

Newsletter

Educational Service Unit 8

Reminder: 2020 ESU 8 Academic Quiz Bowls!

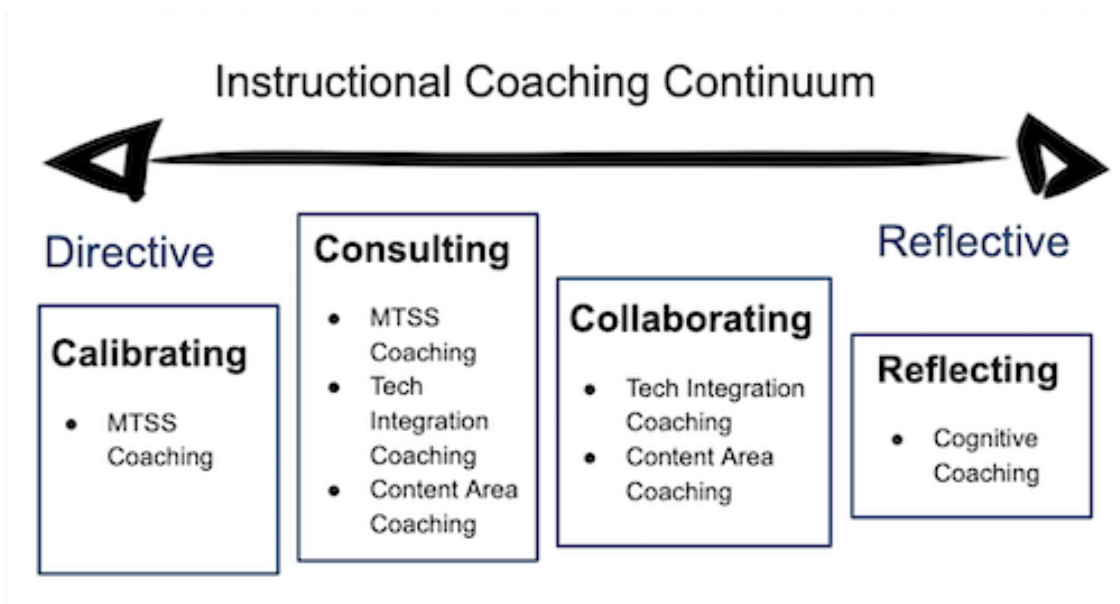
The 2020 Quiz Bowl for Grades 9-12
will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd
with a start time of 9:00am and an end
time of approximately 2:30pm.

The 2020 Quiz Bowl for Grades 6-8
will be held on Wednesday, March 4th
with a start time of 9:00am and an end
time of approximately 2:30pm.

Instructional Coaching at ESU 8

Have you heard the term Instructional Coach? What does it mean and what do they do?

ESU 8 offers a variety of methods for instructional coaching as illustrated in the visual below. This year, 22 school leaders and ESU personnel have been attending an 8-day training on cognitive coaching. Using this method, instructional coaches lead the coachee through a reflective conversation on a specific topic. Topics may include planning for an upcoming lesson or reflecting on a particular concern such as student behavior or classroom management. Contact our PD team to schedule your cognitive coaching session.





Daylight
Savings
Time begins
Sunday
March 8th

ESU 8 Offices and
Learning Centers
will be closed for
Spring Break on
Thursday, March
12th and Friday,
March 13th

Addressing Dyslexia

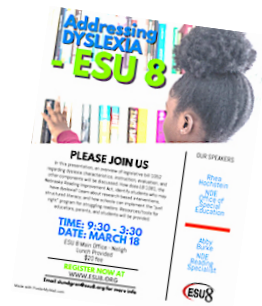
Wednesday, March 18 • 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

In this presentation, an overview of legislative bill 1052 regarding dyslexia characteristics, instruction, evaluation, and other components will be discussed.

How does LB 1081, the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act, identify students who may have dyslexia? Learn about research-based interventions, structured literacy, and how schools can implement the “just right” program for struggling readers. Resources/tools for educators, parents, and students will be provided.

Rhea Hochstein and Abby Burke from NDE will be your presenters. The participant fee is \$20 each and lunch will be provided. Please register by Wednesday, March 11th.

If you have questions regarding this event, contact Steph Lundgren at stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org.



New Teacher Academy

Thursday, March 19 • 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

New Teacher Academy is an opportunity for 1st year teachers to collaborate and build knowledge and skills. Heidi Rethmeier, ESU 8 Staff Developer, will be your presenter.

Please register by Wednesday, March 18th and bring an electronic device. If you have questions, feel free to email Heidi at Heidi.rethmeier@esu8ne.org.

Threat Assessment Level 2 Communication

Tuesday, March 24 • 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

This advanced training for K-12 school teams will focus on assessment challenges addressing emerging issues (extremism, social media, mental illness) and management strategies. Dr. Mario Scalaro will be your presenter.

Please register by Wednesday, March 10th and if you have questions, contact Steph Lundgren at stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org or Jill Bates at jill.bates@esu8ne.org.

Preschool Teachers Workshop

Friday, March 27 • 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

Kayla Parr and Karen Haney from NDE will present on using GOLD to plan instruction. Participants will have time to use their classroom reports to plan small group or individualized instruction for students. There will also be time to work on GOLD documentation and to share ideas with other preschool teachers.

Please register by Thursday, March 26th. Lunch will be provided and if you have questions, contact Ruth Miller at ruth@esu8.org.

Aspiring Young Authors' Festival

Saturday, March 28 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Wayne State College

Once again, the Northeast Council of the Nebraska State Reading Association is planning the annual Aspiring Young Authors' Festival. The Festival will be held at Wayne State College on Saturday morning, March 28th in the Brandenberg Education Building from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Your talented young authors will be rewarded with an opportunity to meet published authors Mary Meinking Chambers and Stacy Kreycik Miller!

The full details can be downloaded from:

<http://www.esu8.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Young-Authors-Festival-2020.pdf>

In the meantime, if you have questions, you may text Jenny Gubbels at 402.750.7040 or email her at jargubb@yahoo.com.

Children Are Our Business

Saturday, March 28 • 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Divots in Norfolk, 4200 West Norfolk Avenue

This 32nd Annual Early Childhood Conference features Teacher Tom. "Teacher Tom" Hobson is a preschool teacher, writer, speaker, artist, and author. He is best known for his namesake blog "Teacher Tom's Blog": <http://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com>. He's been blogging nearly a decade, chronicling the life and times of his little preschool in the rain soaked Pacific Northwest corner of the U.S.

Coffee, rolls and lunch are included in the \$40 registration fee. Paid registration must be received in the Madison County Nebraska Extension Office by Friday, March 20, 2020. All of the sessions are approved for childcare licensing in Nebraska.

Contact Ruth Miller (ruth@esu8.org), ESU 8 Special Education Director, if you have questions regarding this event.



Cognitive Coaching

Monday, March 30 • 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Day 5)
Tuesday, March 31 • 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Day 6)
Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

Both of these Cognitive Coaching workshops will be presented by Sue Presler. Participants will be given the knowledge, skills, and practice to be an effective instructional coach by developing teacher autonomy and reflective practices.

Please register by Friday, March 27. Lunch will be provided and please bring an electronic device. If you have questions, contact Heidi at Heidi.rethmeier@esu8ne.org.

2020 ESU 8 K-12 Art Show

Thursday, April 16 – Monday, April 20

Antelope County Fair Grounds Building in Neligh

The K-12 Art Show will be held at the Antelope County Fair Grounds building again this year. It will begin on Thursday, April 16 with the High School Students and Teachers hanging artwork. From Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19 the public will be able to view the art from 10:00am to 5:00pm. On Monday morning, April 20, there will be a critique given by the judge.

An email with the registration and the entry forms that need to be completed will be sent to Superintendents, Principals, and Art Teachers. These forms will also be posted online at:
<https://www.esu8.org/k-12-art-show/>

Please contact Steph Lundgren (stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org) or Bev Tillema (btillema@esu8.org) at 402.887.5041 if you have questions regarding this event.

Check out the GEOSTIX

Planar Geometry & Math

This kit is small and simple. It consists of 80 flexible sticks and two 4" protractors.

Snap these flexible sticks together at different angles to explore planar geometry. It's an ideal hands-on manipulative for students in grades 3 – 8 to investigate perimeter, spatial reasoning, and much more.



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 MAY 28, 2020 • LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER • NORFOLK, NEBRASKA

CALL FOR PRESENTERS!

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Registration, mileage, & lodging for the lead presenter is covered.



To present at this year's Summer Tech Institute, simply go to:

<http://BIT.LY/STI20PRESENTER>

This link will take you to a Google Session Proposal Form to complete.

The lead presenter will receive FREE conference registration and mileage reimbursement.

If you have additional questions, comments, or requests, please send an email to pfinney@esu17.org.



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