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## KATHY BUMGARDNER PRESENTS

### COMMON CORE CAN-DO FOR READING AND WRITING INSTRUCTION

NOVEMBER 14, 2011 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. REGISTRATION FEE: \$60



Successful literacy instruction is always the goal for teachers and the HOW to make it happen is now the big question as we transition and move into the Common Core State Standards. Participants in this interactive session will walk away with a menu of quality strategies and lesson ideas to use in their whole and small group strategic instruction to directly target the new ANCHOR STANDARDS of the COMMON CORE. Text Evidence, Collaborative Conversations, and Text Complexity are just a few of the topics that will be included. If you have questions, contact Dr. Carol Bennett at [cbennett@wresa.org](mailto:cbennett@wresa.org) or 828.418.0011, ext. 17. **Registration Deadline: November 7, 2011**

## LAURA CANDLER'S

### POWER READING WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 1, 2011 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. REGISTRATION FEE: \$60



Reading Workshop is a method of instruction in which students choose their own books and confer with their teacher about what they are reading. This method is very flexible and may also include other components such as small guided reading groups, written response, goal setting, and paired-reading. *Teachers have been using the Reading Workshop approach successfully for years, but until now there hasn't been a step-by-step guide for implementing the strategies in the upper elementary classroom.* Laura Candler's Power Reading Workshop offers an easy classroom-tested method for using Reading Workshop in your own classroom. You'll learn how to motivate readers by providing time for independent reading and reading conferences. As a result, your students will learn to love reading, and you'll improve reading test scores at the same time! Laura's resources includes a dozen "Power Tools" that allow you to differentiate your reading instruction for all students. *This dynamic, interactive workshop bridges the gap between theory and practice. Participants walk away energized, with ideas and materials designed to ensure classroom success.* Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator will facilitate this session. Participants will receive Laura's book *Power Reading Workshop*. If you have questions, contact Carol Bennett at [cbennett@wresa.org](mailto:cbennett@wresa.org) or 828.418.0011, ext. 17. **Registration Deadline: November 23, 2011**

**Western Region Fall Leadership Conference— September 27, 2011**  
**Conference Information, Online Registration, Tentative Agenda at [www.wresa.org](http://www.wresa.org)!**

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS SEPTEMBER 2011 – JANUARY 2012

September 19, October 4 & October 18 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>What's Up with the New Essential Standards for Social Studies? (Grades 6-8 – 3 Day training)</b> Presenter: Steve Pierce, NC Geographic Alliance      Registration Fee: \$75      Registration Deadline: 9/2/11
September 20 & 29 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Mentor Training (2 Day Training)</b> Presenter: Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator      Registration Fee: \$50      Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
September 20 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>More With Your GPS (Part II) – Grades 6-12</b> Presenter: Michelle Benigno, Science House      Registration Fee: \$45      Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
September 22 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Student Presentations for the Digital Age</b> Presenters: Dr. Jan Webster, WRESA Director; Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator; Tina Joyner, Technology Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
September 23 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>S is for Story! The Art of Engaging Students in Reading and Writing Through Stories (Grades K-6)</b> Presenters: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator; Dr. Charlotte Hamlin, President of NC Storyfest Registration Fee: \$60      Registration Deadline: 9/15/11

September 26 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>A Guide for Implementing PLCs</b> Presenter: Dr. Parry Graham, Principal, Lufkin Road Middle School    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
October 7 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>It’s “Berry” Simple! Integrate the New Common Core ELA Standards with Science Essential Standards Through the Agriculture in the Classroom Program</b> Facilitator: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 10/4/11
October 25 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Teaching to Poverty</b> Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer    Registration Fee: \$50    Registration Deadline: 10/17/11
October 26 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>The Science House Presents: STEM to Your Doorstep</b> Presenter: Michelle Benigno, Science House    Registration Fee: No Fee Required    Registration Deadline: 10/19/11
October 27 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Databasing to Improve Science Inquiry &amp; EOG/EOC Performance</b> Presenter: Chris Brocci, Yancey County Schools    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 10/17/11
November 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>It’s All About Organization</b> Presenter: Tina Joyner, Technology Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 10/24/11
November 10 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Biotechnology on a Shoestring – Grades 6-12</b> Presenter: Carmela Blackwell, Buncombe County Schools/Master Teacher, NC Biotech Center    Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 11/1/11
November 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Motivation and the Brain – Grades 4-12</b> Presenter: Carlann Scherping, Polk County Schools    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 11/7/11
November 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>How to Differentiate Instruction – Grades K-12</b> Presenter: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 11/9/11
November 29 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Boys in Crisis – Grades K-12</b> Presenter: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 11/23/11
December 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Globalize Your Classroom</b> Presenter: Carrie Wagner, Habitat for Humanity International Training    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 11/23/11
December 13 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Early Planning for Successful Retirement</b> Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Presenter: Robert Ayers    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 12/7/11
January 18 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>I-Touch the World and Engage My Students</b> Presenter: Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator and April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 1/13/12
	<b>ONLINE COURSES – Registration Fee: \$35 (online classes may require the purchase of a book)</b>
October 1 – November 15	<b>CyberSafety and Digital Citizenship</b> Instructor: Tina Joyner, Technology Coordinator    Registration Deadline: 9/26/11
January – February	<b>Book Study: Eric Jensen’s Book -- Tools for Engagement (Fee plus purchase of book)</b> Instructor: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator    Registration Deadline: 12/21/11
January 9 – February 26	<b>Book Study: Mindset (By Carol Dweck) (Fee plus purchase of book)</b> Instructor: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator    Registration Deadline: 1/4/12
Throughout the Year	<b>Computer Classes</b> (Listing available on our website – <a href="http://www.wresa.org">www.wresa.org</a> ) Instructor: Charles George, Technology Coordinator

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