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Ally Action: Moving the Climate Needle from Bystanders to Allies

Our school has a bullying problem (targeting but not limited to LGBTQIA kids). . .so “Be an upstander!” we exclaim to our students. But they never truly understand what that means and HOW TO BE an upstander. Likewise, even when they DO know a few interventions, we are patently unrealistic [verging on outright dishonest] with them about how likely WE AS ADULTS would be to choose those same interventions if we were in their place. This workshop will help educators support students in taking a deep dive into empathy, solidarity, and action. It focuses on identity-based bullying. Likewise, it equips the student participants with a menu of prevention/intervention/post-vention options that THEY THEMSELVES brainstorm and evaluate for potential risk and effectiveness. Bystanders are empowered and transformed into agents of action--Ally Action--on behalf of ALL classmates when they need it the most.

Presenter(s): Mick Rabin, Project Resource Teacher, Youth Advocacy Department
Grade: All
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

ALPHABET SOUP: the Ins and Outs of IEPs, 504s, and Other Special Ed Acronyms That No One Ever Explains

We will discuss IEP meeting best practices for general education teachers, the difference between 504s and IEPs, and other important information to help educators feel more confident about working with parents and students in Special Education. Participants will receive a Special Ed Issues Resources Guide in this session. New Special Education teachers are welcome to attend as well.

Presenter(s): Karen Taylor, IPD Staff Person, California Teachers Association
Grade: All
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Are You Playing With a Full Deck?

Are You Playing: This session is about how to break down the teaching of deductive writing and allowing the writer to be the decision maker. No more 5 paragraph essays; as the writer they decide the length. Learn how to teach students how to make the decisions they need to make the right writing moves to communicate and respond to the prompt.

Presenter(s): Dawn Horwath, Teacher, Shasta Union High School District
Grade: 9th - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North Only



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Beginner to Intermediate Google Classroom in an Hour

Beginner Google Classroom to Intermediate. Come join us for a hands-on, Google Classroom experience. Learn how to navigate through Google Classroom to keep your students engaged in the lesson beginning to end, all the while you go paperless as you teach and assess learning. Introduce all the great things Google Classroom can do to help teachers be organized, give assignments, quizzes, questions and grades to students.

Presenter(s): Kari Florez, Teacher, Bakersfield City School District
Patti Carrillo
Grade: 3rd - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Beyond Getting it Right! Fostering Math Understanding for ALL Learners

Getting the right answer to a problem is good but it's not good enough. Students are encouraged to justify and explain why their answer is mathematically sound. This presentation engages participants with strategies that support ALL learners through rich mathematical tasks, vocabulary development, and discourse. Experience the use of purposeful tools and protocols that support students as confident communicators and practitioners of mathematics.

Presenter(s): Ma Bernadette Salgarino, Mathematics Coordinator, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Danielle Letts
Grade: 3rd - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

ClassroomCouture - Management with Style!

ClassroomCouture- Management with style is a seminar for elementary teachers K-6. It will focus on effective strategies that will help teachers manage their entire school year, in a fun engaging, students centered way! Teachers will leave with everything they need to theme base their classroom. ClassroomCouture will share some of Rick Morris' award winning strategies for professional development. These innovative and practical ideas form the incredibly successful New Management program can help teachers feel successful in the classroom. This seminar will cover techniques for implementing music transitions, behavior management, and simple solutions to promote student achievement and success. Attendees will leave feeling motivated, energized, and excited for the school year.

Presenter(s): Cheryl Lane, 4th Grade teacher/instructional coach, Wickman Elementary
Alison Scranton
Grade: TK - 5th
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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CTA/NEA Member Benefits for You, Your Family, and Your Career

Learn about your numerous exclusive Member Benefits, just one of the advantages of your association membership. Member Benefits staff will provide an overview of almost 50 different programs designed for members to save you and your family time and money, and also help with your finances, insurance protection, professional development and retirement planning. Join the thousands of members enjoying the value of Member Benefits every day!

Presenter(s): Shirley Avila, Supervisor, California Teachers Association / Member Benefits
Sean Mabey
Grade: All
Track: Unionism/Understanding and Navigating the Union World
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Developing Culturally Relevant and Inclusive Curriculum

This workshop uses a series of graphs, charts, quotes, and images to unpack who is and isn't represented in the literature students read. Participants will engage in a thoughtful conversation about the impact of these choices and how to disrupt these patterns.

Presenter(s): Rosie Reid, English/ELD Teacher, Mount Diablo Unified School District/Northgate High School
Chalida Anusasananan
Grade: 9th - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

DRAWING OUT THE BEST IN YOUR STUDENTS

See how students can learn anything faster and retain it longer with visual thinking techniques that mimic how the brain actually thinks. See how students can picture their thinking and double their learning. See how to turn ideas into images, books into mental movies, and daydreaming into advanced reading comprehension. Discover six levels of imagination and increase the depth, complexity, and originality of your students' thinking across the curriculum. Engage your students and optimize learning with creative techniques that have worked with more than one million students around the world.

Presenter(s): Jon Pearson, Educational Consultant, Mr.
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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Educators Rising – using your teacher voice to advocate for justice for all

Presenter(s): Helen Farias, Regional UniServ Staff, California Teachers Association
Grade: All
Track: Unionism/Understanding and Navigating the Union World
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Effective Communication Techniques: Fostering Cohesiveness and Creating "The Fun" in the Classroom

This workshop will provide attendees with communication strategies used in creating a sense of community in the classroom. Through an interactive format, learn methods for establishing and enhancing student-student and student-teacher relationships in a manner that makes class time both educational and entertaining for students AND teachers!

Presenter(s): Kalonji Saterfield, Assistant Professor - Communication Studies, Santa Ana College
Grade: 6th - 12th
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Effective Communication Techniques: Fostering Cohesiveness and Creating "The Fun" in the Classroom - 2.0

This workshop will build off of the previous seminar and will have students participate in "on the court" communication strategies utilized to further build a strong classroom community, enhance student-student and student-teacher relationships, and maintain a fun and exciting classroom environment.

Presenter(s): Kalonji Saterfield, Assistant Professor - Communication Studies, Santa Ana College
Grade: 6th - 12th
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Fostering Social Emotional Growth in the Classroom

Come find and share ways that work to foster SEL in your classroom. I'll share with you the research and pedagogy behind incorporating SEL in your curriculum. Get lesson plans that cover grades K-2 as well as 3-6. Experience 3 activities that you can use in your classroom right away that really engage your students and encourage Growth Mindset. Devices are recommended but not necessary.

Presenter(s): Marjorie Evans, ClassroomTeacher, Eastvale Elementary Corona Norco USD, ILC
Presenter
Grade: TK - 5th
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Full STEAM Ahead!

Please join me for an interactive make and take workshop on integrating art, science/ngss, and writing. You'll leave this session with samples to take back to school on Monday. This is a workshop you don't want to miss.

Presenter(s): Tracy Doverspike, Teacher/STEM Specialist, Phillip M. Stokoe Elementary School/ Alvord USD/ ILC
Grade: TK-2nd
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW South Only

'Generation Debt: Student Loan Forgiveness'

With \$1.5 trillion dollars in outstanding student loan debt, it may feel like you will never get out from this burden. There are a variety of student loan forgiveness programs and during this session we'll explore what the options are and walk through the process of student loan forgiveness. NEA Member Benefits is also excited to introduce the 'NEA Student Loan Forgiveness Navigator powered by Savi' which is a resource to help analyze your student loans and determine what your options are. If you're confused by student loan forgiveness, this session will provide answers and solutions.

Presenter(s): Sean Mabey, Affiliate Relations Specialist, NEA Member Benefits
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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Get The Classroom You've Always Dreamed Of: Everything you need to know about IEP's, special education and working with special needs students in your classroom!

This session focuses on what special education is, IEP's and special education law, as well as implementing strategies and interventions that assure all students succeed. You will leave with an understanding of special education law as well as a deeper understanding of what an IEP (Individual Education Plan) is. This session will give you expert-level knowledge of the three most common special needs children may present in your classroom and simple, cutting edge interventions that you can implement that assure all students thrive and you have the classroom you've always dreamed of. If you are looking for a comprehensive "toolbox" filled with actionable and effective interventions, you won't want to miss this session!

Presenter(s): Brandie Rosen, ,
Grade: TK - 8
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North Only

Get them moving! Lesson ideas for Kinesthetic Learners

Come explore lesson planning and activities for all of your students, especially the kinesthetic learners who are busy concentrating on trying to sit still. Adding movement to content area lessons helps with engagement and retention and can be done with everything from essay structure, to vocabulary, to review. Leave with ideas that you can use in every unit of the year.

Presenter(s): July Hill-Wilkinson, Teacher, Chaparral High School
Grade: 6th - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW South Only

Getting Started with Google Classroom

Get started with Google Classroom! This beginner session will teach you the basics so that you can get started on your own. Whether you teach primary, high school, or anything in between, Google Classroom is adaptable for your students. Google Classroom is a terrific tech tool to create your very own online classroom. This session is for anyone new to educational technology, 1:1 devices, or G Suite for Education. Participants will have time to create a class and explore during this session.

Presenter(s): MaryAlison Weintraub, Teacher, Baldwin Park Unified
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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Getting to the heART of Social Studies Through the ARTS

Come see practical ways to enhance your Social Studies and ELA programs with art integrated lessons. Primary and intermediate classroom examples will be shared. Participants will leave with resources and ideas that can easily be implemented into classrooms that will increase student engagement while enhancing learning through various VAPA strands.

Presenter(s): Ron Boren, 6th Grade Teacher, Modesto City Schools
Grade: TK - 5th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

How to Spread Magic in your Classroom

How to Spread Magic in Your Classroom:

- M: Motivation
- A: Academic Accountability
- G: Goal Driven
- I: Inquisitive Thinking
- C: Content Engaging

Learn strategies to create a motivated, academic accountable and content engaging classroom.

Presenter(s): Carlanda Williams, Elementary Teacher, Fresno Unified School District
Grade: TK - 8th
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

IFT Grants Cultivate Creativity with Strength-Based Learning Environments

One of the keys to transforming our profession are member-driven creativity, passion and innovation. This session will provide an overview of how the Institute for Teaching's (IFT) strength-based approach has empowered CTA members to transform their classrooms, their schools and their school communities with innovative ideas and student-centered learning practices. Learn about how the IFT provides grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to fund the passions that our members feel for their work with students. Experience how teachers are transforming the profession and cultivating change from the classroom level up. Information about the Thrively strength-based Student Assessment will also be included.

Presenter(s): Anita Benitas, IFT Program Consultant, CTA-IFT
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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Inspire a Positive Growth Mindset in Your Students and Yourself

What is a growth mindset versus a fixed mindset, and how does it directly relate to the Common Core standards? Come investigate your own mindset and how it affects your teaching and your students' learning. Experience powerful videos, interactive activities, annotated note-taking strategies and quality questioning techniques that you can use now and throughout your career. Inspire your students to persevere through rigorous challenges and fully enjoy the discovery and learning process!

Presenter(s): Alyson Hoberecht, Teacher, Garden Grove Unified School District
Grade: All
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Journey to Financial Independence

CTA wants you to have a long and happy retirement. CalSTRS and CalPERS will only cover about half of the income you will need in retirement so it is essential that you start a retirement savings plan to make up the difference. There are a lot of plans offered to educators but many have high fees or surrender charges. In this session, we will help you get started toward a financially secure retirement and avoid the suboptimal plans. We will review the basics of saving for retirement using easy-to-understand terms. We will highlight the CTA Retirement Savings Plan which was designed for educators and the only plan endorsed by CTA. This plan has a simple "quick enrollment" process that makes saving for retirement easy.

Presenter(s): Shirley Avila, Supervisor, California Teachers Association / Member Benefits
Grade: All
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Literacy Express!

Jump aboard the Literacy Express to learn how to make and use literacy stations in your classroom. I created these activities to use for centers, homework, intervention, and small groups. The materials are probably already in your classroom waiting to be used in a new engaging way. Jump aboard the Literacy Express!

Presenter(s): Tracy Doverspike, Teacher/STEM Specialist, Phillip M. Stokoe Elementary School/ Alvord USD/ ILC
Kelly Rogers
Grade: ELA
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW South Only



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Make Music Matter to the Core

Music is an engaging way to teach, reinforce, and scaffold grade level standards. Come experience how easy it is to incorporate music into your daily routine. Classroom content from Kinder through intermediate grades will be shared. Participants will also discover opportunities for students to create music on school devices that can then be used for writing and fluency opportunities. Some songs include: Yes I'm a Reader, Don't Be a Math Hater, Paragraphin' Rappin' and Hooray Let's Cheer, Our 100th Day is Near

Presenter(s): Ron Boren, 6th Grade Teacher, Modesto City Schools

Grade: TK - 5th

Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement

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Mathematical Reasoning: The Force Awakens

This session will take participants on a journey to discover practical ways to implement and support students' mathematical reasoning through writing. Attendees will actively engage with the presenters by participating in actual mathematical reasoning tasks both as a student and as a teacher. Conversations among participants will be encouraged to share strategies and ideas for implementation. Teachers will leave with ideas to help students truly understand the structure of purposeful mathematical writing with increased rigor and engagement while integrating several Mathematical Practices.

Teachers will be given tools such as rubrics, graphic organizers, and activities to help teachers and students feel confident about the expectations and outcomes for mathematical reasoning tasks through writing. Tasks will help empower students to feel confident and comfortable with mathematical reasoning in order to have equal access to Common Core State Standards and SBAC Summative Assessment.

Presenter(s): Cassandra Gartung, On Site Instructional Curriculum Coordinator, Victor Elementary School District
Tonja Parkin

Grade: 3rd - 8th

Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy

Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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Mind the Gap - Using Effective Feedback to Fill Gaps in Your Students' Learning

Tired of spending time writing detailed feedback only to have your students ignore it? Annoyed that you know where your students are missing the mark but can't quite explain how they can fix it? Learn how and when to give feedback so that your students are actually motivated to make revisions. Discover how you can spend LESS time grading and more time interacting with your students. Eliminate the frustration of caring more than your students about how much they improve and master the standards, and empower them to take control of their own learning. Leave with both in-class strategies as well as knowledge of powerful online tools to make giving feedback more efficient.

Presenter(s): Kimberly Lepre, Educator and podcast host, Teachers Need Teachers Podcast
Grade: 6th - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Mindfulness As a Means to regulate Stress, Burnout, Teaching Efficacy and Students' success

Research shows that teachers who practice 'mindfulness' are better able to reduce their own levels of stress and prevent burnout. Research also shows that mindfulness meditation and a mindfulness-based approach in life enhance the well-being, physical, emotional, and mental health of all, including, of course, practitioners, educators, and even administrators.

This workshop introduces the research and practices of the mindfulness-based approach to use in the classroom. Mindfulness helps teachers and students manage their emotional and mental stress, create well-being and refresh their energy. Its aim is to transform individuals and the classroom climate, while building and nurturing positive interpersonal relationships.

Presenter(s): Phe Bach, Teacher, C. Mindfulness LLC
Jason Dilg
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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Moving Write Along

This session is about how to use asset thinking to change the way you use rubrics, change the way you teach writing and ultimately to increase the students learning from one piece of writing to the next. By using this method, writing becomes more focused, more meaningful and therefore begets increased performance in minimal time.

Presenter(s): Dawn Horwath, Teacher, Shasta Union High School District
Grade: 9th - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North Only

Next Steps for Google Classroom

This session will cover topics for usage and management for those who have used or learned the basics of setting up their Google Classroom and want to get more out of this classroom tech tool. If you already know how to get started and have been using Google Classroom for basic paperless tasks and assignments, this session will help you learn additional strategies for online class management and efficiency.

Presenter(s): MaryAlison Weintraub, Teacher, Baldwin Park Unified
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
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No One Is "Normal"

This session will give participants an intimate look into the brain and how students learn best, dispel the myths of disabilities, explain how trauma impacts students, and how teachers might use Universal Design for Learning in their approach to work with students with disabilities in their general education classroom.

Participants will receive a Universal Design for Learning Guide and links to online resources in this session.

Presenter(s): Karen Taylor, IPD Staff Person, California Teachers Association
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Not Your Typical History Class: A Thematic Approach to Teaching History

History has traditionally been taught chronologically. Oftentimes, the subject itself can be seen as boring and simply pure memorization of facts. A thematic approach can be an alternative, especially with building historical relevance for our students. This presentation will examine the concepts behind a thematic curriculum design and provide attendees the framework necessary to build their own curriculum.

Presenter(s): Jayson Chang, Social Science Teacher, East Side Teachers Association
Grade: 3rd - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
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Past Punishments and Into Restored Relationships

Through the use of the book 'Better Than Carrots or Sticks' the IFT Region 4 Think Tank has been developing strategies to help engage teachers through strategies that shift away from punitive responses to a child misbehaving and towards restorative practices. This presentation will engage participants in a reflective dialogue that asks them to critically analyze their current discipline policies and their results.

Presenter(s): Mikki Cichocki-Semo, Youth Court Program Specialist, Moreno Valley Think Tank
Alejandro Cisneros
Grade: All
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Positive Classroom Management Strategies and Discipline Techniques

Balance Consequences with Care

Students take on the characteristics of the teacher they are with each day! Who are you teaching your students to be? Through a high-energy, interactive method, you will be exposed to multiple positive classroom management strategies and discipline techniques. Come learn to effectively and consistently balance consequences with care within your classrooms and schools. Time management challenges will be addressed along with community-building ideas and teaching techniques that can be implemented throughout the school year.

Presenter(s): Alyson Hoberecht, Teacher, Garden Grove Unified School District
Grade: All
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Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll--Protect Your Credential!

This energetic session is for new teachers, student teachers, and interns. When educators are issued a credential, there are 'terms and conditions' with which they must comply. Teacher misconduct has now become a media circus event and innocent lives can be ruined by careless actions. The public expects a higher standard of behavior from teachers than they do from almost anyone else. There is a very real, but intangible line regarding acceptable behavior for teachers. If that line is crossed, trouble ensues. This presentation will share some of the many cautions and pitfalls for educators.

Presenter(s): Ellen Gervase, inclusion specialist, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Simple Solutions- Rick Morris #5Things

Spend a fast-paced session with Alison Scranton and Cheryl Lane as they take you through 5 Rick Morris videos. At the conclusion of each video, Alison and Cheryl will share some modifications of the basic strategy along with answering questions about it.

'I see these 5 strategies as building blocks for the creation of a happy, productive classroom. Even if you only use one of them, you and the students will notice an improvement in how things are done.'

- Rick Morris, 31 year classroom teacher

Presenter(s): Cheryl Lane and Alison Scranton
Grade: All
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
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Smarter Balanced Roadmap

This workshop, taught by State Network Educators and Digital Library authors, is designed to take you on a journey through the Smarter Balanced Assessment System (CAASPP) and all the components that it has to offer. The goal of this session is to allow participants the opportunity to experience all of the tools, lessons, and assessments that are freely available to California educators. As you take this journey with us you will see how the Common Core State Standards and the California Framework directly connect to the Smarter Balanced Assessment System (CAASPP), the Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs), and the Digital Library. We will also explore how each component supports format familiarity while providing teachers with valuable formative assessment data to help with differentiated instruction and resulting in a low stress, highly successful summative assessment experience for educators and students alike.

Presenter(s): GlitterGalsEdu
Grade: 3rd - 12th
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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Special Education for the General Education Teacher

This session is for general education teachers that want to know more about the IEP process and how to deal more effectively with the increase of special education students in their class. You will get real world examples and techniques to use in your class.

Presenter(s): Courtney Stockton, Special Education Teacher, Conejo Valley Unified School District-Westlake High School

Grade: All

Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy

Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Special Education Issues- Rights & Responsibilities

In this informative session, members will familiarize themselves with the impact and implications of state and federal special education laws based on current statistics and information regarding special education issues. The topics of the training will focus on an environmental scan of special education in California, special education issues, rights of educators in IEP meetings, rights of educators to discipline special education students, and resources for members. This session will enlighten and empower members to clarify misconceptions about special education.

Presenter(s): Angela Maresre Boyle, C4OB-Regional UniServ Staff, CTA

Grade: All

Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy

Conference: NEW South Only

Special Education Teacher 2.0

Following my dreams and finding my joy, I returned to teaching in 2016 as a special education teacher. I was at a crossroads in my life where my purpose had faded, my family/work balance suffered, and I needed to make drastic change for my health and the well-being of my two children. As a veteran educator, I have reflected on what I've learned the last twenty-five years in my work with students with disabilities, their families, and the successes and failures that make me the educator I am today: An advocate and teacher for students with special needs, a mentor and colleague, and an amazing Mom! Through this engaging, candid, and light-hearted presentation, I will share insights time and experience have given me.

Presenter(s): Laura Grassmann, Special Education Teacher, Bowman Charter School/Ackerman School District

Grade: All

Track: Professional Engagement/Development

Conference: NEW North Only



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STEM-Tastic Shared Research

Join me to learn how you can make shared research engaging, meaningful, and useful. I'll share tips on how to integrate technology, writing, and art into a K-2 based research project. Your students will become STEM-Tastic at research.

Presenter(s): Tracy Doverspike, Teacher/STEM Specialist, Phillip M. Stokoe Elementary School/ Alvord USD/ ILC
Grade: TK-2nd
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Conference: NEW South Only

STREAM-ifying NGSS Science Content

How can you integrate science experiments, engineering, math and technology and READING in lessons your students will love doing? All with inquiry based, 5E NGSS lessons? Learn the simple steps for doing it all, with simple materials, appropriate for upper elementary through high school, all activities Monday - doable.

Presenter(s): Julie Smith, Teacher and Science Department Chair person, Lennox Middle School/ LSD
Grade: 3rd - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
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Strength-Based Superpowers!

Redesign student engagement by focusing on student strengths. Engage students by allowing them to access their strengths, offer them strength-based opportunities to demonstrate their learning, watch as they aspire to be the best they can be in all that they do as you honor their talents! Judy and Tricia will provide strategies on how to group children using talents, how to ensure every student engages in the learning process during group work, and how to assess collaborative team time.

Presenter(s): Tricia Gee, Teacher/TOSA, Fullerton School District
Judy Blakeney
Grade: 6th - 12th
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)



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Student Centered Classrooms

Participants will engage in effective strategies and resources to create a positive, student centered classroom where all students can thrive. The presentation provides strategies and resources for teachers to implement Social Emotional Learning into their daily practice.

Presenter(s): Cassandra Barron, Teacher, Bakersfield City School District, Compton Jr. High
Christy Miller
Grade: 6th - 8th
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Student Centered Classrooms

Differentiation for all grades, levels, and subjects. Teachers will see ways to build a student centered classroom around Student Choice. I provide examples for all grade levels K-6 in all subject areas. See different assessment options as well as many online resource sites for support; even editable digital resources! Please bring your devices if possible.

Presenter(s): Marjorie Evans, ClassroomTeacher, Eastvale Elementary Corona Norco USD, ILC
Presenter
Grade: TK - 5th
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
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Student Centered Discipline

Participants will learn effective student-centered discipline strategies that can be immediately implemented in their daily practice. The strategies and practices in this presentation will allow teachers to effectively involve students in the discipline process and create a classroom environment that allows students and teachers to feel empowered.

Presenter(s): Cassandra Barron, Teacher, Bakersfield City School District, Compton Jr. High
Christy Miller
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Supporting LTELs in their Core Academic Classes

This workshop will be 1) an overview of principles for supporting LTELs, and 2) time spent walking participants through a unit that demonstrates these principles in action.

Presenter(s): Rosie Reid, English/ELD Teacher, Mount Diablo Unified School District/Northgate High School
Grade: 9th - 12th
Track: Subject & Grade Level Content/Pedagogy
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

Taking Care of Yourself for the Long Haul

Many teachers struggle with stress, sleep, nutrition and fitness. You will be presented with 31 simple, proven strategies, any of which, when compounded over time, can have a tremendous impact on your physical, mental and emotional health.

Presenter(s): Dan Wold, Superintendent, Eureka County Schools, NV
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

TEACHING TOWARD 'WOW!': The Art of Student Engagement

Teaching toward "WOW!" is teaching toward amazement not just comprehension. It is tapping the wonder and "genius" of childhood itself, when we learned from everything with all of ourselves. It is teaching facts, understanding, and judgment, through the senses, imagination, and emotions. It is engaging students by engaging more of their brains. It is remembering that the best teaching is always a creative act, a performing art, and a place where imagination fosters intellect, understanding thrives on mystery, and students listen with their passions not just their ears.

Presenter(s): Jon Pearson, Educational Consultant, Mr.
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The ART of Classroom Management: Top 10 Strategies to Create an Epic Environment and Enjoy the Ride!

The ART of Classroom Management is an innovative approach to the timeless and essential topic of classroom management! The strategies presented will allow new and veteran teachers more opportunities to make each day in the classroom more fun by integrating their exciting curriculum coupled with maximizing instructional time while increasing student engagement!

Presenter(s): Angel Mejico, Visual Arts / Art Academy Teacher, El Cerrito Middle School
Grade: All
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
Conference: NEW North & South (Both)

The Inside Out of SEL

Do you want to help students process their emotions? Travel with us as we explore the “Inside Out” of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) using Pear Deck. This session will show participants how to use SEL and the Zones of Regulation to gain a deeper understanding of students, thus building a better relationship between teacher and student. Students will gain coping skills, resilience, emotional awareness, and empathy skills. Participants will leave with easy to use templates.

Presenter(s): Tonja Parkin, On Site Instructional/Curriculum Coordinator, Victor Elementary School District
Cassandra Gartung
Grade: All
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
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Understanding Tenure, Collective Bargaining & Your Rights

This presentation will help you make sense of important topics like tenure/due process, employment contracts, collective bargaining (union contracts) and more. Becoming more knowledgeable will enhance your career and make you a more effective advocate for your students.

Presenter(s): John Green, Regional UniServ Staff, California Teachers Association
TBD
Grade: All
Track: Unionism/Understanding and Navigating the Union World
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What I Look Like

This presentation will focus on the whole child with an emphasis on connection before content. It will address the creation of culturally responsive classrooms. It will introduce the underlying factors affecting student outcomes thru a lens that addresses history, beliefs, culture and bias in the classroom. Its goal is for every educator to become a social justice advocate.

Presenter(s): Christopher Finley, Science, Mathematics & Restorative Justice Teacher, Fresno Unified School District/Edison High School
Grade: 6th - 12th
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
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What They Didn't Teach You in College- How to Eliminate Unruly Behavior and Get Back to Teaching

Face it students are different! Contrary to what some people may say, they are not more difficult to manage, however, it does require different skills and strategies. Come learn the most important and effective strategies, as well as the science behind why they work. Stop spending your hours nagging, reminding, scolding, and instead have the time to teach!

Implementing these strategies will not only have your students engaged and learning, you will love coming to work!

Presenter(s): Alixe Mayers, Reform Coordinator, VCUSD
Grade: All
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
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What's the Big Idea? Components of a Successful Classroom

What are the components of a successful learning environment? Participants will explore ten keys elements proven to be tried and true factors leading to successful instruction and an efficiently run elementary classroom.

Presenter(s): Kim Holz, Teacher, grade 4, Robinson Elementary, Manhattan Beach USD
Grade: 3rd - 5th
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
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When Your Usual Bag of Tricks Doesn't Work: Behavioral Interventions That Help All Students Succeed!

Being a new teacher is hard and oftentimes, dealing with classroom behaviors can be the most difficult part. The good news is, it doesn't have to be! This presentation will cover the behavior basics, including different types of behaviors, what is "normal" behavior as well as how behaviors are learned. It will also cover the functions of behavior and how your attitude about behavior greatly impacts your classroom! You will leave understanding the most common interfering behaviors as well as how simple rules and procedures can change your classroom from chaos to calm. You will leave this presentation with a toolbox full of ideas and strategies you implement in your classroom Monday morning to take away your stress and assure all students succeed.

Presenter(s): Brandie Rosen, ,
Grade: TK - 8
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
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Ya Gotta Reach Em' If Ya Gonna Teach Em'!

Ever have that feeling that you didn't know whether to laugh, cry, scream or drink? In this session we will explore the underlying culture of classroom management. Participants will:

- Have a better understanding of the complexities of classroom management
- Be able to develop a classroom Management plan
- Take away strategies to use immediately

Come join us to understand and develop plans, skills and strategies to enhance your classroom management!

Presenter(s): Paula Kondratko, Teacher/Instructional Coach, Hesperia Unified/Mesa Grande Elementary
Thomas Kerman
Grade: All
Track: Classroom Management/Student Engagement
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Yoga for Teachers and Students

Anyone stressed?need to relax? Come learn basic yoga and pilates poses for yourself and your students to increase your fitness, energy, happiness, and peace. Yoga poses will focus on breathing, stretching, and relaxation while pilates poses will focus on strength training and balance. Come learn to relax in the midst of stress and unite the mind, body, and spirit. Everyone, yes everyone, will benefit!

Presenter(s): Alyson Hoberecht, Teacher, Garden Grove Unified School District
Grade: All
Track: Professional Engagement/Development
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