

January 27, 2006



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**Curriculum
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Professional Development Days

Our next early release day is this Monday, January 30th. Chautauqua staff members will be working on math curriculum and assessment. McMurray staff members will be working on first semester grades. Vashon Island High School staff members will be working on writing alignment and assessment. Your building principal will provide an agenda for the day.

There are no early release days in February.

Writing

The writing guide is posted on the curriculum Web site.

Mathematics

The latest draft of the mathematics guide will be posted on the curriculum Web site within the next few days.

Changes to the Curriculum Team

The position of Teacher Leader in Writing ends today. Building principals will work with departments and/or grade level teams to continue our work in this area. Thank you to Larry Dubois for leading the process over the last year.

The Teacher Leader in Mathematics position will continue until about mid-May. Steve Sears will continue in this position.

Last Friday, the Amy Sassara, Human Resources Director, posted positions for Teacher Leader in Reading and Teacher Leader for the Arts. Please submit a letter of interest to Amy if you would like to apply for one of these positions. The deadline to submit your letter is today, Friday, January 27th.

Professional Development Opportunities In-district

- Professional Book Club, Mondays 3:30 to 4:30 at Chautauqua
- Ongoing Web site support, contact Stephanie or Peter for assistance
- Walking Group, Wednesdays, 2:45 pm, meet at VHS (change in time and location)
- PhotoShop Elements, Wednesday, February 1st and 6th, 3:30 pm, VHS Room A-4
- Reading Strategies for the Elementary, Tuesday, February 7th, 3:30 pm, CES Room 211
- Differentiated Instruction (PK-12), Saturday, February 11th, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, McMurray
- Algebra Tiles, Tuesday, February 28th, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, VHS Room A-5

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