



# Northeast Regional Professional Development Center Newsletter

Spring 2008

## New Faces

There have been some new additions and some changes in personnel for 2007-2008.

### MAP

The Missouri Assessment Program welcomes Pam Carte as the MAP Communication Arts Facilitator. Cindy Higgins, who was formerly the RPDC secretary, is now the MAP secretary.

### PLC

The Northeast RPDC is happy to have Professional Learning Communities School Resource Specialists Lori Ladwig and Sheila Thurman. They are intensely working with schools in the area.

### RS

Melissa Hensley is the new Reading Specialist. She is working with both the Reading First team and the Reading Consortium.

### STARR STARR

Patrick Harrison, Hannibal Schools, and Melia Franklin, Marceline Schools, are the 2007-2008 STARR teachers.

### RPDC

Another new face to the RPDC staff is Lori Murray. She is the secretary at the front desk and is happy to talk with you and help you when you call or stop by.

### PBS

Starting in February, the RPDC now has a Positive Behavior Support Specialist on staff. Jill Miller comes to us from Hannibal, MO and has been the PBS specialist for the St. Louis RPDC.

We welcome all the new positions and faces to the Northeast RPDC. They are all here ready to help and support you.

## Exciting Honor



Melissa Hensley received the American Stars of Teaching Award for the state of Missouri. Previously a reading coach in the Milan C-2 School District, Melissa now works as a reading specialist at the Northeast Regional Professional Development Center at Truman. A representative from the U.S. Department of Education traveled to Milan to present a very surprised Melissa with the honor. Her former principal had nominated her for the award.

The United States Department of Education presents the American Stars of Teaching to one teacher in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia each year. More

than 4,000 teachers nationwide were nominated this year. The distinction recognizes educators of all disciplines for their unique success stories.

## Upcoming Events

### *Northeast Missouri PLC Presents Bob Eaker*

Robert Eaker, Ed.D., is a former executive vice president and provost at Middle Tennessee State University, where he also served as Dean of the College of Education. Dr. Eaker has written widely on the issues of effective teaching, effective schools, the use of research results as an essential teaching tool, and high expectations for student achievement. He was cited by Phi Delta Kappa as one of the nation's leaders in helping public school educators translate research into practice. Dr. Eaker currently teaches graduate courses in the College of Education at Middle Tennessee State University and has contributed to several influential publications on the topic of Professional Learning Communities including *Professional Learning Communities at Work: Best Practices for Enhancing Student Achievement*; *Getting Started: Reculturing Schools to Become Professional Learning Communities*; *Whatever It Takes: How a Professional Learning Community Responds When Kids Don't Learn*; and *Learning By Doing: A Handbook for Professional Learning Communities at Work*.

The Northeast Missouri Professional Learning Communities Project feels this is an amazing opportunity for area educators to hear from a powerfully motivating speaker on the topic of PLCs and school improvement.

DATE: Friday, February 29, 2008

TIME: 9:00am-3:00pm – lunch provided

LOCATION: Truman State University,  
Violette Hall 1000

COST: \$100.00 per person



### *Missouri Staff Development Council (MSDC) 2008 Show Me Professional Development Conference*

The 2008 MSDC conference theme is "Imagine the Possibilities" and will be held Sunday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 18 at the Tan-Tar-A resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. All districts are encouraged to attend and be revived, refreshed, and motivated while finishing out the school year.

### ***Distinction in Performance Banquet***

Each year, a recognition dinner is held for school districts with *High or Improved Level of Achievement* on this year's APR. The dinner and celebration hosted by Truman State University's School of Health Sciences and Education, Northeast Missouri Regional Professional Development Center, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on the Truman State University Campus, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:30pm in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

Schools being honored at this year's banquet are

Adair Co. R-I Schools  
Adair Co. R-II Schools  
Atlanta C-3 Schools  
Brookfield R-III Schools  
Bucklin R-II Schools  
Canton R-V Schools  
Clark Co. R-I Schools  
Gorin R-III Schools  
Kirksville R-III Schools  
Knox Co. R-I Schools  
LaPlata R-II Schools  
Lewis Co. C-1 Schools  
Luray 33 Schools  
Macon Co. R-I Schools  
Marceline R-V Schools  
Marion Co. R-II Schools  
Meadville R-IV Schools  
Newtown-Harris R-III Schools  
North Shelby Schools  
Northeast Randolph Co. R-IV Schools  
Palmyra R-I Schools  
Putnam Co. R-I Schools  
Schuyler Co. R-I Schools  
Scotland Co. R-I Schools  
Shelby Co. R-IV Schools  
Monroe City R-I Schools

### ***Wilson Training***


The Northeast RPDC will be offering two more Wilson Reading workshops in the late spring. Wilson Foundations will be offered April 28. A Wilson Reading Systems Workshop will be held April 29-May 1. Watch for flyers or check the RPDC workshops on our website later this spring.

### ***Upcoming Workshops***

Following is a list of workshops that can be found on MyLearningPlan. More are added regularly as they become available. If any of these sound interesting to you, following the MyLearningPlan instructions below to check them out and register.

2/5/2008 PLC Training Series 3 of 4  
2/13/2008 School-wide Positive Behavior Support  
2/19/2008 First Year Teacher "Survivor" Series 5 of 6  
2/21/2008 Quality Health & Physical Education Workshop

2/25/2008 Effective Curriculum Workshop Session 3 of 3  
2/27/2008 MAP-A Final Overview  
2/29/2008 Bob Eaker presented by NEMO PLC  
3/4/2008 Celebrate Financial Literacy!-4 of 4 in PF Series  
3/10/2008 MAP Manuals New Test Coord Meeting - a.m.  
3/10/2008 MAP Manuals Exp. Test Coord Meeting - p.m.  
3/10/2008 First Year Teacher "Survivor" Series 6 of 6  
3/11/2008 MAP Manuals Exp. Test Coord. Meeting - a.m.  
3/11/2008 MAP Manuals New Test Coord. Meeting - p.m.  
3/12/2008 Elementary IEP Writing: The Basics & Beyond  
3/13/2008 PLC Training Series 4 of 4  
3/13/2008 Compliance in Post-Sec Transition Workshop  
3/13/2008 Spring Literacy Leader Workshop  
3/25/2008 Elementary IEP Writing: The Basics & Beyond  
3/26/2008 Compliance in Post-Sec Transition Workshop  
4/8/2008 ESL Networking Meeting



### **MyLearningPlan Workshop Registration Instructions**

The easiest way to register for workshops is to go to the Northeast RPDC website at <http://rpdc.truman.edu>.

1. Click on "Workshops"
2. Click on "Northeast RPDC Workshop Registrations"
3. **DO NOT** change anything in the "Search Catalog-DESE" box
4. Scroll down the screen (directly below the box) to see the Northeast RPDC workshop offerings
5. Click on the workshop title you want; follow the directions to enroll

If this is the first time enrolling, you must create a new account. Each person must have their own personal account, and you must have an e-mail address as this is the user name. Remember to write down your password for future registrations.

To view all workshops throughout the state: Follow instruction numbers 1 and 2 above. At instruction number 3, in the "Search Catalog-DESE" box, under "Programs," highlight "<—All Programs—>" (or to see specific RPDC or DESE workshops only, highlight the one you'd like to view), then hit the "Search Catalog" button. Continue by following instruction numbers 4 and 5 above.

To peruse the library offerings, go to the Northeast RPDC website at <http://rpdc.truman.edu> and click on "Library."

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### **Updated Website**

Check out the Northeast RPDC website! It has been updated. You can see the staff's new pictures, find all the contact information for the Center and individual staff members, served school district information, RPDC program information, workshop information, peruse the RPDC library offerings, find links to other resources, and even contact us through the website if you'd like. You can find it all at <http://rpdc.truman.edu>. It is worth your time to see all the information available to you.

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Watch for our next newsletter in May!