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What I did on my Summer Vacation !



While many of us were at the beach, on the boat, in the backyard or in far away places there were those who took advantage of the Teacher Center's summer courses. Those teachers braved heat and humidity to learn Spanish, Web Design, Getting Ready For September, Software Overview, Being A Reading Detective, Enrich Your Lessons With Technology and Excel. There were classes given at varying times during the summer to help fit into our hectic summer days. The Teacher Center offers a variety of courses and events during the year. Take advantage of our offerings to hone your skills or learn new ones. Good luck to all in using your new found knowledge this year!

SAVE THESE DATES

October 22, 5:30-8:30 PM

Parent University

November 4, 7:30-2:30

Peter Yarrow

Operation Success

November 18, 7:30 AM-3 PM

Standards Conference

January 20, 7:30 AM-3 PM

Technology Conference

FROM THE DIRECTORS

The Teacher Center is here to meet our professional needs and interests. This year we have planned a variety of activities, conferences and courses. Plan your year around the TRACT calendar. Take advantage of equipment and software that are available for loan. Visit your satellite center or stop by the TRACT office at Adelphi University. Let us know how the Center can help you fulfill your goals during the year. We look forward to hearing from you.

Les Cohn and Etta Schneiderman

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GRANTS

Develop a Mini-Grant.

The deadline for applying is October 31.

Information and an application can be found at www.nassautract.org, in the course catalog or ask your facilitator.

Visit these Websites for grants outside the TRACT teacher center. Remember!!

You have to be in it to win it. Good Luck

www.grantshotline.com

www.eschoolnews.com

BEST PRACTICES

Have a favorite lesson plan? Know a colleague who has a great unit?

There are great things happening in our schools.

We will be publishing a Best Practices Booklet. Send your entries to best@nassautract.org. Share what happens in your classroom and school.

LISTSERVE

Join the TRACT email list for the latest info and updates.

Send an email to list@nassautract.org to join.

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WEB SITES

Lesson Plans –

www.nyiteez.org/MarcoPoloNY/marcopolony.htm

Register to collaborate with a school in the Ukraine by visiting

www.globalschoolhouse.org/pr/_cfm/GetDetail.cfm?pID=2303

Quick access to a myriad of reference sources -

www.refdesk.com

Educational resources - www.academicinfo.com

Literature source with indexed and searchable texts -

www.bartleby.com

EQUIPMENT/SOFTWARE FOR LOAN

Our Teacher Center has laptops and equipment for you to borrow and software that you can preview. To view the list visit www.nassautract.org and follow the links to equipment/software. You can reserve material online or call the office to see if your choice is available. If you reserve online call the office to make sure the items you need are available.

COLLABORTIVE LEARNING - LEARNING CENTERS

Plan to borrow 5 laptop computers to use in your classroom. You may keep the computers for several weeks until your project is completed. The computers can be set up with software of your choosing, if available.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Do you have an expertise in the area of Technology? Know someone in your school who does? Share your talents at the annual Technology Helps Educate Conference on January 20.

Each presentation should be two hours in length.

Send an email with the topic and brief description to: the@nassautract.org

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