Happy Thanksgiving!

A Note from Donalee

Things are in full swing here at the Mayville Area Teacher Center! Thank you to the many of you that have borrowed materials from both the STEM Center and the Teacher Center this month! Throughout this newsletter you will see items the Centers have as well as upcoming workshops and activities. I have been gathering the information from the surveys that you completed on my visits to your schools and I am using that information to order materials as well as plan professional development opportunities for you. Please continue to send me suggestions of materials that are needed and what kinds of professional development areas you are seeking! I have included a summary of the surveys in this newsletter, so look for it on the following pages! Also included in this newsletter are STEM sites to use as well as thank you notes for the schools that have donated materials this month! Thank you for the opportunity to help serve you as educators!

Donalee

Donalee’s Hours:
I am in the Mayville Area Teacher Center the following hours (although this will be subject to change on occasion):
- Monday: 8 am to 4 pm (with the exception of 9-10, as I teach a class during that hour)
- Tuesday: 8 am to 12 noon
- Wednesday: 8 am to 4 pm
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You are always welcome at the Mayville Area Teacher Center and STEM Center!
The Daily 5 Workshop

Presented by Liz Mackowick

~The Mayville Area Teacher Center is sponsoring a Daily 5 Workshop on the campus of Mayville State University~

♦ When: Wednesday, November 18th and Wednesday, December 16th

♦ Time: 5:00-8:30 (Dinner is included)

♦ Cost: The workshop cost covered by the Mayville Area Teacher Center.

♦ One professional development credit available for $55

♦ Participants choosing credit will be responsible for the cost of the credit and requesting the book: if needed; The Daily 5 (2nd Ed.) By Gail Boushey and Joan Moser. **The book is only required if you are taking this workshop for credit. (I can order for you if you contact me).**

♦ Please contact Donalee at the Mayville Area Teacher Center with any further questions and to register by Friday, November 13th at donalee.strand.2@mayvillestate.edu

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Mommy, Me, and SWE Event Planned for November 14

The Mayville State University STEM department has partnered with SWE (Society of Women Engineers) at the University of North Dakota to host a STEM event for girls and their moms on Saturday, Nov. 14. The event will take place in the Mayville State University Education Building, room 118, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

The morning will begin with a flaming ice demonstration and discussion about what science and engineering are and why the subject areas are interesting. There will be time for questions and answers regarding science and engineering. Moms and their daughters will also have the opportunity to make-and-take water bottle lava lamps and discuss the science behind them.

“Mommy, Me & SWE” is open to girls in kindergarten through fifth grade and their moms. Register by emailing Sarah Sletten at sarah.sletten@mayvillestate.edu.
**Letters About Literature Contest**

Each year, the Center for the Book sponsors the “Letters About Literature” contest. Readers in grades 4-12 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for the contest, which is a national reading and writing program. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre explaining how that author’s work changed the reader’s life or view of the world.

Prizes will be awarded on both the state and national levels. The North Dakota Center for the Book’s panel of judges will select the top letter writers in the state. Their winning letters will be published online at the North Dakota State Library’s website. North Dakota winners will also receive monetary prizes and then advance to the national judging.

Submissions from Grades 9-12 must be postmarked by December 4, 2015.

Submissions from Grades 4-8 must be postmarked by January 11, 2016.

**Professional Study Abroad Opportunity**

Our partners at the Institute for International Education recently announced a professional development grant for teachers of grades 6-12 “who have shown to be outstanding advocates for study abroad.” 50 awards of $1,000 each will be given “for study and learning opportunities in the U.S. or abroad that will further develop their international competencies, such as language learning, intercultural communications, or conferences/seminars related to global issues. Funds may also be used to support classroom study abroad experiences.” The application deadline is Dec. 1. For more information, please see: www.iie.org/Programs/Generation-Study-Abroad/resources-for-teachers

**Survey Results**

1. A majority of the teachers in the area would like ideas on classroom management and technology as well as hands-on materials.

2. Many teachers suggested make and take workshops.

3. Many teachers asked for materials to challenge and motivate their students.

4. Teachers really expressed the need to be inspired and motivated themselves.

I want each and everyone of you to know that throughout this school year and beyond, the Mayville State Teacher and STEM Centers will be here to help and encourage you in your teaching journey.
1. Near Pod: https://www.nearpod.com/ Thank you to Principal Jon Dryburgh from Hillsboro for this idea! Great app for use with many devices.

2. Kahoots: Interactive Quiz Games: https://getkahoot.com/ fun site for creating pre and post tests or any other assessment type quiz!


4. QR Coding: http://www.schrockguide.net/qr-codes-in-the-classroom.html This is a site that will help you both use and generate QR Codes for classroom use!

5. Project Based Learning Sites: http://bie.org/ Many ideas for project based learning.

6. Photopeach: http://photopeach.com/home A new approach to slideshows, with quiz capabilities!

**Thank You:** to Matt Chandler from Thompson School and Donna Flaten from Northwood School for the donations of reading curriculum samples. Also thank you to Darwin Potter from Thompson School for the donations of the Carve-Write Machine as well as the Kelvin Electronics equipment. These donations are so very appreciated!
Announcement:

This upcoming March, during MSU’s Spring Break, a group of pre-service students will be traveling to Virginia to experience classroom life there. The trip will also include time in Washington D.C.

A contest is being sponsored by the MSU Student Education Association for area teachers to compete to become the “Traveling Teacher” on the trip! This teacher will get an all expense paid trip, including sub pay, (funded by the Mayville Area Teacher Center), to Virginia and Washington D.C. and will communicate back to their classroom from historic Washington D.C. Watch for more information on the contest and how you can enter in the December Newsletter!

Upcoming Event

MLK Day (January 18) at MSU! Come and get refreshed at the MLK Event!

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jack Berckemeyer

Co Author of

Deliberate Optimism:
Reclaiming the Joy in Education