

# POWeRFuL

## *Educators*

Meetings		Location	Tentative Workshops
Tues. October 3rd	4-6:30pm (2 1/2 hours special***)	Ardsley Middle School	Overview of Comprehensible Input
Tues. November 14th	4-6pm	Palisades Prep (Yonkers)	Designing assessment in the three modes of communication
Tues. November 28th	4-6pm	Valhalla Middle-High School	Pinterest Resources
Tues. January 9th	4-6pm	Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School (Croton-Harmon)	Seal of Biliteracy
Tues. February 6th	4-6pm	Carmel High School	Standards-Based Grading
Sat. April 14th	8am-3pm	Putnam Valley High School	

## Dec-Jan

Thank you to Lillian Carey for joining us and showing us Pinterest Resources for World Language Teachers in November! We know that we all get sucked into the Pinterest vortex!

Thank you also to Sarah Campbell for our Seal of Biliteracy presentation!

### SEAL OF BILITERACY COMMITTEE:

Anyone who is interested in serving on Croton-Harmon's Seal of Biliteracy committee, please contact Sally

Barnes at [sally.barnes@chufsd.org](mailto:sally.barnes@chufsd.org). Volunteers are needed to serve on the French, Spanish and Mandarin committees!

### APRIL PRESENTERS:

*We are still looking for anyone interested in presenting at our Regional Conference on April 14th. Please let us know if you want to share your ideas!*

### NOMINATIONS:

Information about running for officer of PWRFL- see page 3!

### BOCES MEETINGS:

Two meetings for Department/ Chairs/ Coordinators with Harriet Barnett have been held thus far- next meeting February 14th! Please check: <https://www.mylearningplan.com> to sign up!

### FEBRUARY WORKSHOP:

Our final regularly-scheduled workshop of the year is a roundtable discussion about Grading Practices. See our flyer on pg. 2.

### CONTESTS:

Our yearly contests for students have begun. Remember: Teachers must be CURRENT members of PWRFL to submit- see pages 4-6.

# PoWeRFuL *presents:*



## Roundtable Discussion on Grading Policies

What does your grading policy look like? Which standards do you follow; IPA-based, Standards-based, etc.? Join us for an open discussion to see what everyone in the area is doing.

**\*\*Please** bring copies of your opening day expectations or other policies/rubrics that you use.

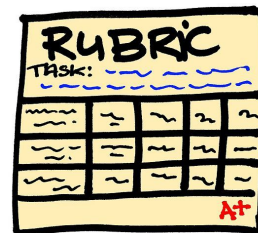
February 6, 2018  
4:00pm-6:00pm



Carmel High School  
30 Fair Street  
Carmel, NY 10512  
**Room 408**

Please R.S.V.P. to [powerfuleducators@hotmail.com](mailto:powerfuleducators@hotmail.com).  
Let's have an afternoon of learning from each other!

*\*\*PWRF is an approved Sponsor of Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) pursuant to Section 80-6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2021. CTLE Identification number: 3398*



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

Briarcliff Middle School  
444 Pleasantville Road  
Briarcliff Manor, New York 10510  
(914) 488-8408

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PoWeRFuL Educator- HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONTEST:

We are offering our yearly scholarship for high school graduating 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 2017-2018 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 current 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 14, 2018. 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@pvcasd.org](mailto:athornton@pvcasd.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 PWREFL and that it may be duplicated and/ or displayed at PWREFL 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 the Study of a World Language". Some guidelines:*

- The supporting teacher must be a member of PoWeRFuL for this school year. This form may be duplicated. 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 current 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 14, 2018 (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:*

*Level of FL study:*

*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. We will display submissions at PWRFL events. 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)*

*Student Signature:*

*Teacher signature:*

*Parent signature:*

*PoWeRFuL Educator- FLES STUDENT 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 this school year. This form may be duplicated. 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 current 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 14, 2018 (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 Age:*

*Teacher Name and Phone Number:*

*School District:*

*Principal:*

*School Address:*

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*Parent signature:*

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## NYSAFLT UPDATE

- **Webinars:** NYSAFLT offers 7 webinars throughout the year (free to members)! Please check them out on the [www.nysaftl.org](http://www.nysaftl.org) website. You can earn CTLE credits through the live webinars!
- **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.
- **Membership:** Remember to **renew your NYSAFLT membership now for 2018** (only \$45) so you can take advantage of discounted rates on all of these great events! The calendar year for NYSAFLT runs from January through December! Perks of being a NYSAFLT member:
  - o free access to webinars
  - o advocacy resources
  - o teacher resources, scholarships, etc.
  - o student scholarships
  - o listserv

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



## 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)

Stephanie Albanese (Treasurer)- [sorrisa131@aol.com](mailto:sorrisa131@aol.com)

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### NYSAFLT Directors:

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

Eleanor Dana- [ejdana@earthlink.net](mailto:ejdana@earthlink.net)

## Sept. 2017-Jun. 2018 PoWeRFuL Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it, with a check, to our secretary.  
(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      \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Lifetime

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate) Home \_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_

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

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

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

New this year:

- 1. Certificates of completion for EACH workshop will be given (we are not listed on mylearningplan). Each person is responsible for contacting their own school district regarding in-service credit.**
- 2. W-9 forms are now available for any schools who need them to process payment (e-mail us a request for one if needed)!**
- 3. We are working on setting up for online payments- hope to have it in place by our spring conference!**

\*Remember, starting in October, we will only be sending our e-mails to current members of PWRFL: stay informed- register to be a member!

Please make checks out to **Powerful Educators** and mail to:

Viviane Lynch  
721 Route 340  
Palisades, NY 10964

*Please sign-up/ bookmark these sites:*

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

Twitter: PoWeRFuL\_Ed

Facebook: PoWeRFuL Educators