

Breakout Sessions

Sessions are listed in alphabetical order. For more information, please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/2009ees/>.

Executive Leadership Training Transforming Schools

10:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Location: Cypress I

(60 minute session, panel discussion)

Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist (LSTS) Program Candidates who have completed the Virginia School Turnaround Specialist Program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business and met the performance criteria of the LSTS Program will share lessons learned and progress made as a result of participating in this innovative program.

Facilitator: Michael Terry, Project Director, Virginia School Turnaround Specialist Program, University of Virginia, Partners for Leaders in Education

Panelists:

- Karen Williams**, Principal, M.J. Kaufman Elementary School, Calcasieu Parish
- Tony Guirlando**, Principal, 2009 Middle School Principal of the Year, Rayville Junior High School, Richland Parish
- Gary Porter**, Principal, St. Helena Central High School, St. Helena Parish

Instructional Coaching to Improve Literacy and Numeracy

10:45 a.m. Location: Levee/Bayou

(60 minute session, panel discussion)

Building and fostering a world-class education system for all students in Louisiana requires strong educational leadership and knowledgeable, effective teachers collaboratively focused on student success. Instructional coaches serve as professional colleagues to assist with capacity building and to create a culture and climate that is conducive to change for continuous improvement. Join us for this session to hear instructional coaches discuss their role in professional communities working with teachers, administrators, and stakeholders for all students.

Facilitator: Sandra "Sam" Johnson, District Literacy Coach, Tangipahoa Parish

Panelists:

- Cynthia Gatson**, District Reading Coordinator and Coach, Union Parish
- Lydia Canova**, District Reading Coach, Iberville Parish
- Scarlett Callicoatte**, Literacy Coach, Port Allen High School, West Baton Rouge Parish
- Katherine "Kat" Hebert**, District Literacy Coach, Assumption Parish

Move Over Mr. Spielberg! Avatars for the 21st Century Learner

10:45 a.m. Location: Samuel Clemens

(80 minute session, hands-on lab, Seating limited to 24)

Lights, Camera, Action! Teachers or students can become notable actors, actresses or directors within the boundaries of the classroom. This session focuses on webcams, their use in the classroom, and the creation of avatars. Numerous ideas for curriculum integration and student engagement are shared with participants.

Presenters: TLTC Facilitators

Numeracy – Mathematical Literacy for All Elementary & Middle School

3:00 p.m. Location: Mississippi Queen/ Delta Queen

(60 minute session, panel discussion)

What Does It Mean to Be Successful in Mathematics?

In *Helping Children Learn Mathematics* (NRC, 2002), the term mathematical proficiency is used to express what we think it means for anyone to learn mathematics successfully.

Mathematical proficiency has five strands. Two of them are as follows and will be the focus of our discussion for today:

- Understanding: Comprehending mathematical concepts, operations, and relations—**knowing what mathematical symbols, diagrams, and procedures mean.**
- Computing: Carrying out mathematical procedures, such as adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing numbers flexibly, accurately, efficiently, and appropriately. **This is sometimes referred to as mathematical fluency.**

Facilitator: **Ernise Singleton**, Educational Technology Consultant, Louisiana Department of Education

Panelists:

- Roosevelt Peters**, Teacher, 2009 Math Fellow, Baker Middle School, Baker School System
- Jacque Prielipp**, Teacher, 2009 Region VI Elementary Teacher of the Year, South Polk Elementary School, Vernon Parish
- Kristin Magee**, Teacher, 2008 Presidential Award State Finalist in Math, Gonzalez Primary, Ascension Parish
- Tricia White-Brattlie**, Teacher, 2009 Region VII Middle School Teacher of the Year, Caddo Middle Magnet, Caddo Parish

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Facilitator: **Carolyn Sessions**, Standards and Curriculum Projects Coordinator, Louisiana Department of Education

Panelists:

- Emilie Dunn**, Teacher, 2009 Region VIII High School Teacher of the Year, Neville High School, Monroe City Schools
- Chris Howell**, Teacher, LCC Financial Course Writer, Southwood, Caddo Parish
- Rose Kendrick**, Teacher, 2009 Math Fellow, Glen Oaks Middle School, ABR Charter
- Carol Price**, Teacher, Presidential Awardee, Zachary High School, Zachary City Schools

Podcasting? In My School?

3:00 p.m. Location: Natchez

(80 minute session, hands-on lab, Seating limited to 24)

Podcasting! Everybody seems to be doing it. If you've been afraid to jump into the podcasting waters, join us and learn how easy it can be! This session will address the types of podcasts and how to use them in

the classroom. Participants will create a short audio podcast using Audacity and other free technology tools.

Presenters: TLTC Facilitators

Small Change EQUALS Big Returns: Integrating Technology into the Classroom

10:45 a.m. Location: Natchez

(80 minute session, hands-on lab, Seating limited to 24)

Presenter: TLTC Facilitators

In this session, you'll learn many tips, tricks, and ideas for using technology tools in a variety of ways to enhance teaching and learning. Participants will experience a hands-on comprehensive curriculum activity at the following stations.

iPods

Do iPods have a place in the classroom? This station will focus on activities and ideas for implementing this learning tool into your classroom.

Google Earth

Investigate ways to combine geography, comprehensive curriculum connections, literary exploration, literacy skills for the web, and more. Look no further because Google Earth is the online venue for students to thrive in the 21st century.

Digital Microscopes

Experience digital microscopes and how they can capture the attention of your students. These tools can be a useful resource for initiating higher order thinking activities in the science curriculum.

Flip Cameras

Assist students with becoming creators instead of consumers of content through using a flip camera. This technology tool needs few directions, is economical and can provide a quality end product that fits in any curriculum area.

Presenters: TLTC Facilitators

Standing on My Own 101.... it takes money.... it takes knowledge

3:00 p.m. Location: Cypress I

(60 minute session)

- Average American has \$10,000 in credit card debt.
- Average American has \$392 in savings.
- 58% of Americans have no plan for retirement.
- 59% of Americans believe that their quality of life will improve after retirement.
- 49% of American teens believe that the best way to become a millionaire is to be on a reality television show.

Presenters:

-Ike DeLee, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association for Personal Financial Achievement

-Debbie Lapeyrouse, Vice President of Marketing for La Capitol Federal Credit Union

Supporting Adolescent Literacy through Leadership

10:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Location: Cypress II

(60 minute session, panel discussion)

Administrators and staff at the middle and high school levels know the effects poor literacy skills have on student achievement, school climate, graduation rates, and future earning power. Traditionally, emphasis has been placed on direct literacy instruction for the elementary grades. The need is now apparent that direct instruction needs to continue throughout the school years so adolescent readers can learn specific strategies to comprehend various forms of texts, read increasingly difficult text, and understand complex and abstract ideas. Come join this session to hear first-hand how a principal, a teacher leader and a regional school improvement supporter tackle the struggling reader problem on a daily basis and how their efforts are showing positive results.

Facilitator: **Emma Jones**, Librarian/Teacher and LaLEAD Cohort Honoree, Sunset Elementary, St. Landry Parish

Panelists:

-**Kenneth Gipson**, Principal, Gibsland-Coleman High School, Bienville Parish

-**Barry Dunlap**, School Improvement Coordinator, Region II Educational Service Center

-**Magdalene “Maggie” Drexler**, Curriculum Facilitator, B.E. Boudreaux Middle School, St. Mary Parish

Tell It Like It Is: Digital Storytelling Across the Curriculum

3:00p.m. Location: Samuel Clemens

(80 minute session, hands-on lab, Seating limited to 24)

Everyone has a story to tell, and we want our students to tell them to the best of their ability. Experience taking oral storytelling and converting it into a powerful multimedia presentation combining images, graphics, sound, music, and sometimes the storyteller’s own voice. See how easy this can be as a multitude of free tools and resources are explored in this session.

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