



PWRFL Spring Conference

March 21, 2015- Putnam Valley High

146 Peekskill Hollow Road

Putnam Valley, NY 10579

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



PWRFL Conference co-sponsored by NYSAFLT

Schedule of Events:

Schedule	
8:00-8:30	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:30-9:00	<i>Keynote/ NYSAFLT Update</i>
9:00-10:15	<i>1st Session- Choose 1</i>
10:15-10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30-12:00	<i>Webinar/ Discussion</i>
12:00-1:15	<i>2nd Session- Choose 1</i>
1:15-3:00	<i>Lunch/ Raffle</i>

PWRFL is thrilled to welcome NYSAFLT president Francesco Fratto for an update from NYSAFLT. Francesco L. Fratto was a Spanish teacher with over thirteen years of teaching experience. Mr. Fratto graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a BA in Spanish in Secondary Education. He earned an MA in Spanish Language and Culture from Boston College. At the university, he was a teaching fellow for the two-year period and received the Teaching Excellence Award / 1994-1995. He completed a second MA in Educational Leadership and Technology from Adelphi University. He served as Director of World Languages and ESL for the Half Hollow Hills CSD for five years. He currently serves as Director of LOTE & ESL for the Harrison CSD. He is the current president of NYSAFLT.

Session A (2 choices)

Option 1: Flip*Blend*Create with Video Apps- **Room 214- Charlene Sirlin**

This session will provide an overview of how to use video apps for teaching and learning outside of the classroom and how to assess student understanding while viewing the videos. Participants will be introduced to the following apps and extensions: EduCanon, VideoNot.es, EdPuzzle, and YouTube Video Editor (including adding subtitles, transcripts, and cropping the video). How to use TedEd video lessons and Google Forms will also be included.

Option 2:- Frida Style- Bringing back artists from the past- **Room 217- Milena Restrepo**

Join Frida Kahlo (Ms. Restrepo in disguise) as she talks about resources she has used to engage students in learning about the great Latin American/ Spanish artists of the past. This workshop will help you to identify and integrate interpersonal, presentational and interpretive activities to teach language through art. Learn how to make connections

with the daily lives of your students and motivate them to talk about the palettes that make up their own lives. Didactic multimedia and print resources will be provided. Special attention will be given to Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, Salvador Dalí, Pablo Picasso, Diego Velázquez, and José Guadalupe Posada. The activities presented are suitable for checkpoint B and C students. You will also learn to differentiate activities and prepare project-based assessments.

Biographies:

Charlene Sirlin-

Charlene Sirlin has been a middle school French teacher for 13 years. In August 2014, she became a Google Education Trainer. She facilitated a workshop at PWRFL Regional last year, presented at the annual convention of the AATF in New Orleans on the use of Google Sites for World Language e-Portfolios and provided technology workshops for the Croton-Harmon UFSD. In January, she addressed the EdTech Expo 2015.

Milena Restrepo-

Milena Restrepo has taught high school Spanish for six years. She has presented workshops on engaging students in learning at LILT's Annual Conference in 2011 and at the NYSAFLT summer institute in Oneonta in 2012. She has a bachelor's from Stony Brook in Hispanic Language and Literature and a master's from Queens College in TESOL. She currently teaches at Blind Brook High School. She enjoys sharing what she has learned from her experiences and is always open to new ideas for professional growth.

Session B (2 choices)

Option 1: Advancing Reading Through Critical Thinking- **Room 217- Marlene Moussa**

In this workshop, attendees will discuss how to encourage critical thinking and how that plays out across the four skills with the focus on reading principally. Attendees will discuss the use of authentic sources/ documents, assessments and closure activities. They will learn strategies needed to teach students to become confident readers.

Option 2: - Unveiling the World Language tech-box for communicative competence- **Room 214-216- Fabien Rivière**

Looking for an easy and fun, yet effective technology tool? The changing nature of 21st century world language classrooms and technology's role can be a bit overwhelming. In this workshop, specific examples of Web 2.0 tools will be discussed and highlighted to show how each can support the four communicative competencies for our WL students, at all levels. Session attendees will have the opportunity to interact with

various technologies to recognize the potential of enhanced communicative competence.

Biographies:

Marlene Moussa-

Marlene Moussa has taught middle and high-school French and Spanish in Westchester County for many years. She is also pursuing her doctorate in Modern Language in both French and Spanish through Middlebury College. She is a frequent presenter of Critical Thinking Workshops that are a Grant of WorkNet 2000. She has presented for NYSAFLT, AATSP, ACTFL, the Northeast conference in Washington, DC and PWRFL (WAFLE). In the summer of 2007, she attended the Learning Styles Institute with Dr. Dunne and created many Learning Styles activities. Marlene is also certified in Smartboard Technology.

Fabien Rivière-

Fabien Rivière is a teacher of world languages for the Goshen Central Schools and an adjunct professor of global studies at SUNY Orange. He

presently serves as NYSAFLT Regional Director for the Mid- Hudson/ Westchester region and is part of the editorial team of the Language Journal. He has presented pedagogical and cultural workshops to educators, K-12, both in the U.S. and overseas. Mr. Rivière was honored by SUNY New Paltz as a recipient of the 2011 Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Instructional Leadership. Follow & Connect, #Twitter, @FabienLRiviere

Special Thanks to:

Wayside Publishing for sending in prizes to be raffled!

Conference Information

Special thanks to our Regional Conference organizers:

Sally Barnes

Roxanne Franquelli- Beras

Julie Bianchi

Charlene Sirlin

Alexis Thornton

High School, Middle School, Logo Contest winners: Will be announced soon!

Check the April newsletter for more information!

Officers: Congratulations to our two officers who were nominated and accepted the nominations:

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