

# MAYVILLE AREA TEACHER CENTER

Mayville Area Teacher Center Newsletter

January, 2017

## Welcome to a New Year

It seems ironic that my last newsletter was centered around a Snow Day for all of the area schools and well, as I write this you have just had another Snow Day or at the least a late start! I believe this is going to be one of those winters where:

1. We get a lot of snow.
2. Teachers center many, many lessons around topics such as snow, cold, barometric pressure, the color white, the three forms of precipitation, *The Snowy Day Book*, flexibility, hockey, broomball, data collections of snowfall, number lines of positive and negative numbers, the trivia question of, "At what temp are Fahrenheit and Celsius the same?" (the answer is -40 in case your brain has become so cold you are unable to retrieve the answer), The Ice Hotel in Iceland, and the unpredictable nature of life to name a few.
3. I set a date to come and visit your school and we may have to reschedule and then reschedule again!
4. Teachers spend at least 1/2 of the three minutes of recess time helping children look for a lost mitten, boot, snowpants, scarf or neckwarmer.
5. Basketball games get rescheduled more than my visits.
6. Area students are learning a whole lot from great teachers in spite of the weather.

### *Donalee's Hours:*

*I am in the Mayville Area Teacher Center the following hours (although this will be subject to change on occasion):*

- *Tuesday : 8 am to 12 pm ( 8:30-9:45 I am in class)*
- *Wednesday: 8 am to 4 p.m. ( 2:00-3:00 I am in class)*
- *Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm (8:30-9:45 I am in class).*

*\*Dr. Andi Dulski-Bucholz will be available to help you at times that I am not available.*

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## Professional Development on MLK Day

Monday, January 16th, 2017

### **Keynote Speaker Debbie Silver ( Provided by the RRVEC)**

With 30 years spent as a teacher, staff development instructor, and university professor, Debbie Silver doesn't just know her way around the classroom – she is familiar with the challenges educators face at every level, from kindergarten to college. The former *Louisiana Teacher of the Year* has given presentations around the world (including 49 states, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia), helping audiences to interact with students on a deeper level.

### **MENTAL HEALTH PANEL DISCUSSION/Q&A/"FADED" VIDEO**

### **Closing Speaker Bob Upgren (Provided by Participating Schools and the Mayville Area Teacher Center)**

As one of the best chalk artists in the world, Upgren credits this unique talent for giving him a different way of teaching leadership to educational leaders. Using a rare combination of art and educational acumen, he is able to bring his fresh perspective on the importance of creativity and innovation in education to center stage.

**Credit:** 1 CEU of credit is available for this professional development along with additional requirements from each school's administration. Please contact your school administrators for the requirements. Follow this link to register by January 17th. <http://www.mayvillestate.edu/community/teacher-center/teacher-professional-development/> ( Click on the register now button and then MLK Day Button) . If you have trouble with this link, just go on the MSU website, then Community, the Teacher Center, Professional Development and click register now. That path will also lead you to the MLK button.

(Registration will close at the end of the day on January 17th.) Grading for this workshop will take place at the end of the MSU Spring Semester.



**Wednesday, January 25th 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

## Sphero Training with Alyssa Horpedahl

**What:** Alyssa will provide training on using the Sphero Coding Balls in your classroom. She will help teachers learn the basics about the Spheros as well as give teachers ideas on how to use them in innovative and creative ways with their curriculum. Alyssa is the Educational Technology Coach for the Hillsboro Public School System and we are so excited she is going to share her expertise with us!

**Where:** Mayville State University: Room 118: Education Building

**When:** Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**Register:** Your principals have been ask to send two teachers from each school, one elementary and one middle/high school. Please register by contacting your principal or by E-mailing: [donalee.strand.2@mayvillestate.edu](mailto:donalee.strand.2@mayvillestate.edu) by January 12th, 2017.

**Stipend:** Each teacher attending will receive a certificate of completion as well as a \$50 stipend for attending the workshop.

**Prize:** One lucky teacher will have the opportunity to win a Sphero Sparks for their classroom!



## Try Something New in Your Classroom!

I am using a part of this space to share some pictures and comments from classrooms of some of the teachers that attended the “Reimagining the Classroom/Tech Tools” workshop with Kayla Delzer. As the year progresses, I would be happy to share any other pictures and ideas that any other teachers want to send ( on any topic!). I love how teachers inspire one another!

The pictures and quote below are from the classroom of Alicia Knutson (Devils Lake Public School)



“After attending Kayla Delzer’s class I was totally convinced I could transform my classroom with the resources I had. I got rid of half my desks, brought in an old coffee table, and raised a few desks. I created enough seating options for every student.

There have been trials that come with a big change. One of the biggest challenges I am facing now is allowing students to choose where they sit and they always choose to sit next to friends that distract them. However, we have had many discussions about choosing where to sit in order to be successful. My students understand that if they are sitting somewhere and they are not being successful, they will be moved.

I have greatly enjoyed implementing flexible seating for many reasons. Even though it has caused some challenges, the benefits have been far greater. I have students with behavior problems who are much more motivated when it comes to behaving and their academics have improved because of being able to choose their seats. I also see my students more focused because they are comfortable and relaxed at their chosen spots. Getting rid of desks and adding smaller tables has also really opened up our classroom space. It is so much easier for kids to move around the room and work around the room.”

Try using one of these kits in your classroom this month!

Wildlife Kits!



Text sets are available on many topics including areas of math, science, social studies and language arts! Titles are available on request!



## WEBSITES:

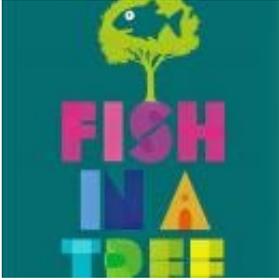


1. Bloomz : With Bloomz, teachers save time by having all the tools they need to communicate with today's parents in one easy-to-use (and free) app. <https://www.bloomz.net/>



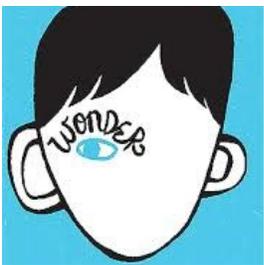
2. Edutopia Classroom Resources for Martin Luther King Day: <https://www.edutopia.org/article/resources-martin-luther-king-jr-day-matt-davis>

## Book Shelf



### Fish in A Tree By Lynda Mullay Hunt

The author of the beloved *One for the Murphys* gives readers an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in. It is honestly one of the best young adult novels I have ever read and I highly recommend it as a read aloud in grades 5+. I love this quote from the author, : "I'll leave you with this...I recently heard, "If you are married to a teacher, raise your glass. If you are not married to a teacher, raise your standards."



**Wonder by R.J. Palacio**-This novel is a perfect read for teachers and again young adult readers. This book focuses on Auggie, a child with a disfiguring disability , and the bullying that goes on in relation to his "look". Palacio wrote the book after witnessing her own children's reaction to a child with a similar physical disability and she started asking herself, "what if".

## Advisory Board

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# What's Happening

## The Mayville Area Teacher Center is Sponsoring Grade/Subject level Meetings

- ◆ As a result of the data from the Google Survey on Grade/Subject level meetings that was sent to the area teachers in December, the Mayville Area Teacher Center would like to offer the following schedule of potential meeting dates for each Grade/Subject.
- ◆ I have scheduled these meetings because 92.2% of the 78 responses to the survey indicated that you are very interested in holding these meetings. 83.6% of the responses listed Mayville State University as the place to hold the first meeting. Thank you to the teachers that volunteered to be the Lead Teacher for their area. These teachers will facilitate the first meeting and the group will make decisions about subsequent meetings at the first meeting.
- ◆ The Mayville Area Teacher Center is offering the space at Mayville State University for the groups to hold their first meeting. If any groups would like to continue to meet at the Teacher Center, that could be arranged through the Mayville Area Teacher Center. This opportunity will help to continue the practice of Professional Learning Communities, but the agenda will be set by you, the teachers.
- ◆ Please check the date listed below and sign up for the meeting so that I have idea of spaces for the meetings. I will list this again in the February Newsletter and make final plans for the meetings then. Please e-mail me to let me know if you are willing to be a teacher leader as there are not leaders for each subject/grade area.

Date	Grades/Subject	Location	Teacher Leaders
Wednesday, March 8th	K-6  Title  Special Education  Speech  Counseling	Meet in Room 118 and go to separate rooms from there	Shelly Murphy (K) Benjamin Strand,(3)  Tracy Handly,(4) Erin Risovi and Chris Eckart (5)
Wednesday, March 15th	Phy-Ed, Music, Art, Library, Tech Ed, Tech Coordinators, FACS	Meet in Room 118 and go to separate rooms from there	Jeremy Marquardt ( Music)  Tracy Foss ( Tech Ed)  Jessica Berke ( Tech Coordinator)
Wednesday, March 22nd	Math, Science, Business, English,, Language Arts, Foreign Languages	Meet in Room 118 and go to separate rooms from there	Lisa Gapp ( Science)

# Attention all K-8 Educators

## Upcoming Professional Development Opportunity

### Life Science/Water Conservation/

### Environmental Education/ ND Studies

The Mayville Area Teacher Center is bringing a “new” concept in professional development opportunities to the area for pre-service, in-service and area K-8 classroom teachers. There will be three five-hour sessions (PLT – WET – ND HABITATS) offered on three Saturdays from 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. Pre- and in-service teachers may attend any one, two or all three sessions, if desired. **Area K-8 classroom teachers MUST attend all three sessions in order to secure one semester credit** from the university of their choice (Mayville State University, Minot State University, North Dakota State University or the University of North Dakota). **One credit cost \$50**. All sessions will be held in Room 118 in the Education Division at Mayville State University. More information about registering for these workshops will be available in the February Newsletter!

**Workshops will be held on the following dates so mark your calendars:**

**March 25, 2017** / 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. / Project Learning Tree / ND Forest Service / Glenda Fauske / plt.org

**April 1, 2017** / 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. / Habitats Of ND / ND Game & Fish Department / Sherry Niesar / ndstudies.gov

**April 8, 2017** / 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. / Project WET / ND State Water Commission / Tina Harding / project.wet.org

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