

# POWERFUL

## Educators

Meetings		Location	Tentative Workshops
***Monday October 5	***4-7pm	Valhalla Middle School	Technology, Part 2- Cristina Conciatori
Tues. November 17	4-6pm	Putnam Valley High School	Dancing Your Way to Program Security- Jenny Delfini
Tues. December 1	4-6pm	Pierre van Cortlandt Middle School (Croton)	Critical Languages
Tues. February 2	4-6pm	Highlands Middle School (White Plains)	Webinar- View and Discuss
Saturday April 9	8:30am-2:30pm	REGIONAL MEETING	Variety of Workshops

## Jan. 2016!

### WORKSHOPS- GENERAL INFO:

Rescheduled November workshop- more info ASAP.

Snow date for workshops: March 8th!

### FEBRUARY WORKSHOP:

NYS AFLT Webinar- Engaging Students in Culture Study with Authentic Resources (WE WILL WATCH & DISCUSS AFTERWARDS) **RSVP BY: January 25th!**

While language study is key to gaining fluency, most of us were motivated to learn by our love of the culture: the sights, sounds, tastes and sites. In this webinar, we will

*examine ways in which we can engage language learners in culture study that is aimed at finding a connection between their individual interests and the culture studied. We will also consider one model to allow students to self-select their area of culture study.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- NYS AFLT- BOCES Info page 2

- Nominations- page 4

### REGIONAL MEETING:

April 9th at Putnam Valley High School! We are looking for **one more presenter-** if you have something you are willing to share, please let us know! Please e-mail us at [powerfuleducators@hotmail.com](mailto:powerfuleducators@hotmail.com)

### DUES:

Our dues run from Sept- June so if you already paid this school year, you are all set! Remember, you get to attend workshops for free, your students get to apply for awards and there is a discount on the Regional!

### WEBSITE:

[www.powerfuleducators.com](http://www.powerfuleducators.com)

### CONTESTS/ ELECTIONS:

Check out all our information in pages 5-7! New FLES contest!

### PINTEREST:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pwrfl0519/>

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## NYSAFLT UPDATE

- **Webinars:** NYSAFLT offers numerous webinars throughout the year! This year they are being sponsored and offered FOR FREE!!! Please check them out on the website.
- **Administrator's Page, Common Core and SLOS:** Check out these ***terrific resources*** to use on our website.
- **Advocacy: *Get involved*** by checking out the Advocacy section at NYSAFLT.
- **People Who Inspire:** Check out those who have been honored on the NYSAFLT page. ***Nominate a colleague for \$25*** – the fee goes to NYSAFLT annual scholarship funds.
- **Membership:** Remember to **renew your NYSAFLT membership** so you can take advantage of discounted rates on all of these great events! The calendar year for NYSAFLT runs from January through December!

Keep checking [nysaflt.org](http://nysaflt.org) for updated information about webinars, scholarships and more!

## BOCES WORKSHOPS 2015-2016 Putnam/N. West. BOCES

To access:

[Pnwboces.org](http://Pnwboces.org)

Then click on : Educators- Professional Development- My Learning Plan (on lefthand side)

Or just click here: <https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=13064&I=1846752>

January 22, 2016- 12-3pm- Meeting #2 for Foreign Language Chairs/Directors/ Coordinators/Lead Teachers with Harriet Barnett

April 15, 2016- 12-3pm- Meeting #3 for Foreign Language Chairs/Directors/Coordinators/ Lead Teachers with Harriet Barnett



## Sept. 2015-Jun. 2016 PoWeRFuL Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it, with a check, to Charlene Sirlin.  
(see address below)

Please note, registration will cover attendance at all scheduled meetings but there will be an additional cost for the Regional Meeting held in the spring.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$26 Full Membership\*      \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Retired      \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Student

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_

Preferred E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificates of completion for each workshop will be given (we are not listed on mylearningplan)! Each person is responsible for contacting their school district regarding in-service credit**

\*Remember, starting in October, we will only be sending our e-mails to current members of PWRFL so if you would like to continue to be informed about job openings, important e-mails, you need to register to be a member!

Please make checks out to Westchester Association of Foreign Language Educators (we continue to use this acronym for our banking) and mail to:

Charlene Sirlin  
7 Kisco Park Drive  
Mount Kisco, NY 10549

**\*\*\*NO SCHOOL PO's ACCEPTED\*\*\***

*Please sign-up/ bookmark these sites:*

*E-mail: [powerfuleducators@hotmail.com](mailto:powerfuleducators@hotmail.com)*

*Twitter: PoWeRFuL\_Ed*

*Facebook: PoWeRFuL Educators*

*Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/pwrfl0519/>*

Dear PoWeRFuL colleagues,

As immediate Past President and Nominations Chair, it is my responsibility to gather nominations for the upcoming PoWeRFuLelections. This year we are seeking nominees for the following positions:

- President: two-year term
- Secretary: two-year term

It is vital that we keep our local Westchester/Putnam language association strong, current, and vibrant. We welcome new faces with new ideas! Please consider volunteering to be an officer in PoWeRFuL. Not only does it look GREAT to your administrators (it satisfies the requirements in Domain 4 of the Danielson APPR framework!!!!), but it is GREAT for you both personally and professionally. If **you** are not able, please talk to your colleagues to see if they are interested.

Please email all nominations to: [nkress@briarcliffschools.org](mailto:nkress@briarcliffschools.org) .

Finally, as a PSA for PoWeRFuL, please encourage your colleagues to join PoWeRFuL and our parent organization NYSAFLT and to attend meetings. It is healthy and fulfilling to spend time learning from each other and discussing our craft. It keeps us fresh, young, current and dynamic!

Sincerely,  
*Nancy*

Nancy Kress  
French/Spanish Teacher  
PoWeRFuL Nominations Chairperson

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Briarcliff Manor, New York 10510  
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PoWeRFuL Educator- HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONTEST:

We are offering our yearly scholarship for high school graduating senior students to tell us why they think learning a world language is important. Some guidelines:

- The supporting teacher must be a member of PoWeRFuL for the 2015-2016 school year. (If you are not sure of your status, please contact us). This form may be duplicated for multiple student entries. There is no limit to how many entries a teacher may submit.
- The student MUST be entered in a language study program for the 2015-2016 school year.
- The essay may be typed or may be hand-written but may not use any material that is copyrighted and may not use a translator for sentences, sections or the entire paper.
- The essay should be around 250 words long in the \*world language of their choice\* on the topic "Why Learning a World Language Is Important". It must contain examples of their own personal experiences learning/ using a language.
- The student should be continuing their education post-high school in a 2 or 4 year program.
- Please include the essay with this submission form and return by April 9, 2016. The winner will receive a check for \$150 towards a college of their choice. Their school and nominating teacher will also be notified!

Mail a copy of essay along with this completed form to: [athornton@pvcgsd.org](mailto:athornton@pvcgsd.org)

Student Name:

Student Age:

Teacher Name and Phone Number:

Level of FL Study:

School District:

Principal:

School Address:

The form must be signed below, indicating that the student wrote the essay themselves and did not use a translator or any other means of creating the essay and the teacher believes this to be the personal work of the student. Parent signature required! Failure to complete this form will result in essay submission being excluded from contest.

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent Signature:

**We understand that any submissions become the sole property of PWRF and that it may be duplicated and/ or displayed at PWRF venues. Student's FIRST name (not last name) and sponsoring teacher's name will be attached. If for some reason you DO NOT want your child's name to appear, please send an e-mail to [powerfuleducators@hotmail.com](mailto:powerfuleducators@hotmail.com)**

PoWeRFuL Educator- MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT CONTEST:

We are offering an opportunity for any middle school student(s) to focus on the topic: "Promoting Studying a World Language". Some guidelines:

- The supporting teacher must be a member of PoWeRFuL for the 2015-2016 school year. (If you are not sure of your status, please contact us). This form may be duplicated for multiple student entries. There is no limit to how many entries a teacher may submit.
- The student(s) MUST be entered in a language study program for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Student(s) can use any creative output of their choosing (poster, paragraph, visual art). If it is a poster, it should be one page in length; a performance art such as a video or skit should be 1-2 minutes long. Teachers MUST be prepared to mail or drop off the actual project! Photos of project not acceptable! Student(s) MUST be MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED!
- Student(s) may work individually or in groups to create a visual art such as video or skit. Maximum number of students in a group is 4. Spelling is VERY IMPORTANT!
- Please include the item with this submission form and return by April 9, 2016 (it may be turned in at the Regional Conference). The winner will receive a check for \$100 (to be split if there is a group). The winning school and nominating teacher will be notified.
- Student(s) may not use any material that is copyrighted. A translator may NOT be used for sentences, sections or the entire project.
- Mail to: PoWeRFuL Educators c/o Alexis Thornton

67 Steuben Road

Garrison, NY 10524

Student Name:

Student Age:

Teacher Name and Phone Number:

School District:

Principal:

School Address:

The form must be signed below, indicating that the student(s) completed the work themselves and did not use a translator or any other means of creating the product and the teacher believes this to be the personal work of the student(s). Every student MUST have a signed paper! Parent signature required for us to use name/ image for publicity (first name only). Failure to complete this form will result in submission being excluded from contest.

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent signature:



PoWeRFuL Educator- FLES STUDENT CONTEST: **\*\*\*NEW CONTEST\*\*\***

We are offering an opportunity for any FLES student(s) to focus on the topic: "World Languages and ME". Some guidelines:

- The supporting teacher must be a member of PoWeRFuL for the 2015-2016 school year. (If you are not sure of your status, please contact us). This form may be duplicated for multiple student entries. There is no limit to how many entries a teacher may submit.
- The student(s) MUST be entered in a language study program for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Student(s) can use any creative output of their choosing (poster, paragraph, visual art). If it is a poster, it should be one page in length; a performance art such as a video or skit should be 1-2 minutes long. Teachers MUST be prepared to mail or drop off the actual project! Photos of project not acceptable!
- Student(s) may work individually or in groups to create a visual art such as video or skit. Maximum number of students in a group is 4. Spelling is VERY IMPORTANT!
- Please include the item with this submission form and return by April 9, 2016 (it may be turned in at the Regional Conference). The winner will receive a check for \$50 (to be split if there is a group). The winning school and nominating teacher will be notified.
- Student(s) may not use any material that is copyrighted. A translator may NOT be used for sentences, sections or the entire project.
- Mail to: PoWeRFuL Educators c/o Alexis Thornton

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Student Name:

Student Age:

Teacher Name and Phone Number:

School District:

Principal:

School Address:

The form must be signed below, indicating that the student(s) completed the work themselves and did not use a translator or any other means of creating the product and the teacher believes this to be the personal work of the student(s). Every student MUST have a signed paper!

Parent signature required for us to use name/ image for publicity (first name only). Failure to complete this form will result in submission being excluded from contest.

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent signature:

# Your officers:

Please feel free to contact any of the officers for more information:

Alexis Thornton (President)- [athornton@pvcsd.org](mailto:athornton@pvcsd.org)

Roxanne Franquelli- Beras (Vice-President)-[roxanne.franquelli@gmail.com](mailto:roxanne.franquelli@gmail.com)

Julie Bianchi (Treasurer)- [jbianchi@ardsleyschools.org](mailto:jbianchi@ardsleyschools.org)

Charlene Sirlin (Registration)- [charlene.sirlin@chufsd.org](mailto:charlene.sirlin@chufsd.org)

Nancy Kress (Nominations Committee Chair)- [nkress@briarcliffschools.org](mailto:nkress@briarcliffschools.org)

## NYS AFLT Directors:

Sally Barnes (NYS AFLT Regional Director 2014-2016)- [sally.barnes@chufsd.org](mailto:sally.barnes@chufsd.org)

Leslie Kudlack (NYS AFLT Regional Director 2016-2018)- [lkudlack@verizon.net](mailto:lkudlack@verizon.net)

New PWRFL Logo- compliments of Jessica  
(teacher Marilyn Sable).

