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Workshops and conference for practicing educators offered this spring

A wide variety of workshops and conferences are available this spring for teachers of all grade levels and subject areas. The workshops are offered through Emporia State University's Jones Institute for Educational Excellence. Information regarding fees and materials needed for the workshops can be found at www.emporia.edu/jones.

Workshops:

- January 29 – Revision-Focused Assessment: Using Student-Generated Rubrics to Fuel Writing and Revision; Featured Presenters: Matt Copeland and Suzy Oertel. For grades 6-12 language arts teachers, this workshop will walk participants through the process of revision-focused assessment and give them the opportunity to try their hand at implementing the strategy themselves. Drawing from samples of real student writing and collective writing expertise, participants will all leave the day with ready-to-copy handouts, procedures, and the confidence necessary to transform the teaching of writing and revision in the classroom.
- February 3 – Efficient Learning Strategies for Math and Science Teachers; Featured Presenter: Kelly Deters. For Grades 7-12 math and science teachers, this workshop will explore the principles of efficient learning – how to get students to learn what they need to learn with better performance, less effort and less time. All information presented is research-based and tested. Participants should bring sample worksheets, assignments, notes, PowerPoint presentations, labs, etc. from their classes to transform using efficient instructional design strategies.
- February 12 – Gaining on the Pain: Strategies & Interventions to Prevent Bullying; Featured Presenter: Barry Stark. This workshop is for principals, counselors and classroom teachers since bullying prevention and intervention is a school-wide responsibility. This interactive workshop will provide participants with information that will reinforce what we know about bullying, provide new information, and offer strategies and interventions for bullying prevention for schools and for parents.

Conferences:

- March 2 – Creating Classroom Cultures through Literacy: Kansas Reading Recovery & Early Literacy Conference – Debbie Miller, author of *Reading with Meaning: Teaching Comprehension in the Primary Grades* (2002) and *Teaching with Intention: Defining Beliefs, Aligning Practice, Taking Action* (2008) will be the keynote speaker at this year's conference. Carmen Agra Deedy, the award winning children's book author of *Martina*, *the Beautiful Cockroach*, *Agatha's Feather Bed* and *The Library Dragon*, will be the featured guest author. Other featured presenters include Nancy Anderson, Barbara Bleeker, Betsy Kaye, and Lotta Larson.
- March 10 – More than the X's and O's – Rainer Martens, Rob Miller, and Daniel Gerdes are the featured presenters for this one-day event for coaches, athletic directors, recreation directors and administrators. These leading national experts in the coaching education field will present on character education, leadership, communication, motivation, sports psychology, team building, and team management.

JIEE is also offering a number of opportunities for districts wanting to know more about Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS). A training session is available Feb. 25 & 26. A symposium about building school connections using MTSS is also being held May 7.

For more information about these events, visit www.emporia.edu/jones or contact Toni Bowling at mbowling@emporia.edu, 1-877-378-5433, 620-341-5372.

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