

POWeRFuL

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PWRFL Meetings:**Oct. 7- Culture, Creativity and the Common Core- Putnam Valley High School- 4-7*pm****Nov. 18- Reading Swap- Pierre Van Cortlandt MS (Croton, NY)- 4-6pm****Jan. 13- Oral Proficiency- TBD- 4-6pm****Feb. 3- Webinar- Valhalla High School- 4-6pm****Mar. 3- SNOW MAKE-UP DATE IF NECESSARY**

**CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN BUT WE ARE NOT ON
MYLEARNINGPLAN!**

Sept. 2014!

Welcome back to school and another great year of workshops at PWRFL! See above for our tentative list- we are planning for both presenters as well as a "swap" for ideas and a viewing of a NYS AFLT webinar. If you have any workshops you are interested in seeing or PRESENTING, please e-mail us!

Our first event of the year is a workshop on Culture, Creativity and the Common Core, led by past NYS AFLT president Mary Holmes. It will take place at Putnam Valley High School (146 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley, NY) October 7th from

4pm-7pm. Please RSVP to let us know if you can attend! Remember there is no fee for workshops if you are a paid PWRFL member for the year.

AWARDS:

We had a great turnout for our award competitions last year. You can see examples on our website under "awards". We will be introducing a new award again this year! Please join PWRFL this year so your kids can take advantage!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- NYS AFLT Update- page 2
- BOCES CONFERENCES FOR THIS YEAR- 2014-2015- page 4

Dues:

Our year runs September- June so it is time to renew! This year we are asking for \$26. Remember, with your paid dues, you get to attend workshops for free, your students get to apply for awards and there is a discount on the Regional! See page 3!

WEBSITE:

Please check out our website- we have added additional tabs like "news from other groups"! You can find information from publishers, local organizations, etc. We will still send out local job offers ONLY to registered PWRFL members (starting in October).

Notes from NYSAFLT

www.nysaftl.org

- **“Getting to the Common Core of it”** – Let NYSAFLT Rock Your World in Rochester, NY on October 10-11! Early Registration rates are available until September 25th. Go to NYSAFLT.org and click on “Annual Conference” and sign up now!
- **Webinars:** NYSAFLT offers numerous webinars for purchase. Please check them out on our website.
- **Scholarships, Travel Grants and Awards:** For teachers and students – look at the website for more details.
- **Administrators 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, so renew now!

Remember to keep checking nysaftl.org for information about webinars, scholarships and more!



Sept. 2014-Jun. 2015 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/ credit towards the 175 hours needed for recertification!

*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:

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

Please sign-up/ bookmark these sites:

E-mail: powerfuleducators@hotmail.com

Twitter: PoWeRFuL_Ed

Facebook: PoWeRFuL Educators

BOCES WORKSHOPS 2014-2015

Putnam/N. West. BOCES

To access:

Pnwboces.org

Then click on : Professional Development Catalogue (on lefthand side)

10/09/2014 Aligning LOTE with Student Learning Objectives

10/22/2014 First meeting of Foreign Language Chairs and Lead Teachers

11/20/2014 Motivating Reluctant Students in the Foreign Language Class

12/05/2014 Effective Practices for Teaching a Foreign Language

2/10/2015 Second Meeting of Foreign Language Chairs and Lead Teachers

3/11/2015 Teaching Reading and Writing in the Foreign Language Class

3/16/2015 Integrating Culture into the Foreign Language Curriculum

4/8/2015 Third meeting of Foreign Language Chairs and Lead Teachers

5/11/2015 Teaching ALL students in mixed ability Foreign Language Classes

Please contact BOCES for a registration form or Harriet Barnett
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