

Fall 2007 Course Catalog

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Registration is required for all classes. Payment is required at time of registration.

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Designing Successful Posters for Your Classroom

Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Instructor: Elaine Pierce. Fee: \$5.00. Pre-requisite: Intermediate computer skills. Did you know that the Teacher Center now owns TWO poster making machines? One is a thermal printer that enlarges and prints in one color and the other is a full color large-format printer. This hands-on workshop will offer tips and techniques for creating clear and effective posters using both types of machines. Layout, design, typography and graphics will all be discussed. Common mistakes will be highlighted. Each attendee will be given access to each of the poster machines and can make two thermal posters and one full color poster. Posters can be laminated right at the Teacher Center. Bring your ideas and walk away with three finished products!

Introduction to EdVideo Online

Thursday, October 11, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Instructor: Cynthia Szeliga. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: K-12 educators. EdVideo Online are free online services where you can stream and download educational media. Receive your FREE password from WSKG. Learn how to view, download and organize video clips and other educational media that correlates with all grade levels and curriculum areas. Also included will be an overview of WSKG's website for programming relevant to your classroom instruction and access to helpful PBS teacher guides with lesson plans, activities, assignments and quizzes for upcoming shows on WSKG. All attendees will receive a flash drive.

Using Masks Across the Curriculum

Thursday, October 11, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Location: Roberson Museum. Instructors: Judith Hawkins, Karen Molenko, Katherine Bouman, Dale Ketchum. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8 community. Audience: Grades K-12 educators. Explore Roberson's new exhibition on Masks from around the world and discover how the interpretation of masks can engage learning in nearly any discipline and at any grade level. Two classroom teachers and two museum educators will lead discussion of the many ways in which masks generate cultural, artistic, spatial, social and psychological understandings and support creative writing skills.



Smart Board Magic

Monday, October 15, 2007, 4:00-6:00 pm., Instructor: Gail Szeliga. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: K-12 educators. Pre-requisite: basic computer skills. Teachers of any subject or grade level will be amazed at all the features of the SMART Board interactive whiteboard. During this session the fundamental features of the SMART Board and accompanying Smart Notebook software will be demonstrated. Participants will have the opportunity for hands-one time with the technology. Sample interactive lessons pertaining to all subject areas are available online. Come see this revolutionary tool for creating interactive learning activities in action.

Math Anxiety

Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 4:00-6:00 pm., Instructor: Julie Larson. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: Middle-High School educators. Math anxiety is an emotional reaction to mathematics based on a past unpleasant experience which can affect learning. This workshop will focus on understanding and recognizing students who have math anxiety. Attitudes of adults, teachers and students towards mathematics will be discussed. Why children have difficulty learning the necessary procedures of mathematics will be examined. Strategies for teachers and students to reduce math anxiety will be outlined.

Introduction to Four Square Writing

Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructors: Judy Brown & Norma Doolittle. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: Grades 1-8 teachers. By using the Four Square Writing Organizer, your students will be able to conceptualize, understand and effectively structure any piece of writing. Regardless of your grade level, this organizational format can be easily incorporated into content area writing. Developing a topic and constructing paragraphs or reports will be addressed in this introductory course. Watch your students succeed in writing!

Forming Partnerships with Parents

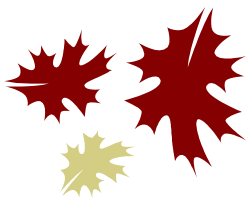
Monday, October 22, 2007, 4:00-6:00 pm. Instructor: Jane Blake. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: K-12 educators. The most influential people in a child's life are their parents. Research has shown that students whose parents are involved and interested in their schooling are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, better attendance, better social skills and improved behavior. This workshop will outline some manageable ways that teachers can build positive relationships with parents and work together to support a child's learning.

Literacy Centers for Primary Grades

Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Diane Richards. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: K-2 educators. Make literacy centers a vital part of teaching! This workshop will demonstrate and introduce meaningful activities to strengthen students' literacy skills. Discussion will focus on how to set up and manage literacy centers that provide quality reading and writing experiences. Centers allow teachers to support whole-class activities while working with guided reading groups. Literacy centers provide authentic opportunities for students to practice and apply reading and writing strategies.

World Perspectives Through Multi-Media

Thursday, October 25, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Cynthia Szeliga. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Explore new ways to teach global issues involving conflict, economics, human rights, politics, religion and culture using award-winning documentaries and lesson plans available online through WIDE ANGLE: A Window into Global History, an outreach initiative produced by Thirteen/WNET New York to support the teaching and learning of Global History in high school classrooms. Teachers will also be introduced to *Assignment: The World*, a weekly fifteen minute program which reports current world and national events in a way that help young viewers understand what's happening around them. Each week's program features segments that spark curiosity and facilitate class discussion to make news viewing an active and involving experience.



Daily Specials-Web Resources That Compliment Your Curriculum

Monday, October 29, 2007, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Instructor: Jen Farr. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: K-12 educators. Pre-requisite: Basic computer skills. Browse and brainstorm as Jen Farr introduces you to a number of web resources that can be used daily to enhance and enrich your classroom curriculum. Learn about web resources that can be used as sponge activities, in learning centers, labs, during calendar time, or as part of your curriculum. Jen will also introduce you to the Farr-Out Links to Learning Calendar that is sponsored by the teacher center.

Wikis in Education...Worthwhile or Worthless?

Tuesday, October 30, 2007, 4:00-6:00 pm. Instructor: Jen Farr. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: Grades 3-12 teachers. If you'd like to learn more about wikis, what they are, and how they work, this is the workshop for you! During our workshop participants will learn what a wiki is, explore several online wikis, and learn about the history and evolution of the wiki phenomenon. Join us as we weigh the pros and cons of Wiki sites and discuss how they relate to our students and classroom practice.

More Literacy Centers

Monday, November 5, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Diane Richards. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: Grades K-2 educators. Pre-Requisite: Attendance at "Literacy Centers for Primary Grades" workshop. This workshop will provide a more in-depth look at Literacy Centers including set up and management. Some actual primary age Literacy Center activities will be demonstrated. You are encouraged to bring any Literacy Center activities of your own to share. Consortium staff participants will be receiving the book More Primary Literacy Centers by Nations & Alonso.

Response to Intervention-Learn, Make, Take!

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 4:30-7:30 p.m. Instructor: Shannon Reardon. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: K-4 general education teachers, K-6 reading and special education teachers. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDEA, was rewritten and signed into law in early December 2004. This Act changes many sections of the statute to reflect new ideas about learning disabilities and the concept of a pre-identification strategy called Response to Intervention or RTI. This workshop will give an overview of RTI, updates to IDEA 2004, and new special education criteria, a presentation on delivery of service. The concluding activity will be a make and take highlighting best practices for struggling readers.

Active Learning with PowerPoint: Classroom Projects

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Instructor: Jim Mihalko. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: Grades K-12 educators. Pre-requisite: Intermediate PC skills. Not for beginners. PowerPoint is a flexible tool which allows for a variety of classroom applications beyond displaying lecture content. This workshop will help those with a solid technical understanding of PowerPoint to better use this program as a highly effective teaching tool. In addition to focusing on the fundamentals of designing quality presentations, participants will be exposed to a variety of strategies designed to enhance student engagement by incorporating PowerPoint quickly and effectively in everyday lessons.

Your Students, Your Children: Body Dissatisfaction and the Destructive Behaviors It Leads To It
Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Jennifer Wegmann. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: Middle-High School educators. Body Dissatisfaction is increasing at an alarming rate. Both depression and low self-esteem can stem from feeling dissatisfied with how your body looks. This workshop will explore body dissatisfaction in both boys and girls. Discussion will focus on: media influence; peer pressure; and family, racial and cultural pressure. Learn how you can help. Self esteem builders will be presented.

Creating Interactive Lessons Using SMART Notebook Software

Thursday, November 15, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Gail Szeliga. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: Grades K-12 educators. Pre-requisite: Participation in "Smart Board Magic" workshop. During this workshop you will learn to use features of the SMART Notebook software to create SMART Board lessons for the content area and grade that you teach. Participants will access terrific Internet sources for ready-made Smart notebook lessons. Downloaded lessons may be used as is or they can be modified to suit specific needs. Please bring your curriculum materials.

Defensive Driving

Mondays, November 19 & 26, 2007, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Conference Room A, BOCES Instructional Support Area, Glenwood Road, Binghamton. Instructor: John Wiktor. Fee: \$25.00 NYSUT members and family, \$30.00 others. Must register through Teacher Center. Fee payable at first class. This workshop will help you reduce your auto insurance premiums and any points you (or family members) may have on your license. Brush up on your knowledge and driving skills in order to make you and your family members safe. Co-sponsored by NYSUT.

Introduction to Understanding by Design and Differentiated Instruction

Monday November 27, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Leanne Schaffhauser. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: All elementary level educators. Understanding by Design is a research-based approach to designing integrated units. This workshop will provide an overview on the UbD & DI (Differentiated Instruction) theories, and attendees will be provided with materials and instructions to begin designing units based on these theories.

Integrating "Narrative Art" Into The Classroom

Thursday, November 29, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Aaron Truesdall. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: Grades 3-5 educators & art teachers. Artists in many cultures are narrators, the story they tell in art speaks to us across the years and gives us information about the people to whom it had meaning. By investigating "Narrative Art" participants will discover how visual artists represent a story by depicting a single moment from it. Suggestions will be given on how to motivate students to create an actual Narrative Art piece based on a story. Discover how easily you can integrate literacy and social studies with art. Focus will be on Faith Ringgold and her book, Tar Beach. The participants will leave with handouts, art materials list, and a description of other possible artists and artworks.



The Bully Free Classroom

Monday, December 3, 2007, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Instructor: Jan Fiore. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: K-12 educators. Up to 90 percent of students say they are bothered by bullying. Bullying is a big problem in schools today - and you can do something about it. This workshop will present useful approaches to this age-old problem. Included will be strategies for helping students deal with potential conflicts in positive ways. Each participant will receive a copy of the book The Bully Free Classroom.



Internet Smarts-Power to Learn

Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Mary Ann Karre. Fee: \$5.00 school staff/\$8.00 community. Audience: K-12 educators. Internet Smarts presents a practical, hands-on approach for teachers to address safe and appropriate Internet and digital media use with their students in the areas that relate to schoolwork, in-school behavior and online safety. The presentation will include: an introduction and overview of Internet Smarts online curriculum and resources (free), Keeping Personal Info Private, Cyberbullying, Fair Use, Misinformation and Music Downloading, as well as tools to test students' online knowledge.



Teacher Center Workshop Registration Form

Send through interschool mail: Teacher Center of Broome County, WSKG Studios, BOCES #22 or register online at www.teachercenter.info. Follow the registration form link.

Name: _____ School: _____

E-mail: _____ Grade Level/Subject _____

Home Address: _____ Phone (School): _____

(Home or Cell): _____

List the workshops below for which you are registering. Payment is due at time of registration. Make checks payable to "BOCES Teacher Center". Please submit a separate check for each workshop.

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