

Block I- Friday Morning Professional Learning Breakout Sessions

A. Teach Every Subject Better: Why Elementary Students Need STEM

Education without student engagement or critical thinking isn't education at all. In this session we'll dive into ways elementary teachers can use STEM practices to teach every subject better and develop the kind of empathetic problem solvers that will change the world for the better.

2017 PA ToY, Mr. Mike Soskil

B. Your First Three Years: How to Handle Trying Scenarios and Get Involved

We will discuss real life scenarios that have happened to actual teachers in their first three years in the job. In a table group exercise, we will troubleshoot and problem solve in ways that will help you make the best possible decisions for your future in education.

Ms. Jennifer Wahl- 2018 PA ToY

C. Creativity to Connect

Mr. Joe Welch, 2020 PA ToY

Examines methods that can enhance both student creativity and literacy as we put students in positions to personalize their experience as young learners. From creating graphic novels, leveraging music, to creating animations and documentaries we will discuss everyone can create.

D. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) 101: A review of theory, tools and effectiveness

Explore the fundamental assumptions of the applied behavior analytic approach to assessment, intervention planning and supporting learners w/ exceptionalities. Concepts explored include philosophical assumptions of ABA, functional behavioral assessment, intervention planning, implementation & more.

Dr. Eric Bieniek, Slippery Rock University Professor of Education

E. What Every Pre-Professional Educator Should Know as They Transition from College to Career

Session includes tips on making the most of your student teaching experience, understanding certification and tenure, an overview of PDE's new PA Teacher Effectiveness System and its components, as well as strategies and resources to help assure that you are ready to transition from college into being a career educator.

Dr. Christopher M. Clayton, NBCT, Ph.D., PSEA Director Education Services

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Block II- Friday Afternoon Professional Learning Breakout Sessions

A. Advice, Tips, and Strategies from the 2017, 2018, & 2020 PA Teachers of the Year

Participants will be able to ask questions and receive sage advice, techniques, stories, and strategies from the 2017, 2018, and 2020 PA Teachers of the Year! How awesome is that?!! (K-12)

Mr. Mike Soskil, Ms. Jennifer Wahl, & Mr. Joe Welch

B. Mindfulness and Education of the Heart in the Elementary Classroom Today

This session focuses on keeping the whole-heart at the center of your elementary classroom using mindfulness and social emotional learning approaches, strategies, & resources.

Mrs. Lauren Sullivan, Kennett Consolidated School District 4th Grade Teacher

C. Tech in the Classroom Today 2.0: Web Resources & Apps for Today's Digital Age Teachers and Students

Session introduces participants to Harry Wong's work on classroom "procedures" and Robert Marzano's work on the most effective research-based classroom management strategies. Participants will walk away with an enhanced understanding of where their own practice is strongest, learn from the strategies, techniques, examples of other teachers and will leave with numerous resources and strategies to improve their own craft and technique immediately within the confines of their own classroom.

Dr. Christopher M. Clayton, NBCT, Ph.D. (PSEA)

D. Essential Elements of Writing Instruction

Regardless of what ELA program your district adopts, there are research-based best practices in writing instruction that are essential to moving your young writers forward. In this interactive session, you will learn these essential elements of writing instruction in your classroom.

Ms. Suzanne Dailey, Central Bucks School District Staff Development Specialist

E. Classroom Environments for Early Childhood/Elementary Teachers

This session will explore the impact of classroom design, management, and structure on the development of a cohesive elementary classroom community that meets students' diverse needs (K-6)

Dr. Michelle Amodei & Dr. Rebecca Parks, Slippery Rock and Mansfield University Professors of Ed

Block III- Saturday Morning Professional Learning Breakout Sessions

A. Student PSEA Alumni Panel: What might my first year OUT of college be like?

Panelists discuss different avenues that emerge in your first year out of college as an educator. (K-12)

Student PSEA Alumni Panel

B. Let the Kids Lead! Student Agency & Activism in the Elementary Classroom

Participants will explore how we can create classrooms that nurture our youngest learners and leaders. We will be finding our "WHY" for this work with young learners, defining social justice and student agency in an elementary context, and build our capacity by creating action plans & problem solve.

Ms. Krishawna Goins, Loudoun County (VA) Public Schools First Grade Teacher



C. Understanding Gifted Learners: Are You Prepared?

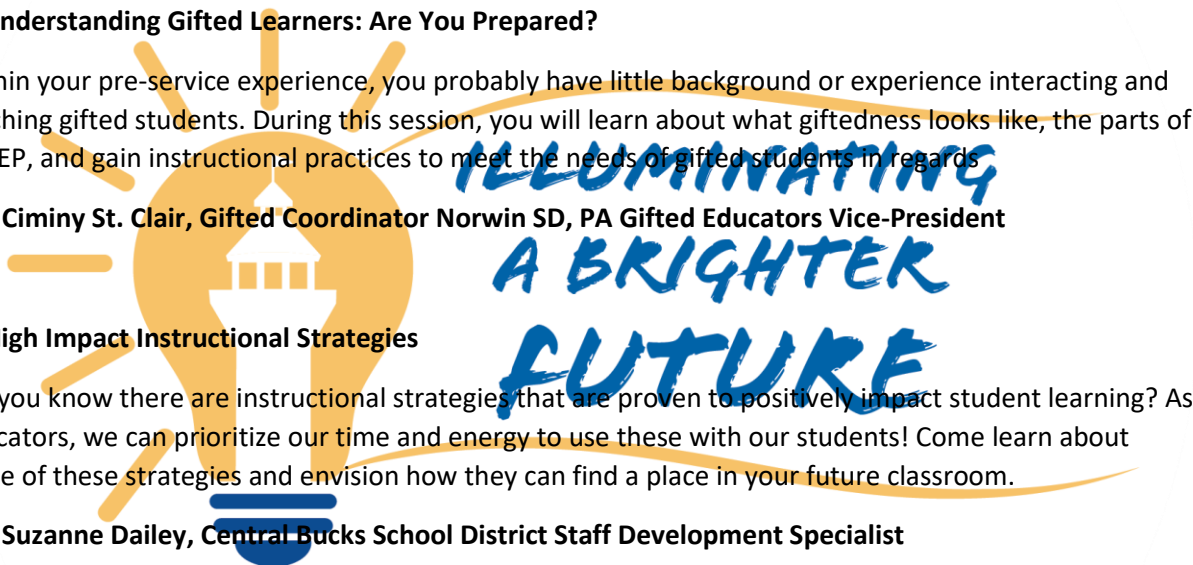
Within your pre-service experience, you probably have little background or experience interacting and teaching gifted students. During this session, you will learn about what giftedness looks like, the parts of a GIEP, and gain instructional practices to meet the needs of gifted students in regards

Ms. Ciminy St. Clair, Gifted Coordinator Norwin SD, PA Gifted Educators Vice-President

D. High Impact Instructional Strategies

Did you know there are instructional strategies that are proven to positively impact student learning? As educators, we can prioritize our time and energy to use these with our students! Come learn about some of these strategies and envision how they can find a place in your future classroom.

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