

TST Weekly Bulletin

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FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Where We Teach

This week's focus is on the classroom. For classroom teachers, think about your classroom environment and the ways in which it influences teaching and learning. Take some time to visit the classrooms of your colleagues, notice how their rooms are both similar and different from your own, and share what you notice with each other. For those of us who don't work in classrooms, let's ask teachers to tell us about the processes they use to decide how to arrange their classrooms.

NEWS & NOTES

Women Administrators Professional Development Series

The Educational Leadership Institute @ NYS Association for Women in Administration is pleased to sponsor the Women Administrators Professional Development Series - You're Invited! A Professional Development and Networking Opportunity for Building and District Level Administrators and Aspiring Administrators. There are multiple dates and locations for this event. For more information visit this [webpage](#).

Guidance on Rights of Immigrant Students and Dignity for All Students Act

Click [here](#) for multiple resources.

BOOM (Bits On Our Minds)

BOOM (Bits On Our Minds) is the premier annual showcase for Cornell student projects in cutting-edge digital technology. Now in its 19th year, BOOM is an entirely volunteer-run event organized by Computing and Information Science and made possible by corporate support. Student projects will be featured across many different disciplines, including games, robotics, autonomous vehicles, mobile phone apps and more. BOOM is free and open to the public. This event will be on Wednesday, April 19, and you may have students who would like to go during their vacation. More information can be found [here](#).

Quote of the Week

"In effective classrooms, teachers consistently attend to at least four elements: whom they teach (students), where they teach (learning environment), what they teach (content), and how they teach (instruction)"
-- Tomlinson & McTighe

THERE'S MORE ↓

FOR TEACHERS

Learning Experience Labs

Classroom Designs to Fit Today's and Tomorrow's Learners. Read the [full article](#) by Jerry Maze and Jennifer Marshall-Higgins.

2017 IDM Institute

"Are You Ready to Inquiry? The third annual (IDM)[™] Summer Institute will be in Raleigh, North Carolina, July 17-19, 2017. Sponsored by C3 Teachers, the National Council for the Social Studies, and North Carolina State University, the Institute will feature hands-on opportunities for teachers to develop inquiry materials for use in their classrooms..." More information can be found [here](#).

Apollo School Archives

Check out the resources available from [The Apollo School Archives](#).

FOR PRINCIPALS

Critical Friends Group Coaches Training for principals, administrators, and educational leaders

We are bringing the National School Reform Foundation Critical Friends Group Coaches training to our region this summer and fall. We will run the first three days this summer, followed by two days in the fall. The dates are as follows: August 15, 16, 17 and October 10, 11. We will need a minimum of 15 people fully committed by mid-June in order to make this happen. Take a look at [this flier](#) for more information. Sign up here for both the [summer sessions](#) and the [fall sessions](#).

Update on Common Core Regents Exams

An FYI from NYSED - There will be no change in the scale scores required for students to meet the graduation requirements for the Class of 2022 on either the ELA or Mathematics Regents Examination. In order to meet the standard necessary for graduation, students will continue to need to achieve a scale score of 65 on these examinations to earn a Regents diploma. Students with disabilities will continue to need to achieve a scale score of 55 on these examinations to earn a local diploma. Read the [full statement](#) for more information.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

Offered through our folks here at TST BOCES

Tech Voyagers

12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | April 13

If you have a vision or idea for meaningful technology integration, but need assistance in making it happen, then consider joining the Tech Voyagers! Visit the Tech Voyager website for more information. Specific learning targets may vary by participant. However in general, participants will: describe the instructional goal tied to student learning; identify technology-based learning goals necessary to successful implementation; and apply new technology knowledge to create an implementation plan, including the type of support needed for success.

Thursday, April 13 from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. More information and sign up in [mlp](#).

First Aid for Coaches Refresher Course

4 p.m. - 7 p.m. | May 2 and 3

Classes will be held on Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 4 to 7 p.m. You must attend both days to complete the course. The Coaches First Aid Course offered at TST BOCES is the State Educational Department approved first aid course designed to meet the requirements for coaches for all public school athletic programs. The course teaches participants critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first aid emergency in the first few minutes until emergency medical services (EMS) arrives. Participants learn their role in supporting healthy participation by student athletes, rules for participation in sports, health and safety requirements and legal aspects of coaching. Participants learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock and other first aid emergencies. All coaches are required to receive an initial course consisting of twelve hours of classroom, video-based and instructor-led education leading to a three-year coach's first aid certification. The initial course is the pre-requisite for the 5 ½ hour refresher course. You must attend all sessions to be certified. Sign up [in mlp](#).

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Chemical Safety in the Educational Environment

4 p.m. - 7 p.m. | May 2 and 3

This workshop will be offered at Trumansburg Central School District on April 27, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (with 30 minute lunch, provided). Check in begins at 8 a.m. This workshop is intended for chemical hygiene officers or staff that work closely with lab chemicals. Topics this workshop will cover include:

- Regulations and standards (OSHA General Lab Standard 29 CFR 1910.1450)
- Chemical Hygiene Plan: adapting the BOCES template for your school/district
- Roles and responsibilities of a chemical hygiene officer; working with faculty colleagues on regulatory compliance and risk reduction
- Hazard assessments of experiments and demonstrations (NFPA 45)
- Common problems in labs
- Laboratory walk-through
- Resources: references, inspection checklists, Safety Data Sheets and more background information on issues, problems and solutions
- Exercises and case examples are used throughout the workshop.

View [this flyer](#) for more info. Sign up now in [mlp](#).



Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) the Holy Grail of STEAM: Make and Take Event!

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. | April 13 | TST BOCES

Are you looking for that ultimate classroom activity that incorporates STEAM? Look no further than the Junior Solar Sprint. This full day workshop will provide participants with a hands-on learning environment in which they will learn about designing, building and racing a JSS vehicle. Teachers from any discipline in grades 5-8 are encouraged to spend the day with David Buchner and Bob Walters to learn first-hand how Junior Solar Sprint encourages students to use Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math to build something that is real, relevant and fun!

All participants will receive a PITSCO "Ray Catcher kit" that includes the solar panel, electric motor and much more. This kit is valued at over \$50.00!

Become part of the JSS community and bring your students to the 20th annual Southern Finger lakes Junior Solar Sprint race held at DeWitt Middle School, June 3, 10 am.

Middle School Technology Engineering Teachers David Buchner and Bob Walters have three decades of experience with Junior Solar Sprint. David and Bob have also been involved in the Junior Solar Sprint race at the National Technology Student Association (TSA) conference for the last four years. Check out [this flyer](#) for more info. Sign up now in [mlp](#).

LINKS, ARTICLES & BOOKS

- [The Undoing Project](#), by Michael Lewis 2016
- [Getting Schools Ready for the World](#), by Will Richardson 2017
- [Women in Computer Science - Getting Involved in STEM](#)
- [Let Them Choose](#)

Contact Barry if you would like to borrow a book or article

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