE COURSES --- Registration Fee: \$35 (some online classes also require the purchase of a book)
September - October	Teaching Students Word Play to Inspire Better Writing Instructor: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Deadline: 9/15/10
October - January	Google In The Classroom Instructor: Tina Joyner, Technology Coordinator Registration Deadline: None
October – January	Ready, Set, Go Web 2.0! Instructor: Tina Joyner, Technology Coordinator Registration Deadline: None
Throughout the Year	Computer Classes (Listing available on our website – www.wresa.org) Instructor: Charles George, Technology Coordinator

Western Region Administrators' Training Institute
 First Session Begins September 7, 2010
 Entire Institute: \$150 Per Session: \$35
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