



Upstate Schools Consortium Seminars 2017-2018

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Baruti K. Kafele

The Principal 50: Inspiring Schoolwide Excellence

For Principals, Assistant Principals, and Aspiring School Leaders

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Based on his best-selling book, *The Principal 50: Critical Leadership Questions for Inspiring Schoolwide Excellence*, Principal Kafele makes the case for building a learning environment that inspires schoolwide excellence, particularly in lower-performing schools. In this high-energy, highly-engaging workshop, he will challenge principals, assistant principals, and aspiring principals to look critically within themselves through reflective questions about their leadership practices relative to how they inspire energy, excitement, and enthusiasm for learning throughout their buildings daily. Principal Kafele will lay out the touchstones for maintaining strong leadership habits, inspiring excellence and collaboration in others, and engaging an entire school community in striving to be the best. You don't want to miss this opportunity. Register now for this outstanding presentation!

Pam Harris

Building Powerful Numeracy

For Middle and High School Educators

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Pamela Weber Harris is the new lead author of *Discovering Advanced Algebra* and author of *Building Powerful Numeracy for Middle & High School Students*, *Lessons & Activities for Building Powerful Numeracy*, and *Building Powerful Numeracy: A Facilitator's Guide*. A former secondary mathematics teacher, Pam currently teaches at Texas State University and is a K-12 mathematics education consultant. As secondary educators recognize, too many students struggle with basic numeracy, and this affects success in higher math. During this seminar, Pam will provide teachers with practical ways to enhance student success by reviewing the major efficient strategies that build a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. She will also demonstrate how to implement these strategies and discuss their place with traditional algorithms. Middle and high school educators don't want to miss this informative seminar!

Laney Sammons

Guided Math: A Framework for Elementary Math Instruction

For Elementary Educators

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Laney Sammons is the author of *Guided Math: A Framework for Mathematics Instruction*, as well as numerous other books on mathematics education. During her years in the classroom, Sammons developed the *Guided Math Framework* as a way of meeting the needs of all of her students - from the struggling learners to those who quickly mastered concepts and needed additional challenges. When this approach was implemented at her school, the results increased passage rates on state tests and the percentage of students who exceeded the standards. During this seminar, Laney will describe the seven components of Guided Math and discuss ways teachers can implement the program in their classrooms. She will also review strategies to integrate planning for small-group lessons and math workshops that encourage a flexible instructional format which allows them to meet the diverse needs of their students. Register now for this fantastic seminar!

Penny Kittle

Book Love: Connecting Students to Books and Each Other

For Middle and High Educators

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Penny Kittle is a nationally-recognized literacy expert and author of numerous books, including *Book Love: Developing Depth, Stamina, and Passion in Adolescent Readers*; *Children Want to Write*; and *Write beside Them: Risk, Voice, and Clarity in High School Writing*. She currently serves as the Professional Development Coordinator for the Conway School District in New Hampshire. During this powerful seminar, Penny will discuss how reading habits emerge through careful and purposeful modeling and instruction. She will offer middle and high school educators invaluable strategies for helping students to engage with books, to develop stamina to read more, and to challenge themselves as readers. She will describe how to create classroom conditions grounded in key principles that foster motivation, relevance, engagement, and success. Participants will also learn how to encourage students to have meaningful talk with both core texts and independent books. Register now for this incredible seminar!