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## **Teacher Leadership Academy: Building Capacity for High Performance**

Teacher Leadership Academy is a professional development service that increases skills for those involved. First the principal needs to create a vision and expectations for the district's teachers. Once this is all done AEA staff creates a plan for the principal and teachers to follow in the academy. For more information contact **Georgie Koenig**, [gkoenig@aea9.k12.ia.us](mailto:gkoenig@aea9.k12.ia.us) or 563-344-6487. 🍏

## **ASAP: Making a Difference**

ASAP Cohort I was such a huge success that it will be expanding next year to include six more schools. It will begin July 2008. ASAP provides planning and utilization of the current staff and employees from both AEA and within the school districts to ensure students get the proper help needed. It does not provide schools with more AEA Special Education staff time. For more information please contact **Dr. Edward Gronlund**; 563-344-6315 or [egrolund@aea9.k12.ia.us](mailto:egrolund@aea9.k12.ia.us). 🍏

## **Northeast Community MS/HS Named Model High School**

Northeast MS/HS has been named one of 23 model HS for 2008 by the International Center for Leadership in Education. Northeast is one of sixty schools involved in improving rigor and relevance in classroom instruction. For more information on the International Center for Leadership visit their website [www.LeaserEd.com](http://www.LeaserEd.com). 🍏

## **Regional Invent Iowa Winners**

Sponsored by Mississippi Bend AEA, the regional INVENT, IOWA! took place Saturday, February 23rd, 2008. Students grades K-8 took part in creating problem solving inventions that can be applied to a variety of real life problems. To view a listing of the winners read the full article online [www.aea9.k12.ia.us/en/publication\\_communications/communicator](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us/en/publication_communications/communicator). 🍏

## **Paula's Corner**

This issue, Paula answers a question about where to find available courses teachers can take when they need to renew their license, and also a question about substitute authorization. To read the answers go online [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us). 🍏

## **West Liberty Principal Named Elementary Principal of the Year!**

Nancy Gardner, West Liberty Elementary Principal, has been named Iowa Elementary Principal of the Year. She will be honored in August at the School Administrators Conference and will attend a national conference in the fall. 🍏

## **North Scott's John Glenn Elementary Receives National Recognition**

John Glenn Elementary was selected as a "2007 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School" by the Department of Education. To be nominated the school must have less than 40% of their students receiving free and reduced lunch and show student achievement. To read the full article go online [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us). 🍏

## **Teacher Advisory Meeting Summary 2007-2008**

Representatives from each school met with the AEA Chief Administrator as well as the Directors of all AEA Departments; their comments and suggestions were recorded and compiled. To view the comments and concerns visit the AEA website [www.aea9.k12.ia.us/en/communications\\_publications/communicator](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us/en/communications_publications/communicator). 🍏

## **2008 Math Bee Winners**

The 30th Annual Math Bee was held March 11, 2008 with 180 area sixth graders who participated. The top five teams will represent our region at the State Math Bee in Fort Dodge on May 9, 2008. Math Bee consists of several rounds of individual and team problem solving with topics that include: patterns and functions, fractions and decimals, measurement, geometry, ratios, percents and estimations. To view the top five teams and top five individuals visit our website [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us) or contact Brandon Welsch, [bwelsch@aea9.k12.ia.us](mailto:bwelsch@aea9.k12.ia.us). 🍏

## **Mississippi Bend AEA to Lead the Coats for Kids Program**

A Coats for kids Communication Group, Board of Directors and Operational Group have been created to continue the program started ten years ago. The David E. Lane Coats for Kids Program has distributed more than 10,400 coats to children in schools and community agencies that serve children all over the Quad Cities as well as Clinton, Muscatine, Louisa, Cedar and Jackson counties. The transition was finalized April 1, 2008. If you have any questions/concerns contact Pat Kirkland or Becky Holling, [pkirkland@aea9.k12.ia.us](mailto:pkirkland@aea9.k12.ia.us) or [bholling@aea9.k12.ia.us](mailto:bholling@aea9.k12.ia.us). 🍏

## Communicator Survey Results

We appreciate all those who participated in the *Communicator* survey. To view the results look online [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us). If you would like to be signed up for an electronic copy visit <http://aea9.rainsongpro.com>. 🍏

## Media Materials Giveaway

Books and videos from K-12 are being given away. May 28, 2008 from 4:30p - 6:30p, each school may send two representatives. May 29, 2008 from 7:30a - 5:30p schools may send anyone they would like. Please bring your own boxes and bags to transport material. The giveaway is located in the Mississippi Bend AEA Media Center, 729 21st Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722. 🍏

## Position Openings

**All Saints Catholic School - Davenport:** 2-Elementary Teaching Positions

**Durant CSD:** HS Special Education Teacher (multi categorical), MS Special Education Teacher (multi categorical), HS Math Teacher, 5-8 Grade Math Teacher, K-12 Physical Education/Health Teacher, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Head Girls Cross Country Track Coach, Head Girls Track Coach

**East Central CSD:** 9-12 Resource Teacher (emphasis on cooperative teaching in regular education setting), Varsity Softball Coach, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

**Louisa-Muscatine CSD:** HS English Teacher

**St. Joseph Catholic School - DeWitt:** Half-time K-8 Vocal Music Teacher

**Preston CSD:** Library/Media Specialist

**Prince of Peace School - Clinton:** 7-12 Grade Spanish Teacher (Full-Time)

**Wittenmyer Learning Center - Davenport:** Paraeducator

\*\*\*For full description of any job postings visit our job board online [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us) and click on Job Openings. 🍏

## Staff Development Offerings

View descriptions of all Mississippi Bend AEA Staff Development Offerings from June 2008 - August 2008 on the Mississippi Bend AEA website at [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us). Also, subscribe to the Staff Development ListServ and receive bi-monthly news on all the courses, workshops, and classes offered. Go to: [www2.aea9.k12.ia.us/00/listserv.php](http://www2.aea9.k12.ia.us/00/listserv.php). 🍏

## Staff Development Registration Forms

Follow easy step-by-step instructions to register for Staff Development offerings online at [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us) at the top under Program/Class Registration. 🍏

## Media Center Resources/Professional Library

The May/June issue of the *Communicator* includes a list of new material available for check out from the Media Center Professional Library. It carries material on a variety of subjects including: Administration, Child Development, Curriculum, Music, Reading, plus many others. 🍏

## Media Center Resources/K-12

View the Media Center's newest K-12 material now available for checkout online at <http://webmax.aea9.k12.ia.us>. 🍏

## May & June 2008 Learning Center Calendar

View a complete listing of classes, conferences, and workshops scheduled in the Agency's Learning Center in the full version of the *Communicator*, or view it on our homepage at [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us). 🍏

## Websites for Educators

View a complete listings of the websites online at [www.aea9.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us). 🍏

## Conferences & Workshops . . .

### The Different Learner Series

**Instructors: Frank Ogden & Candice Benjamin**

*June 2 - July 25, 2008*

1. The Myth of Laziness by Dr. Mel Levine
2. Overcoming Dyslexia by Dr. Sally Shaywitz
3. How the Special Needs Brain Learns, 2nd Ed. by Dr. David A. Sousa
4. How to Differentiate instruction in Mixed Ability Classrooms by Carol Ann Tomlinson

### The Emotional Life of the Child Series

**Instructors: Frank Ogden & Candice Benjamin**

*June 6 - July 31, 2008*

1. Engaging Troubling Students: A Constructivist Approach by Scot Danforth and Terry Jo Smith
2. Bullying From Both Sides by Walter B. Roberts, Jr.
3. Helping Students Overcome Depression and Anxiety by Kenneth Merrell

### Non-violent Crisis Intervention Renewal Course

*May 20, 2008: 1-4pm*

\* Only for those who need to renew their Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Certificate

\* Held in the Mississippi Bend AEA Learning Center

\* Register online: [www.solutionwhere.com/mbaea/cw/main](http://www.solutionwhere.com/mbaea/cw/main)

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