

January 2020

ESU 8 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

2020 Winter Workshop

Sponsored by ESU 8 & Norfolk Public Schools

Monday, January 20th

9:00am – 3:00pm

Johnny Carson Theater at Norfolk High

801 Riverside Blvd, Norfolk



RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

Rachel's Challenge exists to equip and inspire individuals to replace acts of violence, bullying, and negativity with acts of respect, kindness, and compassion. Rachel's Challenge is based on the life and writings of Rachel Joy Scott who was the first victim of the Columbine school shootings in 1999. Through her example, Rachel's Challenge is making a positive impact in the lives of millions of people.

Superintendents, principals, teachers, parents, and students bring Rachel's Challenge into their schools because of escalating problems such as: bullying, student isolation, teen suicide, discrimination, school violence, and increased disciplinary actions. Through powerful presentations, community events, and professional development, Rachel's Challenge provides the sustainable solution.

Rachel's inspiring story provides a simple, yet powerful example of how small acts of kindness and acceptance motivate us to consider our relationships with the people we come in contact with every day. Rachel's Challenge renews our hope that our life has meaning and purpose. Rachel's story gives us permission to start our own chain reaction of kindness and compassion, which positively affects the climate in our schools and communities.

Registration is closed, however, for more information visit esu8winterworkshop.weebly.com or contact Heidi Rethmeier at Heidi.rethmeier@esu8ne.org.

A Community Presentation will be held that evening at 7:00 pm at the same location. It is **FREE** and open to the public; the target audience is ages 12-112.

Note: The ESU 8 Offices will be closed until approximately 1:00pm for the Winter Workshop and there will be no school at the ESU 8 Learning Centers.

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PE Teacher Collaboration Day

Wednesday, January 8
9:00am – 2:30pm

ESU 8
110 W 3rd in Neligh

Molly Aschoff is the contact for this event, maschoff@esu8.org.

This event is for ESU 8 area PE Teachers and lunch will be provided. There is a \$20 registration fee for this event.

Please register online at <https://registration.esu8.org/>.

Writing Revolution Book Study Launch

Monday, January 27
9:00am – 3:00pm

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Katie Morrow is the organizer of this event. If you have questions, you may contact her at katie@esu8.org.

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LEAD. SERVE. SUPPORT.

The Writing Revolution Book Study

Jan - May 2020

Do you feel like you **assign** writing but not **teach** it?
Let's work together to **turn weak writers into strong communicators** by leading a Writing Revolution* in your classroom.

Register today at esu8.org

Launch Date: January 27, 2020
Held from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at ESU 8

Follow up participation will be online weekly through Canvas.

Registration cost in \$40 which includes lunch and the book *The Writing Revolution* by Judith Hochman

Facilitated by Steph Lundgren & Katie Morrow
Target audience: Grade 3-12 Teachers

The Writing Revolution
A GUIDE TO ADVANCE THINKING THROUGH WRITING IN ALL SUBJECTS AND GRADES
Judith C. Hochman
Natalie Wexler
FOREWORD BY Doug Lemov
JOSSEY-BASS
A Wiley Brand

*Implement regular, intentional exercises in a content-rich environment to expand students' writing range.

New Teacher Academy

Tuesday, January 28
9:00am – 3:00pm

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Heidi Rethmeier is the organizer of this event. If you have questions, you may contact her at hrethmeier@esu8.org.

New Teacher Academy is an opportunity for 1st year teachers to collaborate and build knowledge and skills. Please bring an electronic device. Lunch will be provided. Your presenter is Heidi Rethmeier.

Please register online by Monday, January 27th.

ESU 8 Administrative Assembly

Wednesday, January 29
9:00am – 1:00pm

ESU 8
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If you have questions regarding this event, contact Corey Dahl at cdahl@esu8.org.

ESU 8 area Administrators will meet and lunch will be provided. Presenters will include Corey Dahl and ESU 8 Department Coordinators.

Please register by Friday, January 24th.

BrightBytes Data Dig

Thursday, January 30
9:00am – 3:00pm

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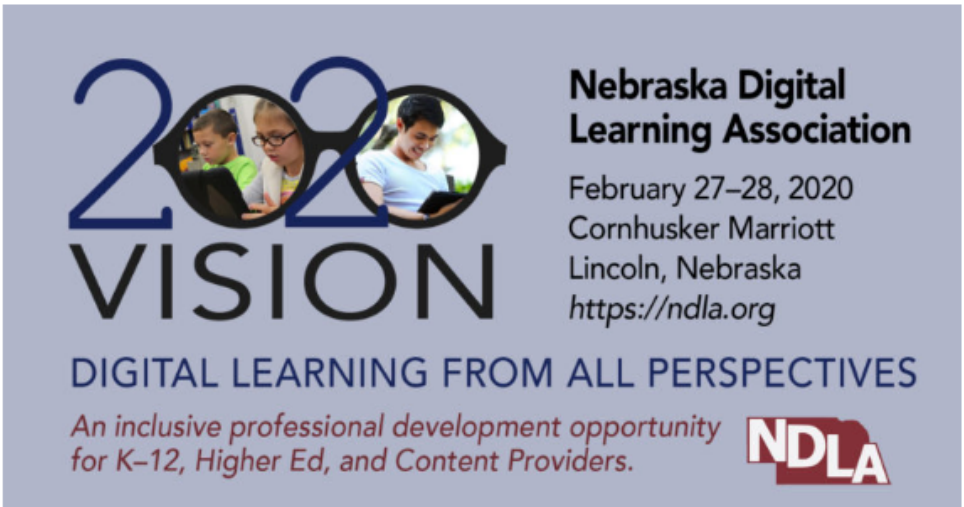
Molly Aschoff is the contact for this event, maschoff@esu8.org.

Becky Blink, BrightBytes Consultant, will be here for member schools to “dig” into the Brightbytes data that has been collected by their school. Lunch will be provided.

Please register by Wednesday, January 22nd.

NDLA 2020 Conference

Molly Aschoff is the contact for this event, maschoff@esu8.org.

The graphic features the text '2020 VISION' in large blue letters, with the '0's containing images of students using technology. To the right, it says 'Nebraska Digital Learning Association' in bold black text, followed by the dates 'February 27–28, 2020', the location 'Cornhusker Marriott Lincoln, Nebraska', and the website 'https://ndla.org'. Below this, it reads 'DIGITAL LEARNING FROM ALL PERSPECTIVES' in blue, and 'An inclusive professional development opportunity for K–12, Higher Ed, and Content Providers.' in red. The NDLA logo is in the bottom right corner.

Nebraska Digital Learning Association
February 27–28, 2020
Cornhusker Marriott
Lincoln, Nebraska
<https://ndla.org>
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Graphic taken from the NDLA website: <https://ndla.org>

2020 Quiz Bowl for Grades 9-12

Tuesday, March 3
9:00am – 2:30pm

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Please register your teams for the Quiz Bowl(s) by January 17th.

If you have questions, contact Marlin Seevers at mseevers@esu8.org.



This academic quiz bowl for grades 9-12 will be double elimination again. Each school may register one team of up to six and up to two alternates. Spectators may bring pencil and paper, if desired. There will be a lunch break about noon. Attendees may bring their own lunch to eat on-site or choose a local restaurant.

Please register your team(s) online at www.esu8.org by Friday, January 17. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Marlin Seevers at mseevers@esu8.org.

2020 Quiz Bowl for Grades 6-8

Wednesday, March 4
9:00am – 2:30pm

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This academic quiz bowl for grades 6-8 will be double elimination again. Each school may register one team of up to six and up to two alternates. Spectators may bring pencil and paper if desired. There will be a lunch break about noon. Attendees may bring their own lunch to eat on-site or choose a local restaurant.

Please register your team(s) online at www.esu8.org by Friday, January 17. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Marlin Seevers at mseevers@esu8.org.

Perkins V Grant Update

By Tammy Cheatum

Please reach out to Tammy with any questions/concerns that you may have at Tammy.cheatum@esu8ne.org or call 402-887-5041 x 1230.

Now that the holidays are over, back to work and thinking about the new information for Perkins V. The ESU 8 consortia will still continue to exist as Perkins V rolls out. There are some changes that will be required. Even though I will be writing the local application, each school district that is a part of the consortia will need to complete a local needs assessment which ties in with the reVISION process. There are seven schools that went through the first reVISION process. Those schools do not need to start over but will need to make some adjustments by taking a look at their CTE programs. In other words, the local needs assessment and the reVISION are a requirement if schools are wanting to receive Perkins funds.



I will be working very diligently to assist the school districts in getting started with this task. I will be sending each public school administrator a Doodle Poll during the first week of January (when schools are back in session) to gather some common dates on when I could come out to help with this process. This work needs to be completed by February 28, 2020 when we send it to our regional convener. Regional meetings will be set up in March and April to complete the element of how CTE programs are aligned to the needs of the future workforce.

You can go to this website <https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/revision/> to find the reVISION Guidebook and Resource Manual, along with an introductory video and FAQ explaining the process.

You are also encouraged to click on this link <https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/perkins-v-state-plan/> to review the state plan and then click on the link to 'provide input on the Perkins V State Plan a little lower on the website.

Please reach out to me with any questions/concerns that you may have at Tammy.cheatum@esu8ne.org or call 402-887-5041 x 1230.

Check Out the Green Screen Kit

From the ESU 8 Media Center



*If you are interested in
experimenting with a
green screen, just email
Linda Thompson at
lmiller@esu8.org.*

Your ESU 8 Media Center has two Green Screen kits that you can borrow! Green Screens are used to create videos. It is a post-production effect that allows video editors to replace backgrounds and insert footage or images into their scenes. It replaces a solid-colored background from behind the subject of a photo (or video) with a new background.

Each Green Screen kit includes: 16 tubes to construct the screen, green sheet of material, 6 clamps, iPad with charger/power cord, mini microphone, tripod stand, iPad mount, Zax Sound condenser Microphone, mini tripod stand for microphone. Everything you need to make your own video or movie!