

MAYVILLE AREA TEACHER CENTER

Mayville Area Teacher Center Newsletter

May 2017

“May” You Have Great Memories of This School Year!

Memories, like the corners of my mind....ok, I didn't make that up! For those of you that are old enough, those are lyrics from a song, but as a teacher, those words are fitting. Is there really ever a moment you aren't thinking about school, your students(past and present) , your colleagues, lesson plans, workshops...the list goes on and on. I can almost guarantee, many of you, as you are looking forward to summer, are also planning on taking a workshop or two (see inside for opportunities you don't want to miss here at MSU:)).

It seems that even though summer break is coming, it really isn't a break for teachers. Oh you might head to the lake, but you more than likely are bringing a long “just a little school work”! You may be taking a trip with your family but “don't forget to grab my school bag”! A sunny afternoon out in the sun, “ I think I will read Ron Clark's Essential 55, I have been meaning to do that for a long time”. And that is exactly what makes you good teachers, you aren't just teaching, you are “being” a teacher. Grabbing those extra brochures on the family trip to Medora, New York, California, or Timbukto or asking for “extras for my kids, my school kids?” everywhere you go and walking around with a million bags flung over your shoulder and the shoulders of everyone in your family? I still say it is nothing short of a miracle that three of my sons are teachers, they spent their childhood carrying a lot of supplies around for “my kids”. They were always a little confused about their place in this world! All is well that ends well I always say:)

So, even though I love how dedicated you are to our profession, I do hope you will take some time off this summer, really take it off, and just enjoy the sun, the peace, the quiet....and then look inside for more opportunities to grow as a teacher...I wouldn't want you to get out of practice for too long:) Happy Summer and thank you for all of your support for the Mayville Area Teacher Center events during this school year!



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 2 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 3pm (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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Teacher Time II Workshop

When: Monday, June 5th & Tuesday, June 6th

Time: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Where: Room 118 Education Building on the campus of Mayville State University

Monday, June 5th: Participants will also choose three sessions from mini lessons on :

- 1. Wind Wise Education : Lisa Gapp (Grades 7-12)**
- 2. The Blowup Whale in the Classroom: Benjamin Strand (Grades K-6)**
- 3. STARLAB Portable Planetarium Training : Donalee Strand (Grades K-6)**
- 4. Mosquito Taxonomy, Ecology, Phenology, and Their Role in Disease Transmission: Dr. Joseph Mehus (Grade 7-12)**
- 5. Hands On Math in the Classroom: Jaci Lenz (Grades K-12)**
- 6. App Smash: Dr. Brittany Hagen (Grades K-12)**
- 7. Nurtured Heart Approach: Ashley Krinke (Grades K-12)**

Tuesday, June 6th: Planning for your classroom using kits, mini lesson ideas, Genius Hour. Participants will work on making, planning etc. for their own classroom.

Who is this for : This workshop is open to teachers K-12.

Credits

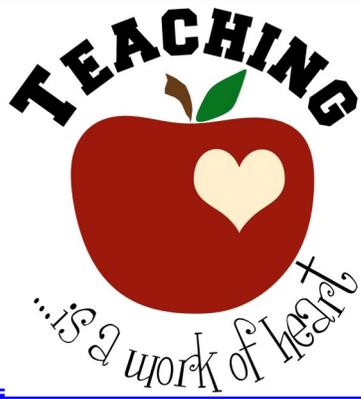
1 CEU available with an option of an additional credit for implementation upon request. If you wish to register for credit, register now by going to the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/lrzp7ys> (copy and paste works best!)

You may also register for the workshop without credit by e-mailing Donalee Strand:
donalee.strand.2@mayvillestate.ed

Registration is open from May 5th-May 20th.





Teacher Time II Presenters

Genius Hour

Follow our 3-year Genius Hour roadmap as we show you how Northern Cass fourth and fifth grade teachers and elementary counselor have transformed the way they teach and implement Genius Hour. They will provide you with a variety of resources and ideas to integrate and utilize in your own classroom. They will focus on the importance of the design and engineering process, integration of social-emotional skills within group work, and share their gradual release philosophy for Genius Hour.



Ashley Mickelson has taught 1st through 4th grade and is currently an adjunct professor at Mayville State University in the Education Department. Her first two and a half years of teaching was in Bagdad, Arizona as a 1st grade teacher. She came to Northern Cass Public School in 2009 and has taught 2nd through 4th grade. In 2016, she transitioned to a 4th grade Science/STEAM/Genius Hour position at Northern Cass. She has a passion for giving students an authentic hands-on learning experience.



Ashley Krinke taught 1st & 3rd grade her first two years of teaching in Valley City. She came to Northern Cass Public School in 2011 and taught 6th grade science and math for three years. In 2014, she transitioned to the elementary school counselor position at Northern Cass. She has a passion for integrating authentic social-emotional and behavioral learning opportunities within STEAM lessons and units. [Ashley is also presenting a mini lesson providing training with the Nurtured Heart classroom management system.](#)



Jodi Zieske started teaching at Northern Cass Public School in 2001 and taught 5th grade for the past 15 years. Last year, she transitioned to a 5th grade Science/STEAM/Genius Hour teacher. She has a passion for science and facilitating student led projects.

Mini Sessions:



[Benjamin Strand: Grade Three Teacher at Hillsboro Elementary: Whale Training](#)

[Lisa Gapp: Middle School Teacher at MPCG : Wind Wise Education](#)



[Jaci Lenz: Math Teacher at Northwood High School : Hands-On Math](#)

[Dr. Joseph Mehus: Professor of Biological Science at Mayville State University: Mosquito Taxonomy, Ecology, Phenology, and Their Role in Disease Transmission](#)



[Dr. Brittany Hagen: Professor of Elementary Education at Mayville State University: App Smashing](#)

Other Summer Professional Development

People and Places of the Red River Valley

North Dakota Geographic Alliance

Join us for the Summer 2017 Geography Institute! Gain knowledge about the unique landscapes of the Red River Valley through several field excursions. Explore ways to integrate GIS and aerial photography and satellite remote sensing into your classroom lessons. Learn about what it takes to get started with flying and collecting data from unmanned aircraft system platforms. Whether you are an elementary teacher looking for learning activities or a secondary educator looking to give students depth of understanding, this institute is for you! Three credits (\$50 per credit) and a \$100 class fee. Register online at <http://www.ndgeographic.org>. For more information contact Toni Schwartz-Johnson at 701-858-4490.

RRVWP

RED RIVER VALLEY WRITING PROJECT
Improving Literacy Instruction, K-16

2017 Summer Institute: Rural Literacies & Leadership for K-12 Teachers in Rural and Small-Town Schools UND Campus, Grand Forks, ND

2 credits, Housing Provided

This residential workshop is for teachers of any subject, at any grade level, whose schools are categorized as “rural” or “town” by nces.ed.gov. We will explore the opportunities and challenges of teaching literacy in rural schools, what it means to be a teacher-leader in a rural region, and the potential of literacy projects and practices to enhance rural sustainability. Participants will commit to follow-up activities during the school year, for which continuing education credit will also be available. Participants receive free campus housing and a stipend to cover the cost of travel, credits, and incidental expenses.

When is the Institute?

Pre-institute Orientation (online): May 21, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Summer Institute (face-to-face): July 17 - 21, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

School-year Follow-up: TBD

How can I apply?

By April 17, submit the following materials to kim.donehower@und.edu:

- ☑ a brief resume with current contact information;
- ☑ one supporting letter from a teacher colleague;
- ☑ a completed online recommendation from an administrator or supervisor, using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/xTcdURaUYM6b3c602>.
- ☑ a cover letter describing some of your current writing practices, your literacy interests, what you want to accomplish during the Summer Institute, and the leadership roles you've held.

Who we are

A site of the National Writing Project, the Red River Valley Writing Project is a grant-funded professional development and support network for K-college teachers. Its focus is to improve the teaching and use of writing across all grade levels and subject areas, to encourage teachers' personal and professional growth, and to create a network of teachers who can share their successes in teaching and using writing. Dr. Kelly Sassi at NDSU directs the RRVWP; Dr. Kim Donehower of UND leads this summer institute.

Red River Valley Writing Project, NDSU, Dept. 2320, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108, 701-231-7156

UND In-service Workshop June 8-9, 2017

What:

Educator Workshop with *Mars Mission* Centric Hands-on STEM Investigations

Who:

North Dakota K-12 Teachers and Pre-service Teachers

- Recommended for teachers of Grades 3-9
- Activities are adaptable to different grade levels

Where:

UND Campus – Grand Forks, ND

When:

June 8-9, 2017
(15 hours for 1 P.D. credit)

Workshop Content:

- Hands-on STEM activities building toward a mission to Mars
- NASA Resources
- Interactive Tour of Human Space Flight Laboratory
- Inflatable Planetarium

The purpose of this workshop is to help classroom teachers with new and innovative ways to advance science learning with students, through the use of various hands-on investigations and NASA content, working in teams toward a Mars mission. Teachers will also incorporate *SciGirls* strategies into existing lesson plans. Participants should plan to bring a laptop or iPad for online investigations.

Workshop Info [Flyer](#)

Sample Workshop Activities and Lesson Plans:

[NDSGC K-12 Teacher Workshop Activities](#) 

Human Space Flight Laboratory:

<http://www.human.space.edu/>

Are you interested in attending?

Email Caitlin Nolby (cnolby@space.edu) with the following information:

1. Name
2. School
3. Grade levels/subjects taught

Space is limited to 20 participants!



Watch for more details about the following upcoming 3 credit course for teachers and pre-service teachers to be offered online during the 2017 Summer Semester

Staying Present:
Mindfulness for Better Teaching and Learning
Instructor: Dr. Johanna Westby



GeoFIT ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES TOUR

YOU ARE INVITED TO A GeoFIT ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES TOUR BY FOREST SERVICE AND GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE

The ND Forest Service (North Dakota State University) and ND Geographic Alliance (Minot State University) invite K-12 teachers to their tenth Geographically FIT (Forestry Institute for Teachers) entitled "Environmental Perspectives" from August 7-10, 2017.

Aboard their "classroom on wheels" (charter bus), 50 teachers will visit sites where they'll participate in experiential learning activities and learn from guest speakers. The educators can expand their knowledge—studying how aspects of geology, geography and forests can work together to minimize environmental impacts and land disturbances, as well as improve and protect surface and ground water. They'll visit native ecosystems and analyze impacts on water quality, as well as walk through forests and study invasive species.

This four-day professional development workshop has an environmental focus for elementary and secondary school teachers from across the state and will help foster environmental responsibility of natural resources in stewards of all ages. The tour will include the Enbridge Berthold Station, Upper Souris Wildlife Refuge, Feland Farms, Turtle Mountain State Forest, International Peace Garden, Anishinabe Cultural Center on the Turtle Mountain Reservation, Towner State Nursery, and Denbigh Experimental Forest.

The concept of teaching the teachers appealed to Enbridge, which awarded the organizers a \$10,000 Ecofootprint grant, which is helping to reduce the fees in 2016 and 2017. This allows more teachers to take part in the workshop.

"The teachers will pass on what they learn to student after student, year after year," says Cindy Finch, Enbridge's community investment advisor based in Duluth, MN.

There is only a \$25 registration fee and teachers are responsible for their two credits (\$100) that can be obtained from Minot State University, North Dakota State University, or the University of North Dakota. Registration is open now online at <http://www.ndgeographic.org> until July 17, 2017.

For more information, contact <mailto:Glenda.Fauske@ndsu.edu> / (701) 228-5446 or <mailto:Jeff.Beck@minot.k12.nd.us> / (701) 240-6248.



THANK YOU TEACHERS FOR ALL YOU DO

This is What Teacher Appreciation Week Looked Like in Your Schools!

Northwood: Breakfast for the Teachers

Central Valley: Booster Club provided treats all week. Staff supper at the Speedway and the Student Council served breakfast.

Hillsboro: The HCV Booster Club had rolls for the teachers. The Hillsboro School Board had a meat and cheese tray and the announcements reminded everyone that it was Teacher Appreciation Week.

Hatton: Superintendent Rogers took recess and lunch duty for the faculty for three weeks. The teachers celebrated with a Teacher Appreciation Dinner at the Lakeview Restaurant

Northern Cass: 5th Grade Peer Leaders coordinated a Cinco de Mayo themed lunch for ALL staff. Northern Cass also provided muffins for teachers and staff.

Hope -Page: The teachers were treated to daily treats, snacks in the teacher's lounge as well as massages on Friday!

Try Something New in Your Classroom! Remember you can Reserve Kits on Kitkeeper!

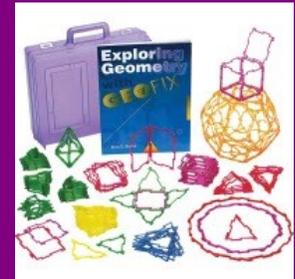


Demolition Lab : Build structures, set blasters, detonate and demolish! Learn about gravity, momentum, energy and other demolition science secrets by building giant buildings, then demolishing them with one, two, or three blasters.

Geofix Connects: Contains a variety of flexible, see-through geometrical shapes that can be snapped together to create other geometrical shapes and designs.



Bloxels: A hands-on platform for kids to build, collaborate, and tell stories through video game creation. Build your own video games with *Bloxels*



Countries of the World Text Set

This text kit is a Collection of 48 books related to various countries that help support classroom curriculum at many reading levels.

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For Educators

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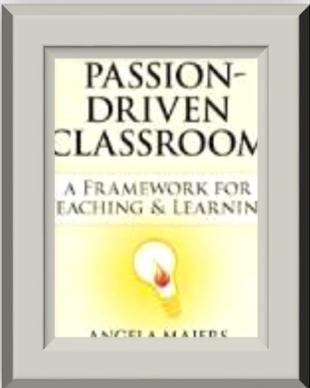
Mystery Science: *Mystery Science* offers open-and-go lessons that inspire kids to love science. The hook, visuals, and activity have all been prepared for you. <https://mysteryscience.com/>



National Geographic for Kids: Have your students ever asked you a question like, "What are baby penguins called?" Well, National Geographic Kids has the answer! Kids can watch videos, play games, and best of all, learn about animals, nature and the world around them. You know, in case you don't know *everything!*

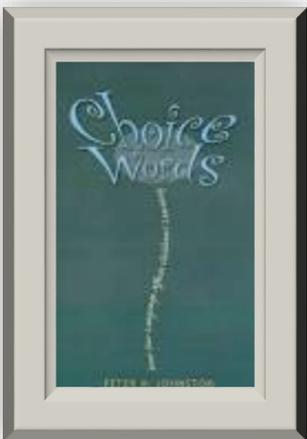
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Book Shelf



The Passion Driven Classroom by Amy Sandvold and Jessica Maiers

Turn your classroom into a thriving community of learners! In *The Passion-Driven Classroom*, bestselling authors Angela Maiers and Amy Sandvold show you how to spark and sustain your students' energy, excitement, and love of learning.



Choice Words by Peter Johnston

In productive classrooms, teachers don't just teach *children* skills: they build emotionally and relationally healthy *learning* communities. ... Throughout, Peter Johnston provides examples of apparently ordinary *words*, phrases, and uses of *language* that are pivotal in the orchestration of the classroom.

Advisory Board

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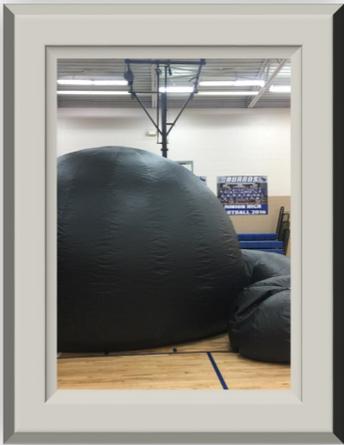
Coordinator

Dr. Andi Dulski-Bucholz:

Mayville State ; Director

Central Valley Public School

On April 24th , I visited Central Valley Public School and brought with the STARLAB Portable Planetarium (I know, that isn't such a big surprise:)). I had the honor of visiting Mrs. Katie Krogstad's 2nd grade and it was great to see them in "action" studying about planets with one of our Mayville State Students. Mrs. Krogstad asked to check out the STARLAB and she shared it with other classrooms throughout that week! This was my last visit for this school year and the Central Valley School was a great school to end on! From the smiling students in the hallways to the welcoming faculty and administrators the amount of learning that takes place in that school and in all of the schools in the area is so inspiring! Thank you to Central Valley and all of the other schools in the Teacher Center Region for sharing your schools with me this year!



STARLAB comes to Central Valley!



Treats for the Teachers



Trying out the Hokki Chairs!