September - October 2020

E-Bulletin

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Submission Welcome
Submit an item for publication in the monthly MATSOL E-Bulletin.

MATSOL Online Open Houses Are Back!

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a wonderful summer and took plenty of time for yourselves - it's
It's also important to have a place to connect with educators from all over the state, whether you teach in K12, or work within a college. You'll hear updates from MATSOL, the state, and from your peers in other districts or colleges. Come one, come all!

You only have to register once and you can attend any of the open houses for this academic school year. We plan to meet once a month.

We can't wait to see you there!

MATSOL Calendar

September:

- 21: Teacher Educators SIG Meeting
- 24: MATSOL Online Open House
- 30: ESL Unit Developers SIG Webinar #1
- All other SIG meetings are TBA

October:

- 7: ESL Unit Developers SIG Meeting
- 16: MELLC Meeting #1
- 19: Teacher Educators SIG Meeting
- 22: MATSOL Online Open House
- 26: Low Incidence SIG Meeting #1

View the MATSOL Calendar for information and registration.
MATSOL News

MATSOL Courses

MATSOL is offering the following 15 PDP courses:

- EL-109 Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE)
- EL-113 Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students with Special Needs
- EL-114 Social Emotional Learning for English Learners
- EL-117 Flexible ESL Lesson Design for In-person and Remote Instruction
- Also MA Sheltered English Instruction Teacher & Administrator Endorsement Courses

MATSOL is also offering SEI endorsement courses for PK-12 and vocational education teachers as well. Check www.matsol.org/courses for schedules and registration.

MATSOL Webinar

The Why & the How of Curriculum Development: Foundations & Resources We Need
Presenters: ESL Unit Developers’ SIG Steering Committee

Are you new, or relatively new to unit development? Would you like to learn about the foundations of the Next Generation ESL curriculum project and the useful resources that are available to us? Join the MATSOL ESL Unit Developers SIG Wednesday Webinar, Session 1 where we will:

- Explain the background of the Next Generation ESL project and its impact on ESL curriculum and instruction.
- Explore key unit development resources, including the Collaboration Tool and the Model Curriculum Units.

This webinar will be held in lieu of our September SIG meeting. Our next regularly scheduled SIG meeting...
Register here for this free webinar! It will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 4:00-5:00PM.

SIG Spotlight: Instructional Coaches

Through a five week stretch in the summer, the Instructional Coaches SIG Steering Committee led a book study on *Everyday Anti-Racism: Getting Real About Race in Schools* edited by Mica Pollock. Members who participated learned about issues they knew of and new ones that opened their eyes more. The group plans to continue this work throughout the school year in addition to their regular SIG meetings.

**All group members are coaches in their districts and belong to this SIG. If you would like to be a part of an anti-racism study and group, please contact jfei@matsol.org with your interest.**

Instructional Coaches SIG

**MATSOL Currents Spring/Summer 2020**
Read the latest issue of Currents and find out what's been happening at MATSOL, detailed reports on conferences and exhibitions, eye-opening personal experience essays, thought-provoking articles from our members, in-depth reviews of literature, and more!

Submit to MATSOL Currents!
There’s a lot going on in the world of TESOL and EL education, and we’d like all of it to be reflected in Currents! We are especially interested in articles that reflect the needs and concerns of TESOL and EL educators in Massachusetts.

Submission deadlines:
- May 15 -- Spring/Summer Issue
- October 15 -- Fall/Winter Issue

Learn more about submitting your work for MATSOL Currents

Community News

Mashpee Student Qualifies for State Seal of Biliteracy Test for Wampanoag Biliteracy
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Member Alyssa Harris, a 2020 graduate of Mashpee High School, made history by becoming the first student in the history of the Commonwealth to pursue the state Seal of Bi-Literacy in an indigenous language.

Back-to-School Blueprint
Our Back-to-School Blueprint is an interactive series of research-based, online action guides to help schools prepare to safely reopen by understanding best practices. They also include research, videos, and other key resources educators can use. (From Rennie Center)

MABE Virtual Conference
9th Annual Southern New England Conference for Dual Language Programs
The purpose of this conference is to create the opportunity for dual language educators to network and collaborate, share research, disseminate current research, and learn new ways to reach out to families and communities. September 25 and 26, 2020.

Webinar
Using the Practice Guide to Improve Mathematical Problem Solving in Grades 4-8
This webinar will explore how Improving Mathematical Problem Solving in Grades 4 Through 8: A Practice Guide supports the implementation of effective mathematical problem solving. It is designed for educators in leadership positions who can support teachers as they use these practices. Wed Oct 7, 2020 3:30-4:30 PM (From REL)

Road to Recovery: How to Safely Reopen Early Education in Massachusetts
Maintaining a system of high-quality early education and care where all young kids can safely learn and grow, while supporting families, will take investment of an estimated $690 million over the next 5 months. (From MassBudget)

Links & Resources
NEWSLETTER
TESOL Connections
MATSOL members receive free access to TESOL Connections, TESOL International Association's monthly online newsletter. The latest issue includes

Digital Tools for Online Assessment in ELT; Creative Writing Activities for the ESL Classroom; and 4 Factors to Develop Language Proficiency FAST.

REPORT
Bridging the Gap: How Wentworth provides a personalized & local approach to college and career preparation
The transition from high school to college is challenging under normal circumstances. But this year—with
WEBINAR Recording
Using Data to Promote Culturally Responsive Teaching
This two-part webinar series was designed to support educator preparation program faculty and staff, as well as mentors, in incorporating culturally responsive teaching strategies in their programs. The first part focused on identifying students' cultural strengths and how to leverage them. The second part delved into using data to identify and leverage students' assets to better address and meet their learning needs. (From REL)

TESOL Blog
3 Innovative Ways to Use Breakout Rooms in ELT
In the age of remote and online teaching, it is more important than ever that we find ways to encourage group work in our English language teaching (ELT) classrooms. Breakout rooms offer a way to create similar collaborative and horizontal learning experiences for our English learners (ELs). (View the blog...)

RESEARCH
15 Tips for Improving Identification of Gifted EL Students
EL students often are underrepresented in gifted and talented programs. The National Center for Research on Gifted Education (NCRE) conducted a study to identify strategies that can help educators be more effective in identifying and supporting gifted EL students. (From NCRE)

EdWeek Blog
Spanish-Speaking Students Need Support. A New Podcast May Help
As schools shut down to slow the spread of coronavirus, the sudden shift to distance learning left parents frazzled and families of children who were not fluent in English faced additional barriers and schools would struggle to support them. (View the blog...)

INFOGRAPHIC
Benefits of Multilingualism
There are multiple benefits to being multilingual, multiliterate, and multicultural in today’s global society. (From Office of English Language Acquisition)

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