



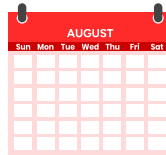
Teaching & Learning Newsletter



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August Professional Development



We can't wait for you to see what we have planned!

In an effort to work toward vertical alignment, we have asked Dr. Shelley Moore to come to Steilacoom to work with us to share a common message around Universal Design for Learning, inclusion, and literacy.

Be sure to bring a lesson you want to work on while Shelley is here. She will be providing strategies, lesson design tips, an opportunity for you to collaborate with your teams, and seek her expert advice on planning for all students. While you wait to see Shelley in person, check out this quick Five Moore Minutes video from her collection!



UFLI

The University of Florida Literacy Institute Implementation training will provide K-3 staff with an in-depth overview of the UFLI Foundations program. The training session will cover essential background knowledge components, the 8 steps of the program, and progress monitoring and differentiation.

Participants will have an opportunity to see lesson steps modeled and engage in hands-on practice with support.

Additional Support

We have created a UFLI Implementation Team to provide additional support, professional learning on ACE Days and on the October 11th day as staff implement this new curriculum. Be sure to reach out to them when you need assistance!

Be GLAD, Secondary

In June 2024, we offered an optional, paid opportunity for secondary educators to participate in GLAD professional learning. The feedback was so positive that building principals jumped at the chance to extend this opportunity to all secondary teachers on October 11th. After October 11th, all K-12 teachers will have received GLAD training at least once over the past two years, ensuring our students benefit from vertically aligned classroom strategies across all grade levels.

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Student Services



Meet Dr. Kari
Terjeson

Dr. Terjeson brings extensive experience in classroom teaching, school, and district administration, with deep expertise in early learning, intervention, and special education. She has led the implementation of RTI in secondary programs and delivered seminars on reading, foundational literacy, and special education. In her most recent role as Director of Special Education in Yakima, she has overseen autism programs across 17 classrooms. As a former military spouse, Dr. Terjeson is enthusiastic about supporting our military-connected students, families, and staff.



Meet Rachel
Axtelle

Rachel is a National Board Certified special education teacher and Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She has over 28 years of experience supporting individuals with disabilities in public, private and international settings. In her work as an educator, instructional coach, supervisor and behavior specialist commitment has been to develop sustainable inclusionary practices.

Student Services Workshop

Certificated special education staff:
Please join us for the SPED Workshop
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
August 21, 2024

New Hire Information before and after the
regular agenda.
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Please take our Special Education PD Survey

[This survey](#) is for all
SHSD stakeholders.
We want to know what
you want to know
about special
education



Please Welcome

Amy Prisco, Student Services Specialist

Rachel Carney, School Psychologist

Sauna Mann, School Psychologist

Justine Levy, SLP

Kristie McKiddy, Special Education
Teacher at Pioneer Middle School.

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