

MAYVILLE AREA TEACHER CENTER

Mayville Area Teacher Center Newsletter

December 2016

Happy Snow Day!

I was so happy for all of you the other morning as I heard about school after school cancelling their activities for the day. I know what you were thinking; "Oh no, I had this activity planned or we were going to do this in class today, or oh I left a mess in my classroom!" But seriously, deep down in your hearts and teacher souls, you were cheering, maybe even outwardly and in your head or at the top of your lungs, you were shouting "SNOW DAY" yippee! You were rebellious in that you stayed in your PJ's and watched the Today show while sipping coffee and reading the paper until at least 8:00 a.m. You maybe even ate chocolate for breakfast! But, I also know you and by 9:00a.m. you were working on school. Maybe you even ventured over to the school if you lived close enough. If not, you took out the computer and either worked on grades or lessons. You corrected papers or you cut out paper stars. You still had school even if you didn't have school. Teachers are like that. I am guessing though, that you also may have taken time to order a Christmas gift or two on line, baked dozens of cookies and maybe wrapped a few gifts. Teachers are like that too, great multi-taskers. Snow Day definitely has a different connotation for teachers. The work (fun to us) never ends! Have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with much learning and the voices of angels (your students:)).

- ♦ Due to the recent blizzard, my visit to Northwood Public School, our Highlighted School of the Month, had to be postponed! I was able to Substitute teach there though on a Friday and can't wait to visit this great, hardworking school again! Watch for new highlights in January!

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*
- *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.

Debbie's best-selling book, Drumming to the Beat of Different Marchers: Finding the Rhythm for Differentiated Learning, has been recognized for its insights into research-based models, teaching strategies, management tips, and inspirational "from-the-heart" lessons for addressing individual differences. It is her humor, her practicality, and her ability to connect with students, teachers, parents, and administrators, however, that has made her a popular choice for keynotes, workshops, and breakout sessions.

Her newest release, Fall Down 7 Times, Get Up 8: Teaching Kids to Succeed, is being heralded by parents, teachers, and administrators as a "fresh approach to getting kids to work smarter and better." In it she explains motivational theory and provides down-to-earth examples of concrete, applicable guidelines for helping students overcome setbacks and failure to foster lifelong success.

Her mission is to remind teachers of how important they are in the lives of children, highlighting both learning theory as well as tools for communication. She makes important points while sharing poignant stories and lots of laughs. She firmly believes that teachers need to be having fun, and staying in touch with their passion, to make their biggest impact in the classroom.

CLOSING SPEAKER BOB UPGREN

(Provided by Participating Schools and the Mayville Area Teacher Center)

As a former teacher and principal himself, Bob Upgren understands that selecting the perfect keynote speaker for your teacher in-service or event is an important decision.

For more than twenty years, Bob has consistently been the go-to speaker school districts and educational associations can count on to provide the "WOW" moment of their event. Drawing of his years of experience in education, he is able to connect with teachers, administrators, and board member in a way that few speakers are able.

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.

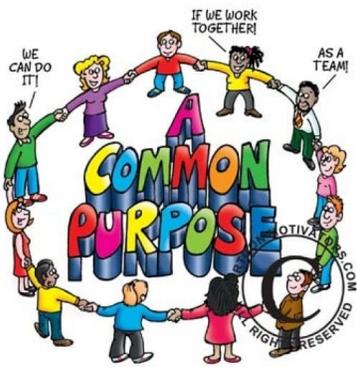
Over 1 million people have witnessed this presentation live, and the list of educational groups he has worked with reads like a who's who of organizational excellence. The National Education Association (NEA), National School Board Association, (NSBA), American Association of School Administrators (AASA), and the National Association of Secondary School Principals Association (NASSA), are a small portion of the educational groups who have benefited from Upgren's unique presentation and paradigm shifting content.



In addition to the fantastic speakers, the day will include an informative group of professionals on a mental health panel as well as the screening of the video, "Faded".

What's Happening

Grade/Subject Level Survey



On a Google Survey sent out earlier this school year, many of you indicated that you are very interested in Grade/Subject Level meetings with your colleagues from other schools in the Mayville Area Teacher Center Region. A new survey has been sent to your school contacts for you to fill out to help in the planning of these meetings. The link to the survey is also listed here if for some reason you did not receive the e-mail sent earlier today. Please fill out the survey by Friday, December 9th in order for me to begin organizing your meetings!

Mayville Area Teacher Center Grade/Subject Level Survey Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fkkBsjRGa4scDygVc7cOoYI8TLZi2xIKjV8TxjIDBiA/edit>



Save the Date: Wednesday, January 25th 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Sphero Training with Alyssa Horpedahl

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! A Sphero Sparks will be given away to one lucky teacher attending the workshop! Each teacher participating will be given a Certificate of Completion following the training as well as the chance to win a Sphero Spks coding ball of their own!

Register by e-mailing: donalee.strand.2@mayvillestate.edu by January 12th, 2017. Snacks will be provided during the workshop! More information will be sent to participants in January!

Reimagining the Classroom

97 teachers and MSU student teacher candidates attended the Reimagining the Classroom workshop presented by Kayla Delzer, recently on the campus of Mayville State University. The teachers attended two evenings of amazing learning opportunities including investigating the effects of the seating arrangements of children on their learning and Technology Apps that truly teach! Kayla is a pioneer in this area of educational research and is involved with several professional organizations involved in education. Many of the teachers are incorporating these ideas into their classrooms while working towards a continuing ed credit. Thank you to all of the teachers that attended!



Try Something New in Your Classroom!

Check out the list on Kit keeper to see what else is available ! Here is the link:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/kitkeeper/index.cfm?curOrg=mayville>

Available for all classrooms :



Available at the Mayville Area Teacher Center

Accucut Die Cut Machine: available Die Cuts:

- 2" and 4" Block ABC Dies
- 4" Dot ABC Die
- Shapes, Fraction Shapes, Card, Nature
- Holiday Assortment, Weather, Sports, People,



Reimagined Classroom Furniture:

Available for Check Out

Cushions	Yoga Mats	Beanbag Chair
Stability Balls	Stability Discs	Rugs
Hokki Chairs	IKEA Tables	



Elementary Kit Highlights (Grades K-6)

Super Gears Building Kits

(K-3)

New Osmo Apps:

Monster & Pizza Co.





For Educators

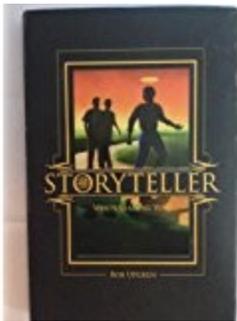


WEBSITES:

1. Epic for Educators: This is a free Online Book service for Grades K-5 offering high quality books for children to read online. <https://www.getepic.com/educators>

2. Teacher Goals Twitter: This Twitter site has a lot of inspiration for teachers: <https://twitter.com/teachergoals?lang=en>

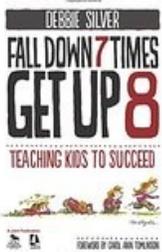
Book Shelf



Storyteller by Bob Uppgren

Bob is the speaker for our MLK Professional Development Day so I thought it would be fun to share his book on our bookshelf! The following is from the back of the book's dust jacket, "I know. I almost want to apologize. Do we really need another book on Leader-

ship? Nope. We need something else. We need a new leader. When you were young, it was OK to be led by God. It made sense to do what God asked you to do. Then somehow, entering the "rat race", clarity faded and you started listening to the world around you more closely than the God who created you. I wrote this book to address that issue and launch a discussion. A discussion that begins with one very simple question... "Who is Leading You?"



Fall Down 7 Times Get Up 8 by Debbie Thompson Silver

Debbie Silver is our other speaker for the MLK PD Day and although I shared this book last year on our bookshelf, I thought it would be great to remind us of her inspirational writing!

A fresh approach to getting kids to work smarter and better, not just harder

Award-winning teacher and best-selling author Debbie Silver addresses the relationship between student motivation and risking failure, calling failure a temporary "glitch" that provides valuable learning opportunities. She explains motivational theory, provides down-to-earth—often humorous—real life examples, and outlines concrete, applicable guidelines for helping students overcome setbacks and failure to foster lifelong success.

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