

English Language Arts (ELA)

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Welcome!

I hope you have had a wonderful start to the 2016-2017 school year. As we move forward this year I would like to welcome the Fellows representing K-12 and 14 of the districts in the region. For those of you not familiar with Fellows, they are a statewide network of teacher leaders who support district implementation efforts of the Washington State Learning Standards. This year the English Language Arts (ELA) Fellows will be focusing on instructional practices with evidence based writing, specifically on using multiple sources and academic language. Additionally, this year science, math, and early learning all have Fellows. I would also like to welcome our Washington Reading Core Members. I look forward to working with them at the regional cluster meetings and at the training institute this October in Wenatchee. Have a great year and please remember to check ESD's new PD enroller (pdenroller.org) for the most current information on classes and workshops!



Upcoming Trainings & Events!

Imagined Ink: Fall Writing Contest for 6-12

The writing contest is open to youth in grades 6-12 who live within, attend school, or are home schooled in the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District and the Woodland School District. Entries must be submitted online between September 1 and October 2. Visit fvrl.org/imagined-ink for more information.

Content Based Instructional Strategies for English Language Learners

Choose from two Saturdays: October 1st or November 19, 9am – 12pm
ESD 112 Conference and Institute Center

Clock Hours available • Presenter: Jeanne-Marie Wright

This class will focus on effective content-based strategies for English Language Learners. Gain strategies to differentiate instruction and make the content comprehensible for all proficiency levels of ELLs. Learn how to support and develop academic language and vocabulary, and improve speaking, listening, reading and writing across the curriculum. All the strategies and lessons presented will support the WSLS and ELP Standards.

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INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Wonderopolis

www.wonderopolis.com

What are you wondering? Check out Wonderopolis with your students. There are over 10,000 "wonders" for you and your students to explore! A new "wonder" is added daily!

National Archives:

Access to Primary Source Documents
www.archives.gov/education

Teach with documents using our online tool. Locate teachable primary sources. Find new and favorite lesson plans, and create your own activities for your students.

Newsela

www.newsela.com

Unlimited access to hundreds of leveled news articles and Common Core-aligned quizzes, with new articles every day.

ReadWorks

www.readworks.org

Includes paired passages and question sets. The question sets are research-based and help students improve their comprehension of complex texts.

More Trainings & Events!

Echoes and Reflections: Holocaust Education

November 5 • Clock Hours available

Echoes and Reflections is a comprehensive Holocaust education program that delivers professional development and a rich array of resources for middle and high school teachers. Echoes and Reflections prepares educators to teach about the Holocaust in a way that stimulates engagement and critical thinking while providing opportunities for students to see the relevance of this complex history to their own lives.

Literacy and Leadership Institute (Seattle)

April 20-21

www.regieroutman.org/professional-development/literacy-and-leadership-institutes/

The Literacy and Leadership Institute is an intimate, interactive two-day workshop dedicated to improving and sustaining reading, writing, and leadership across a whole school. Limited to 80 participants, the Institute is based on the belief that in order for all members of a school community to thrive and excel, teachers have to be leaders and principals have to know literacy.



4th Graders can visit the National Parks for FREE!

Beginning September 1st, all kids in the fourth grade (and their families) have access to their own Every Kid in a Park pass at www.everykidinapark.gov. This pass provides free access to national parks across the country.

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

EdReports.org
www.edreports.org/ela/reports/index.html?f=&o=0

EdReports.org is an independent nonprofit that publishes free reviews of instructional materials, using an educator-designed tool that measures alignment, usability, and other quality criteria. The reports help districts and educators make informed purchasing and instructional decisions that support improved student outcomes.

Strengthening Student Outcomes: ELA Menu of Best Practices & Strategies

www.k12.wa.us/SSEO/ELAMenuBestPractices.aspx

The ELA menu targets two groups: LAP students in grades K–12 and all students in grades K–4. At the heart of the menu is a focus on accelerating student ELA performance.

Smarter Balanced Digital Library

www.k12.wa.us/SMARTER/DigitalLibrary.aspx

The Smarter Balanced Digital Library is a critical component of the Smarter Balanced system of assessments. The Digital Library contains professional learning resources and instructional materials focused on the formative assessment process.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – OSPI Updates

www.k12.wa.us/ESEA/ESSA/default.aspx

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) replaced No Child Left Behind (NCLB) on December 10, 2015, as the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)