



## Teacher Center Coordinator's Report February 1, 2018

*{meeting canceled due to Unconference meeting held 1-30-18}*

### 1. Monthly Board Meeting Guests:

- March 1-Dr. Jeremy Owoh, ADE Assistant Commissioner of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure
- April 5–Anthony Owen, ADE State Director of Computer Science
- May 3-Commissioner Johnny Key
- June 7-Arkansas School Board Association

### 2. Training Opportunities for February

- 2/1/18 Middle School Counselors' PLC- [Session ID 341327](#)
- 2/2/18 Would you like some Pi with that?: An Introduction to Raspberry Pi-[Session ID 338364](#)
- 2/3/18 Praxis Prep *Saturday*-[Session ID 339239](#)
- 2/7/18 Hearing and Vision Training for the School Nurse-[Session ID 341092](#)
- 2/7/18 Elementary Principal's Zone Meeting-[Session ID 339359](#) *Offsite at: Osage Creek Elementary 3001 SW Featherston Rd, Bentonville, AR 72712 PHONE: 286-9500*
- 2/9/18 ESOL Coordinators' Meeting-[Session ID 326596](#)
- 2/9/18 The Curriculum Group Meeting-[Session ID 340965](#) *Offsite at: Springdale Administration Building*
- 2/13/18 Defining & Developing Number Sense in K-2 Classrooms-[Session ID 341932](#)
- 2/13/18 Novice Teacher Forum: 5-12 Science-[Session ID 341753](#)
- 2/14/18 Scoliosis Screening Certification for School Nurses-[Session ID 341085](#)
- 2/14/18 Body Mass Index Training for School Nurses-[Session ID 341088](#)
- 2/15/18 Coding for Library Media Specialists *(Repeat from 1-16-18)*-[Session ID 342017](#)
- 2/16/18 Trash to Robots: Making Robots using Recycled Material-[Session ID 339208](#)
- 2/16/18 Northwest Arkansas Math Forum-[Session ID 342424](#)
- 2/20/18 Novice Teachers' Forum: K-12 P.E. and Athletic-[Session ID 342039](#)
- 2/20/18 Novice Teacher Forum: K-2 Literacy-[Session ID 342096](#)
- 2/21/18 Elementary Counselors' PLC-[Session ID 341323](#)
- 2/21/18 K-2 NWA Science Cadre-[Session ID 337006](#)
- 2/21/18 Novice Counselors' Forum (K-12)-[Session ID 342100](#)

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- 2/21/18 Novice Teachers' Forum: Career and Technical Education-[Session ID 342041](#)
- 2/23/18 3-5 NWA Science Cadre-[Session ID 336967](#)
- 2/26/18 Science Leadership PLC-[Session ID 341494](#)
- 2/26/18 Dyslexia Contact Meeting-[Session ID 338788](#)
- 2/26/18 Novice Teacher Forum: K-2nd Grade Mathematics-[Session ID 341422](#)
- 2/27/18 9-12 Science Cadre-[Session ID 337765](#)
- 2/27/18 Novice Teacher Forum: 3rd - 5th Grade Mathematics-[Session ID 341434](#)
- 2/28/18 Novice Teacher Forum: 5th - 8th Grade Mathematics-[Session ID 341439](#)
- 2/28/18 Middle Level/Jr. High Administrators' Networking Forum-[Session ID 340491](#) *Offsite at: Kirksey Middle School 101 W. Price Lane, Rogers, AR 72758*
- 2/28/18 Novice Teacher Forum: K-4 STEM-[Session ID 342033](#)
- 2/28/18 Novice Teacher Forum: Special Education (K-12)-[Session ID 342098](#)

\*Reminder escWorks for **SUMMER 2018** is live now **CLICK HERE:** [JUNE](#), [JULY](#), [AUGUST](#)

**PLC Institute 2018** at Rogers High School: 7/11/18 - 7/13/18

**Regular Pricing:**

- \$689 for registrations per person or \$669 for group registrations of five (5) or more  
<https://www.solutiontree.com/events/plc-at-work-institute-rogers.html>

3. **Commissioner's Memos of note:**

**When:** February 2, 2018 9:30 AM Central Time

**Topic:** Understanding the growth indicator in the Arkansas ESSA Plan

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

<https://zoom.us/j/128861796>

Draft ESSA School Reports Updated on Private Portal [COM-18-056](#)

Letter of Intent for Cohort 2 (deadline February 2) [COM-18-051 PLC](#)

Arkansas Declaration of Learning: [LS-18-055](#)

Secondary Science Course Guidance: [LS-18-062](#)

**(Course guide is posted on this memo for you)**

Resources for Historical Contributions made by African-Americans: [LS-18-061](#)

ELL Funds/Count Correction Process: [LS-18-022](#)

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Understanding Draft ESSA School Index Report Webinar: [COM-18-050](#)

{PowerPoint & other samples: [click here](#)}

Act 480 Guidance: [LS-18-049](#) “Tool Kit to Teach Act 480” (Personal Finance) will be offered this summer at NWAESC through Economics Arkansas on [July 24: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### **SURVEY:**

Please ask your staff to take a few minutes to click on the link and help NWAESC know better how to serve them for the upcoming summer professional development. They should answer only those questions that pertain to the specific area in which they teach or work.

Click here and choose NWAESC as your Co-op!

[User Satisfaction Survey 2017-18](#)

**Please find the dates scheduled for CGI sessions this summer.**

**Reminder if you must follow the sequential order offered at NWAESC for Years 1, 2 or 3.**

**Cost is \$425/person (those in our PD consortium have up to 5 seats for CGI and/or ECM)**

**Click the links for registrations-**

[June 11-14 Year 1](#) (Group 1)

[July 17-20 Year 1](#) (Group 2)

[June 19-22 Year 2](#) (Group 1)

[July 23-26 Year 2](#) (Group 2)

[June 25-27 Year 3](#) (Group 1)

[July 9, 10, 16 Year 3](#) (Group 2)

### **ECM dates:**

[June 18-22 Year 1](#)

[June 25-29 Year 2](#)

[July 23-27 Year 2](#)

[July 30, 31 & August 1 Year 3](#)

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**NOTICE: Critical Reading Training June 25-28**  
**Continue to the next days on the calendar.**  
**It is a 4 day training-**

**June 25**

**June 26**

**June 27**

**June 28**

**Critical Reading Training at NWAESC July 16-20 (REPEAT of June)**

## **Curriculum Content Specialists Updates**

### **Literacy**

#### **K-5 Literacy**

- Follow up data meetings with RISE academy schools
- Follow up PLC grade level meetings with RISE academy schools focusing on best practices in Phonics Instruction and Small Group Instruction
- LIPS training coming June 11-13: [REGISTER HERE](#)

#### **6-12 Literacy**

- Continuing to conduct oral reading fluency and spelling screeners
- Providing on-site professional development for Strategic Reading, Critical Reading and Argumentative

#### **Writing**

- Small group instruction
- Intervention
  - Providing on-site curriculum alignment support
  - Providing support for novice teachers
  - Providing on-site support and coaching for classroom teachers
  - Providing professional development in Webb's Depth of Knowledge Levels
  - Assisting districts with Dyslexia screening
  - Facilitating the Adolescent Literacy Council
  - Developing new opportunities for educator growth
  - Continuing to support districts and provide training in an effort to increase student achievement on ACT Aspire

### **Math**

**New for February - Northwest Arkansas K-12 Math Forum [REGISTER HERE](#)**

Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and the University of Arkansas Center for Math and Science Education are partnering to host the Northwest Arkansas K-12 Math Forum. This forum is an open invitation to join a collaborative group of passionate mathematics educators dedicated to finding answers - *to the most difficult questions* - in mathematics education today. Topics will include: curriculum, assessment, instruction, professional development, and parental/community partnerships. Teachers, facilitators, administrators, specialists...all are

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encouraged to come and connect with a wider community of mathematics educators to gain perspective and insight. Follow up forum opportunities will be available. We look forward to working with you!

## Science

### Science content

We will continue to support middle and high schools in the implementation of the Arkansas Science Standards in several ways:

- Partnering with the Center for Math and Science to provide training and resources for Grasping Phenomenal Science, the ADE's initiative for the implementation of the new science standards
- Working with schools to revamp curriculum maps for the new science standards
- Developing grade band specific training for administrators for summer 2018 to increase understanding of and classroom implementation of standards
- Increasing our focus on high school science to support their transition to the new standards in fall 2018

### STEM

Supporting a STEM culture in elementary schools in a variety of ways:

- The Amazeum is hosting another Educator Night Out for all educators on February 22 from 6-8 p.m. This FREE event features opportunities for educators to explore the Amazeum, connect with colleagues, and discover incredible ways to use the Amazeum in the classroom. Educator Night Out is an ADE-approved event for professional development credit. The event does require advance registration ([www.amazeum.org/eventsandprograms](http://www.amazeum.org/eventsandprograms)).
- Training and coaching teachers in the use of Picture Perfect STEM, a problem-solving approach to science that incorporates literacy

## ELL

Working with ESOL Directors/Coordinators:

- NWAESC
  - o Monthly Meetings
  - o Facilitating partnership with EL Achieve to develop consortium with area districts
- OUR (Ozarks Unlimited Resources)
  - o Established quarterly meetings and began planning for future PD opportunities
- Guy Fenter
  - o Program Guide/Handbook work
- Science of Reading Conference
  - o Present on implications for English Learners

ELL Standards Overview: U of A Interns

Arkansas Leadership Academy - Facilitating Adult Learning (attended training to grow my skills)

Low Incidence Districts: developing "SOS Protocols" for districts getting their first language learners

## GT

AGATE Conference will be held on Thursday, March 1st and Friday, March 2nd at the John Q. Hammons Center in Rogers for the first time ever. Registration is available at [agatearkansas.org](http://agatearkansas.org) for teachers, administrators, and parents.

Uniquely, there are five pre-conference events at AGATE, which will be held on Wednesday, February 28th.

Those are:

- Creative Computer Science in the GT Classroom
- Maker-Space: Game on
- School of Innovation/Roger's New Tech High School tours
- Crystal Bridges/Amazeum demonstration & tour

Several of the breakout sessions are perfect for all classroom teachers, counselors, and administrators interested in differentiation, tiered classroom lessons/units, and ideas to best served the affective, social-emotional needs of students from experienced GT teachers K-12 and postsecondary.

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ACE match Series #3 - Thursday, Feb. 8th at Bentonville HS and you are invited to attend.

### Computer Science

NWAESC will host the All-State Coding regional competition on Feb. 12th for the district within our CO-OP. You will receive more detail regarding this event as soon as they are made public.

Various PD available in spring/summer for computer science.

### TALENTS (Novice Teachers)

- A survey was sent to all novice teachers and building administrators. We heard from 200 of the 300 novices in the region and 57 of the 106 buildings containing those novice teachers.
  - Results are provided in a separate document, but please consider encouraging your principals to send their novices to the half-day forums being provided by the TALENTS program. These are led by specialists in the field who are NOT associated with any district.
  - One respondent who replied that s/he did not attend because her principal had said the sessions were not mandatory, went on to write in two different places about his/her need for more ELA trainings. TALENTS offered K-2, 3-5, 5-8, and 9-12 ELA sessions that specifically targeted classroom instruction and management topics as well as providing time for sharing, questions, etc. *These sessions are very beneficial to novices.*
- **Jan. 19 - TESS Law & Process** was held for new hires who have not had this 3-hour introduction. If you have novices who still need this training, please email Marcia. If there is sufficient need, an additional session will be held.
- **Jan. 31 - 8:30 - 3:00 - Solution Tree's John Wink** will show district and building administrators how to build a culture of support for their novices that will also enhance the professional growth of more experienced teachers and lead to improved student achievement as all staff work together to ensure the success of their colleagues/peers and students. - No cost to districts - ALL costs are being underwritten by the TALENTS grant.

### CTE

- Working with Mike Harvey, NW Council, district visits to for CTE updates and needs.
- NWA Regional Business/Industry Partnership- March 14 at NWACC [REGISTER HERE](#)

### SPED Transition

- Inclusion Films Short Film Camp 2018 - April 23-27 - NWACC Campus Bentonville. For Juniors and Seniors with Disabilities in Arkansas. This is a collaboration between Arkansas Transition Services, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, and Inclusion Films. Applications are on the Arkansas Transition Website [www.arkansastransition.com](http://www.arkansastransition.com).
- Arkansas Transition Summit 2018 - November 5-6 for Transition Teams from across the state. This year we will be hosting the Summit at the Embassy Suites in Rogers and would love to have participation from area districts. If your district does not have a team ATS can help them set one up.

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