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Leadership Institute Workshops

Oct 24	25650 Providing Effective Teacher Feedback: Teachers and Supervisors Working Together	8:30 am – 11:30 am	\$ 65	\$ 55
Oct 30	25636 Mischievous Use of the Internet: How Students Get Into Trouble and What Schools Can Do	8:30 am - 12:30 am	\$ 75	\$ 65
Dec 2	25403 Response to Intervention Overview: An Administrator's Guide to Implementation	8:30 am – 11:30 am	\$ 65	\$ 55

Professional Development Services Admininstrator Workshops

Oct 16	25395 Sexual Harassment Workshop for Administrators	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	\$ 50	
Oct 24	25664 Data Interaction for Connecticut Academic Performance Test – 3rd Generation Results Using www.ctreports.com	9:00 am -11:30 am	\$ 65	
Oct 24	25663 Data Interaction for Connecticut Master Test – 4th Generation Results Using www.ctreports.com	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	\$ 65	
Nov 13	25668 Excel for Administrators	8:30 am – 11:30 am	\$ 65	
Nov 18	25653 Grant Writing Fundamentals for Administrators	8:30 am – 11:30 am	\$ 65	

Literacy Workshops (coded to meet CEU certification Literacy requirements)

Oct 14-16	25195 Three Day Wilson Reading Series (includes extensive materials)	8:30 am – 2:30 pm	\$ 525	
Oct 21	25646 Jeffrey Wilhelm Presents: Reading Don't Fix No Chevys: Comprehension Strategies to Motivate and Engage Adolescents	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 199	
Oct 27	25456 Part I - Accelerating Your ESL Students' Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary Development, and Reading Fluency (Book Included)	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 199	
Oct 28	25519 Part II - Accelerating Your ESL Students' Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary Development and Reading Fluency (Book Included)	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 179	
Nov 13	25590 Tony Stead Presents: Is that a Fact?: Teaching Children to Read Nonfiction: Strategies for Success (K-5) (Book Included)	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 199	
Nov 14	25592 Tony Stead Presents: Is that a Fact?; Teaching Non-Fiction Writing (K-5) (Book Included)	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 199	

Technology Workshops (coded to meet CEU certification requirements for Technology)

Oct 16	25552 Kidspiration Connection! Across the Content Areas	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 100	
Oct 20	25630 Introduction to Word 2007	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 100	
Oct 28	25554 Inspire with Inspiration! Across the Content Areas	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 100	
Nov 10	25633 Excel 2007: Graphs, Charts, and Rubrics	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 100	
Nov 24	25622 PowerPoint 2007 Master Class	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 100	
Dec 8	25628 21st Century Tools for the Classroom Teacher	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 100	
Dec 15	25625 Creating Stories with Digital Images and PhotoStory3	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	\$ 100	

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Sixth Graders Attend Fairfield University Convocation for *Three Cups of Tea* Author's Speech

The sixth grade class at Six to Six Magnet School in Bridgeport attended the Fairfield University Convocation on Friday, September 5 to hear Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, address the freshman class.

In preparation for the event, sixth grade teacher Mary Nelson read and summarized the nonfiction book about the author and his journalist companion on mission to build schools in remote locations in Afghanistan and Pakistan and teach peace through education.

The students also wrote letters to Mortenson about his experiences, commenting on his tenacity, and his courage. Ms. Nelson delivered the letters to the author the evening before the convocation.

"Mortenson took the time to meet with our 6th grade class after the convocation. Students were moved to see that he was carrying their letters with him, stated Ms. Nelson. "He gave autographs to each student, and looked genuinely happy to meet them."

Three Cups of Tea is a New York Times Bestseller and has won book awards including Time Magazine's Asia Book of the Year.

The popularity and context of the true story also prompted Pennies for Peace, a program created by the Central Asia Institute to promote educational opportunities and bring hope to students in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The sixth grade class is launching their own Pennies for Peace campaign at Six to Six. Students will set up coin cans to collect pennies for students in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The mission of Six to Six is to foster educational excellence and life-long learning in an atmosphere that honor's each child's physical, intellectual, social and emotional needs within a diverse school community based on mutual respect and a sense of social conscience.



Students who attend the Six to Six Magnet School live in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford and Trumbull. For more information, visit: www.ces.k12.ct.us

For more information about the Pennies for Peace project, visit: www.penniesforpeace.org

First SCSU/C.E.S. Collaborative Cohort for Administrator Certification Begins, Second Cohort Planned

Ten C.E.S. faculty members along with 15 teachers from C.E.S. member districts make up a cohort of teachers going back to school this year to become certified as school administrators. The program is a collaborative effort between C.E.S. and Southern Connecticut State University. Two courses per semester are being offered on one night per week and half of the courses will be taught at C.E.S. This semester, courses run from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Monday evenings at 25 Oakview Drive in Trumbull. The twenty five aspiring administrators had their first full evening of classes on Monday, September 8.

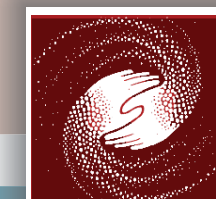


An informational meeting will be held on October 21, 2008 4-5 p.m. at 40 Lindeman Drive in Trumbull for those teachers interested in pursuing an administrator certification program. This information session is for those individuals joining a new cohort collaborative with C.E.S. for aspiring administrators.

There is a critical shortage of future school administrators and many current administrators are slated to retire in the next few years throughout Connecticut. This collaborative initiative is aimed at developing a high quality pool of candidates to be the educational leaders in our state in the near future.

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RE-C.E.S. Retired Educators at C.E.S.

This fall C.E.S. has launched a new program for Fairfield County's retired educators, called RE-C.E.S. (Retired Educators at C.E.S.). The program's ongoing goal is to engage, support and involve retired educators in their continuing interest in education. RE-C.E.S. aims to provide personal interest, mentoring and volunteer opportunities to the retired educational community.



Fairfield County retired educators attend the Kick-off Buffet Luncheon Celebration.

In the first year of the program, four pathway programs and workshops will be offered. They include personal interest events, a dynamic speaker series, the "new age of volunteerism" and "matched mentoring".

Plans for a social networking site in the future are also underway. The site will provide a way to reconnect with former colleagues and acquaintances while encouraging renewed professional dialog and communication.

On Monday, November 3, Joyce Cohen's Productive Pursuits Workshop will take place for RE-C.E.S. members. To attend the workshop, or for more information about RE-C.E.S., please contact Elaine Zandri at 203-365-8912.

Devino Completes NSDC Coaches' Academy



C.E.S. Instructional Specialist Patricia Devino successfully completed the National Staff Development Council's Coaches' Academy funded by Wachovia Foundation's Teachers and Teaching Initiative. Among the Connecticut team were school-based coaches and representatives from the SDE, school districts, and higher education institutions.

On the Connecticut team, Patricia coordinated the state's plan for supporting school-based coaches. She worked with other state teams to identify resources, strategies, programs, networks, and other support systems to help school-based coaches develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to being a successful coach. The Connecticut state team met several times to accomplish this work.

When asked about the experience, Patricia stated: "The opportunity to collaborate with our Connecticut State Department of Education, the RESC Alliance, the NSDC, and other states was phenomenal." She then added, "The children of Connecticut will benefit from the collective wisdom as we attack the improvement gap of using data and effective teaching strategies by designing and offering coaching modules through CALI."

Patricia has become a leader in coaching, professional development and teacher leadership training in the Professional Development Services division at C.E.S. Her expertise in these areas greatly enhances the quality of training C.E.S. provides to Connecticut's school districts.

She joined the PDS team in 2007. She is an Instructional Specialist offering workshops and training in Effective Teaching Practices, Standards Based Lesson Planning, Data Team Training, and Assessment, Development and Implementation.

C.E.S. School Readiness Participating in United Way's Books for Kids Drive

C.E.S. School Readiness is holding a book drive from October 8 through 24 to benefit students in the program through United Way's Books for Kids Drive.

The drive for collection of new and like-new books for children from Newborns to age ten in the coastal Fairfield County region will help build school, classroom and home libraries. United Way's goal is to collect 22,500 books for early literacy for more than 10,000 children.

Six to Six Hosts Young Audiences' Fall Showcase of Learning Through The Arts

Young Audiences of Connecticut Arts for Learning held a Fall Showcase of Learning Through the Arts at the Six to Six Magnet School on Friday, September 19.

The day-long program featured interpretive dance, narrative storytelling, musicians, artists, and dancers for students and the community to participate and enjoy.



Students learn the story of the Oregon Trail.

Young Audiences of Connecticut provides curriculum and planning that incorporates the arts in learning to schools and districts across the state. Artists are experts in the fields of music, dance, theater, storytelling, literary arts, visual arts, expressive arts and puppetry.

The organization's mission is to integrate the arts into the lives of children in educational and community settings. They offer a wide array of services from workshops for students, parents and teachers to explore the arts, to the Artist Residency Program, for schools wishing to develop and integrate a school-wide arts program supporting curriculum and social development.

For more information, visit www.yaconn.org.

New Adolescent Literacy Council at C.E.S.

Literacy Specialist Jennifer Chomiak has created a new Adolescent Literacy Council at C.E.S. for the 2008-09 school year. Meeting dates and topics are listed below. All meetings are at C.E.S., 40 Lindeman Drive in Trumbull, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Chomiakj@ces.k12.ct.us if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008
Teaching Literacy Across the Content Areas

Thursday, March 12, 2009
Scientifically-Based Research Intervention

Thursday, June 4, 2009
High School Reform

C.E.S. 5K Race, Health Walk and One Mile Fun Run held at Seaside Park

The first C.E.S. 5K Race, Health Walk and One Mile Fun Run was held on Saturday, September 27, at Seaside Park in Bridgeport. The rain from Hurricane Kyle subsided until all 115 runners and walkers crossed the finish line.

The top finisher for the women was C.E.S. Special Education Teacher Ronnie Behringer, an avid marathon runner. The top finisher for men was Martin Espino of Trumbull.

Participants enjoyed bagels, fruit, water and chocolate milk from Stew Leonard's, Spinelli's Wholesale Bagel Distributors, and Wade's Dairy.

The Aquarion Water Company, The Rotary Club of Trumbull, Citibank, and Sacred Heart University sponsored T-shirts for participants and many had booths in a health and wellness fair during and after the race.

For more information on the run/walk, or to participate next year, call 203-365-8879.



C.E.S. Golf Tournament Raises \$24K for Schools

A successful fourth annual golf tournament was held on Monday, June 23, at the Tashua Knolls Golf Course. The event raised more than \$24,000 for Six to Six, C.E.S. School Readiness, C.E.S. Special Education, and the Regional Center for the Arts.

Ninety-six golfers spent the day out on the course, golfing and participating in contests for the longest drive, closest to the pin, farthest from the pin but still on the green, putting, and more.

Lunch on the Turn was sponsored by Merit Insurance of Bridgeport.



Cooperative Educational Services Has a New Website

The C.E.S. website has been redesigned! Visit www.ces.k12.ct.us to find all of the information on programs, workshops, services and our schools.

Each division within C.E.S. is easy to navigate, visible and searchable from the homepage, along with the latest news, events and announcements.



CURRENT OPENINGS--

C.E.S. Search Services

**Superintendent
Wolcott, CT**

The Wolcott Board of Education invites outstanding educational leaders to apply for the position of superintendent of schools.

- Completed applications are comprised of the following:
- Letter of application stating qualifications for the position
 - A current, complete resume
 - Proof of certification (Endorsement 093)
 - Transcripts of all degree granting colleges/universities
 - Updated college/university placement folder, or four letters of reference related to current place of employment
 - Candidates selected for interview will be required to complete the district application form

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt. Completed applications are due on or before November 14, 2008 and should be sent to:

Cooperative Educational Services
Wolcott Superintendent Search
40 Lindeman Drive
Trumbull, CT 06611

All inquiries related to the position should be directed to Tom Jokubaitis via telephone: (203) 758-5336, cell Phone: (203) 910-5743 or tjokubaitis@snet.net