

Putnam, Westchester Region Foreign Language Educators (PWRFL)

December Newsletter



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Fall Edition

Thank you to our officers Roxanne and Viviane for presenting on alternative ways to assess. Next up: Advocacy Roundtable Discussion Jan. 8th (stay tuned for a flyer)!

Our Regional meeting has been approved for March 30th and will be held at Putnam Valley High School. **Please think about offering a workshop and send us your ideas!** Several of us were hard at work on PWRFL items this summer and met in a committee to review our PWRFL Constitution and make suggestions for updates. Current members will be getting an email with a copy of the suggestions of the committee to review and then will need to vote on whether to approve the changes. Keep an eye on your inbox!

Looking ahead: Check out our newsletter in the new year for elections of vice-president and treasurer next year.

[PWRFL Website](#)

FUTURE Workshop Dates 2018-19:

Day:	Date:	Time:	Workshop:	Location:
Tuesday	January 8th	4-6pm	Advocacy Roundtable- part 2	Putnam Valley High School
Tuesday	February 5th	4-6pm	Offering Extracurricular Opportunities	Valhalla Middle-High School
Tuesday	March 5th	4-6pm	Snow Date	
MONDAY	March 18th	4-6pm	OPI Overview	Ardsley Middle School
Saturday	March 30th	TBD	Regional Meeting	Putnam Valley High School

Remember all of these workshops and CTLE credits are free if you join for the year! Please click to go directly to our website then go to "Membership"! We have kept our same registration rate of \$26 for this school year (\$12 retired/ student). (To pay by check please email for a form!)

NYSAFLT News: [NYSAFLT Website](#)

- **NECTFL (Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Conference: February 7-9, 2019 at NYC Hilton Midtown- Sign up today!**
- **Next year's conferences:**
 - Summer Institute- August 6-9, 2019 at SUNY Oneonta
 - Annual Conference- November 1-2, 2019 at the Saratoga Hilton Saratoga, NY
 - *NEW NEXT YEAR- DAILY RATE FOR SATURDAY ONLY!
- **Webinars:** NYSAFLT offers 7 webinars throughout the year (free to members)! Please check their website. You can earn CTLE credits through the live webinars!
- **Membership:** Remember to **renew your NYSAFLT membership now for 2019** (only \$45)
Perks of being a NYSAFLT member:
 - free access to webinars
 - advocacy resources
 - teacher resources, scholarships, etc.
 - student scholarships
 - listserv

NYSAFLT Regional Directors:

Charlene Sirlin- charlene.sirlin@chufsd.org (Alexis Thornton- athornton@pvcasd.org as of 1/2019) and Eleanor Dana- ejdana@earthlink.net

Northern Westchester BOCES Workshops (Remaining dates):

Once again, Harriet Barnett will be chairing a series of meetings for Department Chairs/ Coordinators. PLEASE CHECK <https://www.mylearningplan.com/> TO SIGN UP!

1. DECEMBER 12, 2018, WEDNESDAY
2. FEBRUARY 11, 2019, MONDAY
3. APRIL 9, 2019, TUESDAY

In addition, Marissa Coulehan will be leading a series of FLES collegial circle meetings.

1. MARCH 18, 2019, MONDAY (SITE VISIT)
2. MAY 17, 2019, FRIDAY

Officers:

Alexis Thornton (President)- athornton@pvcasd.org

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Viviane Lynch (Registration)- visbaraini@yahoo.com



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 2018-2019 school year. This form may be duplicated for multiple student entries. There is no limit on the amount submitted!
- 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.
- Mail a copy of essay along with this completed form to: athornton@pvcasd.org

Please include the essay with this submission form and return by March 30, 2019. The winner will receive a check for \$150 towards the continuation of their studies.

Student Name:

Student Age:

Teacher Name and Phone Number:

Level of FL Study:

School District:

Principal:

School Address:

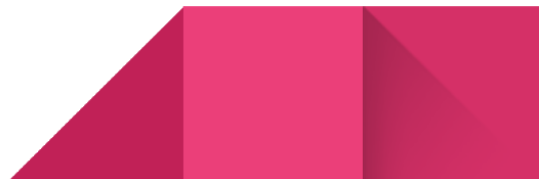
The form must be signed below, indicating that the student wrote the essay themselves and did not use a translator or any other means of creating the essay and the teacher believes this to be the original work of the student. Parent signature required! Failure to complete this form will result in essay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

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent Signature:

We understand that any submissions become the property of PWRFL and that it may be duplicated and/ or displayed at PWRFL 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



PoWeRFuL Educators- Middle School Contest: "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 a permission slip for ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED and return by March 30, 2019 (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:

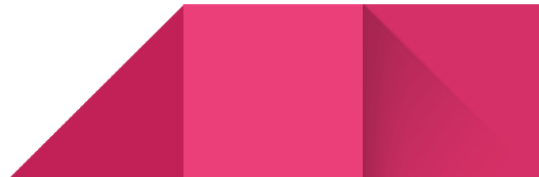
The form must be signed, indicating that the student wrote the submission themselves and did not use a translator or copyrighted material and the teacher believes this to be the original work of the student. Failure to complete this form will result in exclusion from the contest.

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent Signature:

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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 current member of PoWeRFuL. 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 March 30, 2019 (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
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 original 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. If for some reason you DO NOT want your child's name to appear, please send an e-mail to powerfuleducators@hotmail.com

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent signature:



