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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, Maryann Augusta

WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2015

Welcome to Suffolk's Edge Teacher Center Professional Development Offerings

As we kick off the New Year, we are pleased to bring you many new professional development programs and resources to help you meet the many professional challenges in providing a teaching and learning environment to maximize student success. **Our Graduate Cohort Programs** leading to Dual Certification in Special Education from Brooklyn College and Stony Brook University's School District Leader certification will continue this spring. We are in the planning stage with Brooklyn College for **Bilingual Certification**, Dowling for **TESOL Certification**, and NYIT for M.S in **Instructional Technology** or the **School Leadership & Technology Advanced Diploma**. More info coming soon.

Suffolk's Edge course offerings starting in January are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. All courses are held at W.S. BOCES Conference Center, 31 Lee Avenue, Wheatley Heights, NY, unless otherwise noted. **Registration** and course descriptions @ www.wsboces.org/webreg. Don't forget **Professor Garfield contests** due March 1st for students in grades 4, 5 & 6. For info contact: maugusta@wsboces.org. **2016 NYS Teacher of the Year** applications are due February 2, 2015
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/toty/home.html>

NYSUT's Education & Learning Trust course catalogue is complete with Graduate level online and site-based courses, 45-hour in-service courses and courses needed for several certification areas. All courses are aligned with the NYS Teaching Standards. **Registration** @ www.nysut.org/elt

The NYS Teacher Center Online Academy (OLA) starts February 4th. **Registration** and course descriptions @ <http://eeznt3.nyiteez.org/olacatalog/>

We congratulate Tahisha Hunter on her promotion at Western Suffolk BOCES and welcome **Lesha Drescher** to Suffolk's Edge. Lesha comes from an extensive background in office administration, including office manager for a mortgage and investment company, as well as Executive Director for a not-for-profit trade association for the remodeling industry where she excelled at event planning, certification class preparation and registration. Lesha is thrilled to be joining the BOCES family.

NEED CODING RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM?

Professor Garfield has an exciting new addition for classroom use or by individual student: It's **Alice**, downloadable software introducing **coding and computer science** to kids complete with teaching resources. Materials come with video support and pdf. tutorials. Find **Alice** at http://www.professorgarfield.org/pgf_alice.html

2016 PBS LEARNING MEDIA DIGITAL INNOVATORS PROGRAM

Apply by February 11th to be in the running as one of the top 30 applicants to be selected as America's Most Innovative Educators. To apply: <http://www.pbs.org/about/news/archive/2014/learningmedia-digital-innovators> or <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Location: Western Suffolk BOCES Conference Center

Registration: Log onto www.wsboces.org/webreg type SETC in the search box and scroll down to the workshop you would like to register for. If you have any questions please contact: thunter@wsboces.org or LDresher@wsboces.org



A Close Examination of the Changes to the New York State Social Studies Standards

January 21st: Grades 9-10 Global History

January 29th: Grades 11-12 U.S. History, Government, Economics

Time: 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

No cost to Suffolk's Edge Teacher Center members: (Amityville, Babylon, Bayshore, Copiague, Deer Park, Elwood, Harborfields, Half Hollow Hills, Kings Park, West Babylon, DRVC, Northport-E. Northport, W.S. BOCES)

\$50 for non-participating districts to attend 1 workshop or \$100 for both sessions.



Making the Home Literacy Connection for Teachers of K-3

April 23rd

Time: 4pm – 7 PM

This workshop will introduce creative ways for teachers to make a school to home literacy connection. It will offer ideas on how to facilitate reading and writing at home that will reinforce the reading, writing, listening and speaking standards being taught at school. Participants will be introduced to activities, websites, and Pinterest boards that they may find helpful when making recommendations and/or assignments for home. Explore an in-depth look at the CCCS and grade level ideas to implement in the classroom to get parents more involved in their child's literacy learning. Participants will look at Domain 4 in the Danielson rubric and discuss ways to bring our teaching into the effective and highly effective range through parent communication.

No cost to Suffolk's Edge Teacher Center members. \$50 for non-participating districts to attend.



Shifting Your Classroom from Traditional to Blended Instruction with the Use of Digital Media

February 10, 12, 24, and 26

Time: 4pm - 7pm

This workshop will provide you with useful resources and techniques to assist with moving your classroom instructional practice from that of a traditional model to one that is blended by incorporating digital media.

No cost to Suffolk's Edge Teacher members. \$50.00 for non-participating districts to attend each session or \$150 for all 4 sessions.



FLIP CLASSROOM: Using Technology to Flip Your Classroom

March 5, 12, and 19

Time: 4:30pm – 7:30pm

A "Flipped Classroom" changes the process and order in which students experience learning. Technology has come to play a key role in making this classroom methodology a success. The purpose of this course is to: (1) Understand the concept and research behind the flipped classroom (2) Explore technology that can be utilized in supporting a flipped classroom (3) Create lessons in the flipped classroom format utilizing that technology.

No cost to Suffolk's Edge Teacher members. \$50.00 for non-participating districts to attend one session or \$150 for all 3 sessions.



Digital Tools for Technology Integration for Grades 2 & Up

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2nd

Time: 4:15- 7:15

This five week course will provide an overview of several digital tools that can be used both in and out of the classroom. Create a free Symbaloo account and store your bookmarks in the cloud. Organize websites, Google Docs, Microsoft Office docs, videos, lesson plans, and more. Learn how students can use Symbaloo as the portal for their projects. Gather your notes (handwritten or typed), drawings, video, audio, and screen clippings in one place using OneNote, a powerful digital binder. Explore the lesson plans and interactive tools available at BrainPop, LearnZillion, Professor Garfield, and SAS Curriculum Pathways.

No cost to Suffolk's Edge Teacher members. \$150.00 for non-participating districts to attend all 5 sessions.

