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FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Patterns of Instruction

Try using this [Teacher Toolbox Differentiator tool](#) to build in a few more ways for students to take in (input) key ideas, information and skills in your next unit, and a few more ways for students to show (output) what they know, have learned and are able to do.

NEWS AND NOTES

Glenn Martin Presentation at Cornell

Glenn Martin, JustLeadershipUSA, presents “Mass Incarceration: An Experience Shared by 65 Million Americans,” on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m., in Cornell’s G10 Biotech Building. Free and open to the public. Click [here](#) for more information.

Translational Research Podcast

“Doing Translational Research explores the process of translating research findings into policy and practice. The podcast is produced by The Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research (BCTR) at Cornell University. The BCTR expands, strengthens and speeds the connections between research, policy, and practice to enhance human development and well-being.” Find the podcasts [here](#).

Kinship Care Update

Kinship Care Update with Rachel Dunifon, on Sept. 28 from 9:30-11 a.m. Kinship Caregivers Month is a well-deserved opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of the positive family environment that kinship families offer for many children throughout our community.

Kinship families are grandparent or relative caregivers who have stepped forward out of love and loyalty to care for their young relatives, providing them with a sense of connection, security and ties to their cultural heritage, their family, and their community. Kinship families face certain challenges; therefore, partnerships among the education, legal, social services, mental health, justice and other systems are important for ensuring access to services that can enable kinship youth to flourish in all facets of their lives. Dr. Dunifon’s lecture will provide an update on the research-based resources that support and enhance the care of children in grandparent-led households. Location: Pamela & Robert Swieringa Education Room, Family Children’s Service, 127 W. State St., Ithaca. Questions: lbryan@fcsith.org, 607-273-7494, ext. 506. Register [here](#).

LINKS, ARTICLES & BOOKS

- [Hillbilly Elegy](#), by J.D. Vance (2016)
- *Constructing Normalcy The Bell Curve, the Novel, and the Invention of the Disabled Body in the Nineteenth Century* (Lennard J. Davis)
- [Choosing to Participate in the Digital Age](#)
- [NGSS September Newsletter](#)

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

THERE’S MORE ↓

Quote of the Week

“Differentiation does not advocate ‘individualization’... Feasibility suggests that classroom teachers can work to the benefit of many more students by implementing patterns of instruction likely to serve multiple needs.”

-- Tomlinson & McTighe, 2006

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES | [View our Preview Catalog](#) |

Going Beyond “Just Say No” and Cybersafety

Community Coalition for Healthy Youth is sponsoring this exciting town hall by Dr. Cyndy Scheibe, director of Project Look Sharp at Ithaca College. This lively and interactive workshop will address the challenges faced in helping children and teens navigate the complex media-saturated world, along with practical suggestions using media literacy. The event will take place from 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 4 in the activities room at Ithaca High School. Click [here](#) for more information.

National Board Certification

Created by teachers and for teachers, National Board Certification allows you to join the ranks of the nation’s most accomplished teachers! Let us introduce you to the process of National Board Certifications! This workshop will also provide information about the professional, financial and technical supports available to candidates. For more information, click [here](#).

Poverty is not a Culture: Understanding and Supporting Students Facing Economic Insecurity

This is a three-session series (participants are expected to sign up for all three). Each session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshops dates are Oct. 31; Nov. 18; and Dec. 16.

In this three-session workshop series, co-sponsored by SUNY Cortland and TST BOCES, we will work together to develop clarity about the ways in which our schools can best support and affirm students and families who are struggling for economic security. We will confront mainstream stereotypes, myths and misinformation relating to poverty by examining how these notions have been constructed over time. We will reflect on our own beliefs to solidify within ourselves an assets-

based mindset regarding our students and families who struggle for economic security. We will identify concrete actions we can take to ensure that all of our students are successful.

More information available [here](#). Sign up now in [mlp](#).

Sustaining an Appetite for Learning

From Meso-American chocolate pots to pop art still life, the Johnson Museum of Art has countless art objects relating to food. We’ll explore food as a lens for learning in an interdisciplinary way touching on history and art, biology and music, literature and economics. Sessions will focus on food justice, sustainability, sacred vessels/sacred meals and lesson plan construction on the subject of food and civil rights. A special lunch will be included.

The day-long session will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Johnson Museum of Art. It will be led by Maryterese Pasquale Bowen and Carol Hockett with guests speakers from Cornell University. Sign up now in [mlp](#).

Internationalization & Inclusion - Refugees in Community Colleges

This conference, set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 5 seeks to address refugee education at community colleges and explore the tapped and untapped potential for internationalizing and enriching the community college experience for all students. The conference is sponsored by Syracuse University’s South Asia Center, Onondaga Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, Cornell University’s Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Southeast Asia Program, and South Asia Program. Click [here](#) for more information, or register [here](#).

FOR PRINCIPALS

- William D. Parker from the Principal Matters Blog reveals his school leadership strategies, insights from other leaders, and practical tips so that you can have the tools to achieve your own goals. Check out the [Principal Matters Podcast](#).
- The Coalition for Essential Schools Horace Publication *Leadership for Equity* can be found [here](#).
- *Where to Go for More: Resources for Cycles of Inquiry and Action* ([click here](#))
- *Respecting and Reflecting School Culture* [podcast](#)

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