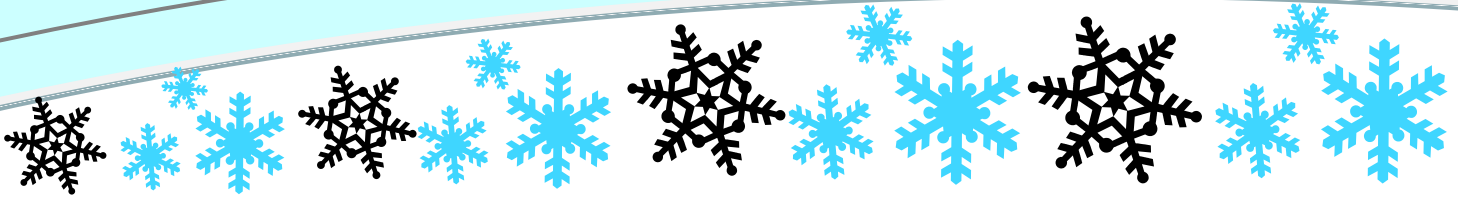


Teacher Leader



Save the Date!

Free Online Webinar: Understanding the MCEE Teacher Evaluation Pilot
Thursday, November 29, 2012 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Please visit our website to register: www.oakland.edu/galileo

OU and the Galileo Institute host Edcamp

On Saturday, October 27, The EdcampOU “unconference” took place in Oakland University’s Student Center. An amazing cross section of educators was there: administrators, teachers, Oakland University faculty, and college students who will be serving in the classrooms of tomorrow. Congratulations to the Stephanie Dulmage, John Bernia and Nick Provenzano, who did a great job of organizing this event. The following comments from John Bernia capture the spirit and impact of Edcamp OU:

Edcamp leaders Stephanie Dulmage, John Bernia and Nicholas Provenzano



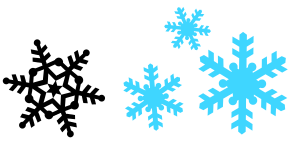
For too long, professional development has been expensive, top down, and isolated. Events like Edcamps are examples that there really is a better way when it comes to learning for educators. When these events are planned by teachers for teachers, are flexible, inexpensive, and when students don't have school, strong learning happens and does not take away from our overall mission of educating kids.

As I moved around the Oakland Center last Saturday morning, I saw real dialog happening about classroom practice, school structures, and instructional technology. Some sessions began with one topic, and then flowed into others. The energy was positive, the smiles were genuine, and I believe that participants walked away with real, practical tools they can put into practice. I also think some networks were built which will continue the conversation and keep the learning growing.

Planning for next year's Edcamp is already underway!

Keeping Up with Podcasts— Check out the most recent podcasts on our website.

- New OU faculty members describe their role in Teach For America. (Volume 6, Episode 02)
- An update on the OU-Avondale partnership. (Volume 6, Episode 03)
- Dean Gallien discusses the role of the School of Education and Human Services in reaching out to underrepresented populations. (Volume 6, Episode 04)
- Tony Nuckolls shares the Quicken Loans story and its role in revitalizing downtown Detroit (Volume 6, Episode 05)
- Carole Gallagher, Senior Research Consultant at WestEd, describes important advice concerning the reform of teacher evaluation (Volume 6, Episode 06)



South Macomb Districts Continue Efforts to Promote Success for ALL Students

With a sincere commitment to closing the achievement gaps and creating schools that better meet the needs of all students, teacher leaders and administrators from the South Lake, Center Line, Van Dyke, Warren Woods, Fitzgerald and East Detroit school districts from South Macomb County began the second year of this important project on October 30. At last May’s project session, each of the participants agreed to read one of the following six books: *Fires in the Bathroom*, *Fires in the Mind*, *Holler if you Hear Me*, *Black Students-Middle Class Teachers*, *Multiplication is for White People*, and *Creating the Opportunity to Learn*.

The discussions about these books were uplifting. Every participant in these discussions was positive, inspired and motivated. The teacher leaders offered rich insight on the assumptions made by the authors and were able to make connections that were relevant to their current situations. Each teacher or administrator acknowledged strengths and weaknesses evident in their school or classroom.

S. Lake team discusses *Creating the Opportunity to Learn*



This workshop also included cultural competency skill-building activities, discussion of progress to date in each of the districts, and planning for the 2012-13 school year. The district teams, joined by student teams, will reconvene in late January.

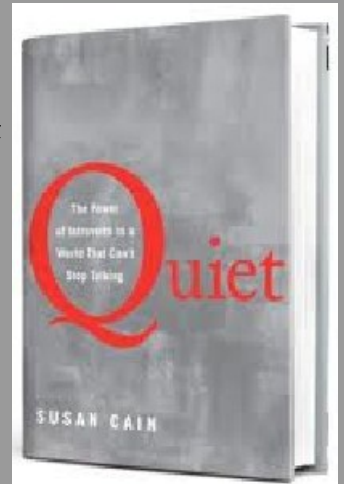
This collaboration project is not a band-aid or a one-time application that will later be torn off and thrown away. This will be a lifelong plan to increase academic proficiency for all students of this generation and future generations.

We congratulate the South Macomb districts for undertaking this important project and also sharing it at the Michigan Department of Education’s fall school improvement conference on November 9th.

BOOK TALK with Kay Cornell, Education Consultant

QUIET by Susan Cain. Crown Publishers, New York, 2012

Shhhh. . .introverts at work. Are you an introvert or do you know one? Of course, the answer is yes to one of those two questions. Susan Cain, in her newest book, Quiet, contends that at least one-third of the people we know are introverts. Yet we run our organizational practices and meetings based on the strengths of extroverts. She suggests that we lose creativity and depth of thought by not giving time and space for introverts to get their ideas in the room before moving on. From the book cover: “Passionately argued, impressively researched and filled with indelible stories of real people, Quiet shows how dramatically we undervalue introverts and how much we lose in doing so.” So take a deep, quiet breath and treat yourself to a book that will change the way you do a lot of things!



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