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School Executives' Evaluation Training

The new **School Executives' Evaluation Instrument** training will be held this summer at WRESA for **Superintendents, Human Resource Directors, and Principals**. The dates for the training are **July 14-15, July 16-17, July 21-22, and July 23-24**. The training will be provided in a **two-day session**. The two-day session will be repeated four times (you only need to attend one two-day session). Registration will be online through the Department of Public Instruction at www.ncpublicschools.org/profdev/conferences/executive_training/. Please sign up as soon as possible to get your desired dates. *If you have questions, contact Jan Webster at 828.418.0011, ext. 21 or jwebster@wresa.org.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26	Break By The Lake (School Counselors)
September 28-30	Western Region Fall Leadership Conference
October 22	Dropout Prevention Conference: Effective Strategies for Increasing Graduation Rates Presenter: Dr. Jay Smink, National Dropout Prevention Center
November 5	Grading Assessments That Promote Student Retention Presenter: Dr. Lynn Canady, Professor, Emeritus University of Virginia
November 19	Reading Aloud Across the Curriculum: How to Build Bridges in Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies Presenter: Lester Laminack
December 3	Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites Presenter: Marcia L. Tate



Global Awareness: Resources to Bring the World to the Classroom

May 6, 2008 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration Fee: \$45

**Focus on opportunities for classroom teachers to gain resources and opportunities to bring a global perspective to their classrooms.*

**Presentations made by WNC in the World, LEARN NC, Center for International Understanding and NC in the World, UNCA, and Folkmoot.*

**For all teachers and administrators.*

Information and Help for National Board Candidates

Our local NBCT **Lynn Carter** has been contracted by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to **help provide support for our National Board candidates as well as bring us the latest information about what is going on**. Lynn is available to provide informational sessions about National Board as well as meet with candidates and candidate support providers in our districts. **To contact Lynn, email her at lcnbct@aol.com.**



NC Mountains Teacher Job Fair

May 12, 2008, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Summer Leadership Conference 2008 & NCASA Superintendents' Retreat

June 29 – July 2, 2008

Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS MAY - SEPTEMBER 2008

May 6 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Global Awareness: Resources to Bring the World to the Classroom Presenters: WNC in the World, LEARN NC, Center for International Understanding and NC in the World, UNCA and Folkmoot Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 4/29/08
May 8 June 24 (repeat) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Early Planning for Successful Retirement Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator and April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 4/24/08
Available May - August (Online Course)	Navigating Through Administration Using Goals and Priorities Facilitator: Jan Webster, Professional Staff Development/Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Register anytime May - August
Available May - August (Online Course)	Classroom Practices That Make a Difference in Student Learning Presenter: Jan Webster, Professional Staff Development/Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Register anytime May - August

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Available May – August (Online Course)	Developing a Positive School Climate Through Effective Communication Facilitator: Jan Webster, Professional Staff Development/Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Register anytime May - August
June 2-August 29 (Online Course)	Integrating Reading, Writing and Math (Grades K-5) Facilitator: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 5/22/08
June 25-26 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	A Professional Development Opportunity: Effective Planning with a Purpose Facilitator: April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$10 per day Registration Deadline: 6/16/08
June 26 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Teaching to Poverty Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 6/9/08
TBD 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	TI Training Involving the Navigator System (Grades 6-12) Presenter: Sheila Brookshire, Math Instructor, Enka High School Registration Fee: \$45
July 18 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: 7/7/08
July 25 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Growing Minds In Our Math, Science and Literacy Garden (Grades 3-5) Presenter: Tamara Houchard, Mitchell County Schools Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 7/11/08
July 29-30 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	NEW School Executives’ Academy (Principals, Assistant Principals and Aspiring Administrators) Facilitator: Jan Webster, Professional Development/Secondary Education Coordinator Presenters: Superintendents and Various Other Personnel Registration Fee: \$75 Registration Deadline: 7/17/08
July 30-31 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Primary Writing Training: Using LUCY CALKIN’S Primary Writing Kit (Grades K-2) Presenters: Sandra Wells and Nancy Costello, Literacy Coaches, Asheville City Schools Registration Fee: \$70 Registration Deadline: 7/14/08 <i>Participants need to bring the materials listed on website under the session description.</i>
August 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Genre Study to Support Young Writers with KATIE WOOD RAY (Grades K-8) Presenter: Dr. Katie Wood Ray, Writer and Researcher of the Teaching of Writing Registration Fee: \$100 Registration Deadline: 7/18/08
August 12 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Green and Micro-Scale Chemistry Workshop (G & MSC) (High School Chemistry Teachers) Presenters: Al Glatz, Ph.D. and Elaine Martin, Ph.D., Waste Reduction Partners and Spring Allen, NC Department of Environmental Natural Resources Registration Fee: None Required (Stipend of \$75 paid to all participants) Registration Deadline: 7/28/08
September 9 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	DR. JEAN FELDMAN’S “Razzle Dazzle” Centers & Activities for Reading, Writing & Math! (Grades PreK, K & 1) Presenter: Dr. Jean Feldman, Nationally-Known Consultant, Author & Musician Registration Fee: \$100 Registration Deadline: 8/25/08
September 9, 16, & 23 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Training Presenter: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator and April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 8/25/08
September 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Literacy Infused Make It and Take It Projects (Grades K-6) Facilitator: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 9/9/08
September 25 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Project WILD Aquatics Workshop Presenter: Lindsay Green, Regional Education Specialist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission Registration Fee: None Required Registration Deadline: 9/11/08
Throughout School Year (Online Courses)	Go to our website for a listing of the computer classes that are offered online throughout the school year.

Register online and get session descriptions at www.wresa.org.

All sessions are held at WRESA unless otherwise stated.