

March 31, 2006



March 17th

**Curriculum
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Professional Development Day

April 7th is our next early release day. Staff from Chautauqua and McMurray will spend part of their day working on PK through Grade 8 Reading. They also have building level activities scheduled. CES staff will have a building meeting, technology trainings, and grade level meetings. McMurray staff will have a building meeting and time to plan for Exploratory Week, etc. The staff at Vashon Island High School will have a guest presenter. The presentation will cover ideas for creating a safe and accepting environment for all students. The speaker is being funded through a grant that was co-authored by VHS and VYFS. There is a Type II Driver Training at 2:00 in the McMurray Library.

Writing

See notes from Friday, March 17th. The curriculum guide is available on-line. If you have identified any needs for instructional materials such as Writer’s Inc., Elements of Writing, or Rebecca Sitton’s Sourcebook for Teaching Spelling and Word Skills, please let me know.

Mathematics

Steve is working to complete new edits for the math guide. He will also be working to complete lesson correlations for Everyday Mathematics.

The Arts

Stephen met with the arts group on Friday, March 17th. Notes will be forthcoming.

Reading

Welcome to Janis McElroy our new Teacher Leader in Reading. Janis has been meeting with grade level teams and building principals.

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

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