



Elementary Professional Development Day

12/7/2023



November 30, 2023

Greetings all!

Our next Professional Development day is one week from today - Thursday, December 7, 2023. We have a variety of sessions planned, descriptions of which are outlined below. You will also find attached to this email a schedule which will let you know what you are expected to register for.

Special Education "Check-in" - 8:00 - 9:00 - Sherry Trainque will be joining us for the first hour of the day to discuss how we currently provide special education, and discuss strategies for improvement.

- *All elementary staff*

Competency-based Learning - 9:00 - 3:00 - Selected staff will meet with Dan Joseph to begin to look at how we can adopt a competency-based approach to math instruction.

- *Full Day session for identified staff members*

EarlyBird Data Meeting - Select K and One teachers will work with EarlyBird staff looking at beginning of the year data.

- *9:00 - 10:00 - Kindergarten teachers*
- *10:00 - 11:00 - Grade One teachers*

Differentiation Strategies - various times during the day - Cindy Sykes will lead sessions on effective differentiation strategies for elementary classrooms.

- *9:00 - 10:00 - Grade One teachers*
- *10:00 - 11:00 - Kindergarten teachers*
- *12:00 - 2:00 - Grade 2-5 Teachers*

Language Structure - Stephanie Woodward will lead a session unpacking the language structure strand of Scarborough's Reading Rope. She will also be introducing how to use Reciprocal Teaching to support comprehension.

- *9:00 - 11:00 - Teachers, Grades 2-5*
- *12:00 - 2:00 - Teachers, Grades K and 1*

Paraprofessional “Scavenger Hunt” - Join Joey Flournoy as we talk about ways to better support students in the classroom.

- 9:00 - 11:00 - Open to all paraprofessionals not enrolled in the ABA Online Training program.

Paraprofessional Planning session - A continuation of the discussion begun during our last PD session on developing “cheat sheets” to support students in the absence of the usually assigned paraprofessional.

- 12:00 - 2:00 - Open to all paraprofessionals not enrolled in the ABA Online Training program.

Paraprofessional ABA Online Asynchronous Training - Paraprofessionals can choose to start this asynchronous course and complete it in the next 180 days. You register by 12/1/2023 so that we can register you.

- 9:00 - 2:00 - Independent study for interested paraprofessionals

Grade Level Planning Time - All staff (including paraprofessionals) have this hour to meet with grade-level partners to discuss learning from the day, special education considerations or curriculum-related concerns

- 2:00 - 3:00 - All staff

“New” IEP training - Mandatory training for all Special Education staff. All special educators and those that write IEPs will be together for a full-day to unpack the new IEP form.

- 8:00 - 3:00 - All special educators and those that write IEPs (Special ed teachers, SLPs, Psychologists, BCBAs, OT, Coordinators, School Adjustment Counselors)
- Presented by: Jannel Fitzpatrick and Sherry Trainque
- Location: Tahanto Multi-Purpose room.

SMART-EDU will open starting today, Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 9:00am for registration for any staff members seeking PDPs. SMART-EDU can be found by going to the Berlin-Boylston website, clicking on the Staff Links, and then clicking SMART-EDU OR going directly to SMART-EDU through the following link:

<https://app.smartedu.net/berlin-boylston/pd/default.cfm>

Once you have entered your name (first initial - last name i.e jsmith, then enter your password. New staff will type a default password of bbpd and will be asked to reset their password.

Next, click on the following: offering (on left side of screen) and scroll to: December 7, 2023 Professional Development Day to register for your workshops.

Thank you,

Cindy & John

