



MID-HUDSON TEACHER CENTER AT A GLANCE

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MARCOPOLO BECOMES “THINKFINITY”



The Marcopolo Foundation has recently been acquired by VERIZON. The first of many changes has been the renaming of the program from Marcopolo to “Thinkfinity”. Along with the name change will come many enhancements to the program including the addition of new content, resources, partners, and promotions. The Mid-Hudson Teacher Center will continue to offer training in the use of this valuable resource and in the Marcopolo NY site that has been specifically designed to align with the NY State Standards. We can offer everything from an awareness session to a full “train the trainer” session designed to develop turnkey trainers in a district. If your district has not taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity, contact MHTC for details about the program and training.

Save The Date: April 14th

CHARACTER EDUCATION/SCHOOL SAFETY CONFERENCE

The Mid-Hudson Teacher Center, along with the Mid-Hudson School Studies Council and SUNY New Paltz, will be holding an important conference on Character Education and School Safety /Security. Vincent Bove, a nationally recognized expert in these areas, and Robert Mahoney of the Emergency Management Group, will work with district teams to build or revise an up-to-date safety plan. Mr. Bove’s emphasis on preventive character education is timely and necessary in the current educational arena.

Mark your calendars....details coming soon.

DISTRICTS BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT “CLOSING AN ACHIEVEMENT GAP” GRANT PROGRAMS

Several districts have begun to implement programs designed to improve student achievement. These programs are made possible as a result of the districts receiving Mid-Hudson Teacher Center “Closing An Achievement Gap” grants. These grants are offered to districts that use data to identify a gap in achievement, engage their PDP/CDEP committees to outline ways to address the issue, and work with the Teacher Center to develop a program of professional development that addresses the identified needs. To date, eight grants have been awarded to area schools. Programs have begun in Millbrook, Wallkill, Marlboro, Hyde Park, Pawling, Tabernacle Christian Academy, Kingston and Beacon. Topics such as data analysis for evaluating student work and developing curriculum, differentiated instruction, literacy in the content area, math instruction, and multiple intelligences are being addressed in the various programs. As the implementation continues, MHTC will monitor progress and assist when appropriate. We are confident that the opportunities provided by the grants will have a positive impact on teaching and learning in participating districts.

NYSCATE CONFERENCE - MARCH 3rd

The fifth annual Hudson Valley NYSCATE Conference, “Learning and Leading Through Technology,” will be held on March 3, 2007 at the Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers. This conference has proven to be a valuable experience for area educators. Workshops are designed for all levels of technology users. To register and see a list of sessions go to:

<http://www.nyscate.org/conferences.cfm?subpage=93>

Upcoming Meetings, Events, Conferences

Hudson Valley NYSCATE Conference.....	March 8 (Wappingers)
NY State Teacher Centers Spring Retreat.....	March 23-25 (Bolton Landing)
Character Education/School Safety Conference.....	April 14 (Marlboro)
NY State Staff Development Council Annual Conference.....	May 2-4 (Rochester)
MHTC Self Study.....	May 16 (TBA)
AFT Quest Conference.....	July 12-15 (Washington)
NY State Teacher Centers Summer Institute.....	July 31-Aug, 2 (Syracuse)

Contact MHTC for more information about any of the above.