Readington Township Teachers Academy
2017 Spring Course Catalog

Please review the workshop descriptions and make your selections via the on-line registration process. These sessions are open to all staff. If you find you are unable to attend a session for which you have signed up, please be respectful of our teacher presenters and contact Doreen Harris in the Curriculum Office at ext. 2954.

Deadline to register: Sunday, February 26, 2017

BOOK STUDY WORKSHOPS (Books will be provided to Readington teachers)

Mar 14, Apr 4 &18  Book Study:  A Mindset for Learning

We know how to teach content and skills. But can we teach the habits of mind needed for academic success, a love of learning, and agency in the world? We can, and A Mindset for Learning shows us how. “We want our students to take on challenges with zeal,” write authors Kristi Mraz and Christine Hertz, “to see themselves not as static test scores but as agents of change.” Drawing on the work of Carol Dweck, Daniel Pink, Art Costa, and others, Kristi and Christine show us how to lead students to a growth mindset for school-and life-by focusing on five crucial, research-driven attitudes.

Facilitator: Michele Krayem  Location: HBS Room 41
Time: 3:45 – 4:45  Grades: 3 – 8

Mar 20  Book Study:  How to Talk So Kids Will Listen And Listen So Kids Will Talk

This bestselling classic includes fresh insights and suggestions as well as the author’s time-tested methods to solve common problems and build foundations for lasting relationships, including innovative ways to:
- Cope with your child’s negative feelings, such as frustration, anger, and disappointment
- Express your strong feelings without being harmful
- Engage your child’s willing cooperation
- Set firm limits and maintain good will
- Use alternatives to punishment that promote self-discipline
- Understand the difference between helpful and unhelpful praise
- Resolve family conflicts peacefully

Enthusiastically praised by parents and professionals around the world, the down to earth, respectful approach of Faber and Mazlish makes relationships with children of all ages less stressful and more rewarding.

Facilitator: Pauline Marsh  Location: HBS Library
Time: 4:00 – 5:00  Grades: PreK – 8

Mar 28  Book Study:  Nix the Tricks

Nix the Tricks is a guide to avoiding shortcuts that cut out math concept development. This text is inspired by committed teachers who want to take the magic out of mathematics and focus on the beauty of sense-making. This text was written by people who wish for teachers everywhere to seek coherence and connection rather than offer students memorized procedures and short-cutting tricks.

Facilitator: Sarah Pauch  Location: BOE Conference Room
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<td>Mar 28 &amp; Apr 25</td>
<td><strong>The Formative Five</strong></td>
<td>Fostering grit, empathy, self-control, integrity, and embracing Diversity. Students need more than proficiency in academic subjects and good grades on tests. When educators engage students in understanding and developing these five skills, they change mindsets and raise expectations for student learning.</td>
<td>Spring LaFevre &amp; Nicole Maraventano</td>
<td>RMS Room 520</td>
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<td>Apr 24</td>
<td><strong>Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead</strong></td>
<td>Can women have it all? <em>Lean In</em> written by Sheryl Sandberg addresses this question by providing practical advice on subjects ranging from building a satisfying career, to taking on leadership roles. Sandberg offers steps women can take to combine professional achievement with personal fulfillment. This book changes the conversation from what women can’t do to what they can. Come “Lean In” for a lively discussion based on this #1 National Bestseller.</td>
<td>Elyse Meer</td>
<td>BOE Conference Room</td>
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<td>Apr 25, May 2 &amp; 9</td>
<td><strong>Notice and Note</strong> Strategies for Close Reading</td>
<td>Join us as we read the book <em>Notice and Note</em> by Kylene Beers and Robert E. Probst. During our casual discussion of the book we will learn about the different “signposts” in fiction books that lead to higher level thinking. This book will arm you with more tools to teach close reading strategies to your students.</td>
<td>Michele Krayem &amp; Meryl Vance</td>
<td>HBS Room 41</td>
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<td>Apr 26</td>
<td><strong>Teaching Interpretation Using Text-based Evidence to Construct Meaning</strong></td>
<td>What does interpretation really mean? What does it look like in the classroom? <em>Teaching Interpretation</em> demystifies the interpretation process and helps teachers take on the challenge of showing students how to construct, revise, and test their interpretations. Presented in manageable chunks that can work with any curriculum, they offer a conceptual framework that makes the interpretation process transparent to both teachers and students. Lesson ideas, texts recommendations, templates, and suggestions for how to differentiate help you easily incorporate the work of interpretation into your practice, while student samples and graphic organizers make it all visible.</td>
<td>Stacey Brown</td>
<td>BOE Conference Room</td>
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<td>May 3</td>
<td><strong>Transforming School Culture</strong></td>
<td>This book study is intended for anyone interested in wanting to learn more about school culture. <em>Transforming School Culture</em> by Anthony Muhammad provides the framework for understanding dynamic relationships within a school culture and ensuring a positive environment that supports the changes necessary to improve learning for all students. The author explores many aspects of human behavior, social conditions, and history to reveal best practices for building healthy school cultures.</td>
<td>Sherry Krial</td>
<td>BOE Conference Room</td>
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May 8  | Book Study:  **Teaching Reading in Small Groups**

This book shows how small groups help you uncover hidden time in your teaching for meeting individual students’ needs. You’ll work more closely with more children each day by using the how-tos on:

- using formative assessment to create groups of readers with common needs
- differentiating for individuals, even when they’re in a group
- enhancing your Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction.

You’ll see how the strength of the individual conference is captured while working multiple students—even if they aren’t reading the same book. Ideas for how to assess and create flexible grouping structures focused on comprehension, fluency, engagement, print work strategies, and comprehension are described. You’ll be able to help readers:

- get into texts and get more out of them
- learn vital strategies that help them read more challenging texts
- talk about books with rigor and vigor.

Facilitator: Stacey Brown  | Location: BOE Conference Room
Time: 3:45 – 4:45  | Grades: K – 3

May 17  | Book Study:  **Subjects Matter: Exceeding Standards through Powerful Content-Area Reading**

We invite teachers of all content areas to join us as we read and discuss the book *Subjects Matter* by Harvey “Smokey” Daniels and Steven Zemelman. In addition to over 20 practical lessons that can be applied across all content areas, this book offers an in-depth look at how smart readers think and why the textbook is simply not enough.

Facilitators: Katie MacDade & Shaina Mirsky  | Location: BOE Conference Room
Time: 2:45 – 3:45  | Grades: 5 – 8

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**LITERACY WORKSHOPS**

Mar 28  | **Playing with Words: Building Your Student’s Vocabulary**

Expanding vocabulary is a lifelong process which is critical to language development, reading comprehension and writing success. Come join the fun in learning some new ways to provide opportunities to build your students word repertoire!

Facilitator: Erica Winebrenner  | Location: BOE Conference Room
Time: 3:45 – 5:15  | Grades: PreK – 3

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**SCIENCE WORKSHOPS**

Apr 5  | **NGSS and Assessment**

In this session, participants will have time to design and evaluate assessments to ensure that they are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards. We will begin with an overview of what the state is proposing for the Spring 2018 NJASK and spend the remainder of our time as a working session. (Readington Staff Only)

Facilitator: Sarah Pauch  | Location: BOE Conference Room
Time: 2:45 – 4:15  | Grades: 6 – 8 Science Teachers
**TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS**

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<td>Feb 27</td>
<td><strong>Blended Learning: Using Edmodo</strong></td>
<td>Edmodo is a safe, easy to use platform for students and teachers to interact virtually. Teachers can create groups based on class, content, curriculum, interest, etc. In your groups you can create polls, assignments, and even grade assignments – the possibilities are endless! Bring your laptop!</td>
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<td>Facilitator: Maria Winter  Location: HBS Room 39  Time: 3:00 – 4:00  Grades: 4 – 8</td>
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<td>Feb 28 &amp; Mar 21</td>
<td><strong>“Flipping” Over Math Tutorials (...continued)</strong></td>
<td>Wouldn’t you love for your students to “preview” a lesson before coming to class? Wouldn’t it be cool if they had some background on the concept before you taught it? Wouldn’t it be even better if YOU didn’t have to make ALL of the videos? In this teacher academy, we will complete the videos into a shared Educreations account so that all of us can access. Bring your laptop!</td>
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<td>Facilitator: Jodi Rehrig  Location: HBS Room 29  Time: 2:45 – 3:45  Grades: 4 – 5 Math Teachers</td>
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<td>Mar 1</td>
<td><strong>Chrome Extensions I Need to Mention</strong></td>
<td>Do you want to get the most out of the new Chromebooks? I have uncovered some exciting new add-ons that will help increase student independence. These tools include many features to assist various learners including text-to-speech, website highlighter, pronunciation practice and more! Bring your laptop!</td>
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<td>Facilitator: Lauren Greenberg  Location: BOE Conference Room  Time: 2:45 – 3:45  Grades: 4 – 5 Math Teachers</td>
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<td>Mar 7</td>
<td><strong>Introduction to Microsoft Movie Maker</strong></td>
<td>In this workshop you will learn strategies and techniques on how Movie Maker can motivate you and the students in the classroom! Participants will gain ideas on how to enhance the curriculum and also, how to make lasting memories. In addition, participants will learn the basics in adding videos, music, photos and text to new projects. Participants will also learn how to create transitions, split video, fade ins and outs and how to publish and watch the video. Bring your laptop!</td>
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<td>Facilitator: Lori Yukniewicz  Location: WHS Computer Lab  Time: 3:45 – 4:45  Grades: K – 8</td>
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<td><strong>SymbalooEDU – the Ultimate Bookmarking Tool</strong></td>
<td>Do you want to organize all of your favorite websites and student resources? Do you want them to be easily accessible and be able to share with students? SymbalooEDU is a free visual resource management tool that helps educators and students organize and share the web resources. Participants will learn how to create, organize and share “webmixes” as well as find “webmixes: already created and shared by others. Bring your laptop!</td>
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Integrating Apps in the Classroom

Integrating applications in the classroom can help teachers and paraprofessionals meet individual student needs through technology integration. Using apps encourages collaboration and differentiation with students and educators. This session will share a variety of apps that participants can use. Participants are encouraged to bring either an Android Tablet/Chromebook or an Apple iPad.

Facilitators: Sherry Krial & Ed Dubroski
Location: BOE Curriculum Office
Time: 3:45 – 4:45
Grades: K – 8

Introduction to iMovie Trailer Maker

In this workshop you will learn strategies and techniques on how iMovie Trailers can motivate you and the students in the classroom! Participants will gain ideas on how to enhance the curriculum and give students the opportunities to gain new skills. In addition, participants will learn how to add pictures and videos into the app, choose themes, write text and edit the video. Please have the iMovie App already downloaded onto your iPad. It will save a lot of time. Participants must bring an iPad or mini iPad!

Facilitator: Lori Yukniewicz
Location: WHS Room 127
Time: 3:45 – 4:45
Grades: K – 8

A Maker Education Session – Learn How to Use littleBits

Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to incorporate STEAM Learning and cultivate creativity with students through the use of littleBits. littleBits is a technology platform of easy-to-use electronic building blocks that empower students to invent. Bring your laptop!

Facilitators: Sherry Krial & Stephanie Singer
Location: WHS Room 127
Time: 3:45 – 4:45
Grades: K – 8

Creating Effective Class Newsletters

Develop ways to communicate with parents and families on a regular basis with the help of students at all age levels. Learn about digital tools! Bring your laptop!

Facilitator: Emily Bengels
Location: BOE Conference Room
Time: 3:45 – 4:45
Grades: K – 8

Google Keep, Maps, and Photos

This session will introduce you to some lesser known members of the Google Suite. Did you know? Google Maps is not just for directions. Google Photos can save you tons of storage space on your phone. Google Keep can keep you organized on the go and at your desk. Come learn more about these outstanding tools. Bring your laptop!

Facilitators: Sherry Krial & Sarah Pauch
Location: BOE Conference Room
Time: 2:45 – 3:45
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Grades: K – 3
May 2

Latest and Greatest Websites

Every day there are new and cool websites that teachers can use as resources and/or in the classroom. Participants will have the opportunity to explore some that we consider the “latest and greatest”, as well as share out any your own favorites. Bring your laptop!

Facilitators: Sherry Krial & Michele Krayem  
Time: 2:45 – 3:45  
Location: HBS Room 41  
Grades: 4 – 8

INSTRUCTION WORKSHOPS

Feb 27, Mar 23 & May 11

Setting Up for Success! Part 2

Setting Up for Success! is geared to provide support to all new district hires to help everyone have a successful year! Whether you are brand new to the profession or an experienced teacher, this teacher academy will be a valuable experience for you. Each session will include time to share/answer questions, discuss key topics pertinent to the time of the school year, and if time, help with technology. (New Teachers Only)

Facilitator: Sherry Krial  
Time: 2:45 – 3:45  
Location: BOE Conference Room  
Grades: 4 – 8

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Grades: K – 3

Mar 30

Success with IEPs

Fine Tune your practice to better meet the unique needs of your students. This session will discuss practical solutions to five of the most common challenges posed by IEPs:

- Understanding the scope of the general education teacher’s role
- Critical prep work before and IEP meeting
- Offering modifications and accommodations
- Contributing as a member of the IEP team
- Monitoring the progress of student’s with IEPs

Facilitator: Karen Tucker  
Time: 3:45 – 4:45  
Location: BOE Conference Room  
Grades: K – 8

April 20

Mindfulness – Part 2

This class is a continuation from the Fall Teacher Academy. Now that you have an understanding of mindfulness and the affects it can have on the mind and body, this session is designed to deepen the conversation. Together we will explore and practice teaching a variety of strategies and tools that will help ourselves and our students develop a personal mindfulness practice. There will be plenty of take-aways to enhance your instruction.

Facilitator: Anthony Tumolo & Christine Crielly  
Time: 4:00 – 5:00  
Location: WHS Room 203  
Grades: K – 8
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Mar 1  
**Scoring Your Tiered SGOs**

With the signing of the TEACHNJ Act, the evaluation of teachers in New Jersey must include multiple measures of student growth. The SGO is the process used to fit that requirement. When done thoughtfully and collaboratively the SGO process can lead to more purposeful instruction, closer monitoring of student progress, and ultimately, greater student achievement. During this session, you will learn how to score your tiered SGO.

Facilitator: Dr. Jonathan Moss  
Location: BOE Conference Room  
Time: 2:45 – 3:45  
Grades: 4 – 8  
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Mar 13  
**Career Paths in School Leadership**

Are you interested in leadership opportunities beyond the classroom? Do you see yourself moving into a supervisory or administrative position 5 or 10 years from now? Come to this exploratory workshop to learn about the various leadership opportunities in education, the preparation necessary for these positions, and how to best position yourself for a career in educational leadership.

Facilitator: Dr. Barbara Sargent  
Location: BOE Conference Room  
Time: 3:45 – 4:45  
Grades: K – 8

KEEPING ACTIVE WORKSHOPS  (No Flex Time earned for these sessions)

Mar 6  
**So You Want to Run a Road Race? Plan and Train for a 5K**

We will be exploring popular training sites, plan a running schedule for a race of your choice, talk about pre and post stretching strategies and even discuss what to do if you get injured. Brings laptops, running shoes, running clothes…dress for weather.

Facilitator: Janet Howard  
Location: RMS Room 208  
Time: 2:45 – 3:45  
Grades: 4 – 8  
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Mar 7  
**Yoga for Beginners**

Want to try something to relieve stress? Learn different basic poses and routines through the practice of Yoga. We will discuss breathing techniques, and focus on flexibility and muscular strength. It’s a great way to relax your mind and still get a good workout!

Facilitator: Paul Yunos  
Location: BOE Conference Room  
Time: 2:45 – 3:45  
Grades: 4 – 8

Mar 22 &/or Apr 3  
**PiYo**

PiYo combines the muscle-sculpting, core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility advantages of yoga. It is almost entirely non-impact, but will still get participants sweaty and strong.

Facilitator: Dr. Barbara Sargent  
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<td>Mar 18</td>
<td>92nd Saturday Reunion</td>
<td>Join us on Saturday, March 18, 2017 as we travel by bus to NYC to meet with K-8 educators from around the world for over 125 free workshops on topics such as: developing state of the art classroom libraries, supporting units of study, managing workshop instruction, argument reading and writing, and more. Workshops will be led by Lucy Calkins, all senior leaders and staff developers at the Project, Carl Anderson, and many others. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. at Riverside Church, one block west of Teachers College, and continues throughout the entire College.</td>
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<td>Facilitator: Stacey Brown</td>
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<td>May 20</td>
<td>3rd Annual Tomorrow’s Classrooms Today Conference</td>
<td>Tomorrow’s Classrooms Today is a conference taking place at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ on Saturday, May 20th. This one day educational event will feature over forty innovative presenters from all over the country, a keynote address by world renowned educator Angela Watson, a live-feed room, and five minute ignite sessions. Tomorrow’s Classrooms Today is all about educators committing to changing learning environments that meet students where they are and arming them with an arsenal of skills that will give them a fighting chance to be successful well into the future. Check out the full schedule and sessions at: <a href="http://www.evolvingeducators.com/about-tct17.html">www.evolvingeducators.com/about-tct17.html</a></td>
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<td>Facilitator: Sherry Krial</td>
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