

POWeRFuL

Educators

Putnam- Westchester Foreign Language Newsletter

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PWRFL Meetings:**Feb. 3- Webinar- Valhalla High School- 4-6pm****Mar. 3- SNOW MAKE-UP DATE IF NECESSARY****Mar. 21- PWRFL SPRING Conference (stay tuned for more information)**

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

Jan. 2015!

Welcome to 2015- we are so thankful that we were able to have our January meeting, despite Mother Nature playing havoc with ice this month! Our next meeting is scheduled for Valhalla Middle-High School Feb. 3. We will watch a recent NYSAFLT webinar and have discussion. As always, please RSVP to powerfuleducators@hotmail.com if you are going to be attending!

REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

If you have any workshops you are interested in seeing or PRESENTING, please e-mail us at

powerfuleducators@hotmail.com.

New incentive- if you are presenting, you get free attendance all day!

Remember there is no fee for our standard workshops throughout the year if you are already a paid PWRFL member for the year but there is a small charge for the Regional which includes breakfast and lunch.

NOMINATIONS:

Please see page 2 for a letter from our nominations chairperson. Please consider running or nominating someone else!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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DUES:

Our year runs September- June! This year we are asking for \$26.

Remember, with your paid dues, your students get to apply for awards and scholarships!

WEBSITE:

For more info- www.powerfuleducators.com

Dear PoWeRFuL colleagues,

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

- Vice- President: two-year term
- Treasurer: 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.

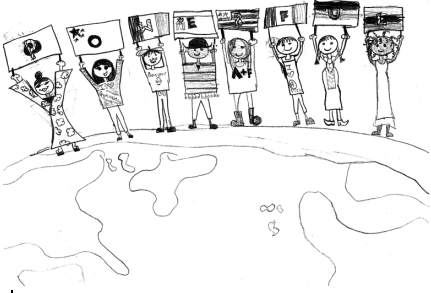
Please email all nominations to: nkress@briarcliffschools.org .

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



PoWeRFuL Regional Spring Conference
co-sponsored by NYSAFLT

Saturday, March 21, 2015 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Putnam Valley High School
146 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley

Registration includes: breakfast, publisher displays, leveled roundtable discussions, lunch, and a choice of workshops throughout the day!

Please note we are keeping the same price as last year to encourage more people to join us!

*****IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO BRING A THUMB DRIVE*****

REGIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

***Make checks payable to WAFLE (Sorry, no refunds!)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Early Bird Cost (postmarked on or before 3/7/15):

(If you are unsure of your membership status please email us at
powerfuleducators@hotmail.com)

PoWeRFuL or NYSAFLT Member \$15.00 member

Non-Member: \$25.00 non-member

On-Site Registration or after 3/7/15:

PoWeRFuL or NYSAFLT Member \$20.00 member

Non-Member: \$30.00 non-member

Please make all checks payable to "WAFLE" and mail with this form to:

Alexis Thornton, 67 Steuben Road, Garrison, NY 10524

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 2014-2015 school year. (If you are not sure of your status, please let us know and we can verify).*
- The student MUST be entered in a language study program for the 2014-2015 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 March 21, 2015 (it may be turned in at the Regional Conference). The winner will receive a check for \$100 towards a college of their choice. Their school and nominating teacher will also be notified!*

*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 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 for us to use name of student and essay for publicity (our website and newsletter).

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent Signature:

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 2014-2015 school year. (If you are not sure of your status, please let us know and we can verify).*
- The student MUST be entered in a language study program for the 2014-2015 school year.*
- Students 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!*
- Students may work individually or in groups to create a visual art such as video or skit. Maximum number of students in the group is 4. Spelling is VERY IMPORTANT!*
- Please include the item with this submission form and return by March 21, 2015 (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 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 for us to use name/ image for publicity.

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent signature:

PoWeRFuL Educator- **T-Shirt Design Contest *NEW***

- All submissions are due on our before our Regional Conference, Saturday, March 21, 2015.
- The teacher submitting the design must be a current member of PoWeRFuL for 2014-2015.
- Prize: (1x \$50.00) prize.
- Include information:
 1. Clear image
 2. 4"x4"
 3. must include letters for PWRFL
 4. bold colors
- Art work can be hand drawn/created or created on a computer. May not be copyrighted!

*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 by all people 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 for us to use name of student (our website, newsletter).

Student Signature:

Teacher signature:

Parent Signature:

December 2014 NYSAFLT UPDATE

Conference Schedule for 2015: Join us !

- **Colloquium** in Syracuse NY on May 2, 2015: “A LOTE Odyssey: Setting a Course to Universal Proficiency”
- **Summer Institute** in Oneonta, NY August 4-7, 2015: “World Languages: Transforming Lives, Preparing Global Citizens”
- **Annual Conference** in Saratoga Springs, NY October 30-31, 2015: “21st Century LOTE Education: Providing the Keys to College and Career Readiness”

- **Webinars:** NYSAFLT offers numerous webinars for purchase. Please check them out on the website.
- **2015 Scholarships, Travel Grants and Awards: IT’S NOT TOO LATE!** For teachers and students– look at the NYSAFLT website for more details.
- **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, **so RENEW NOW!**

Keep checking nysaflt.org for updated 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:

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

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)

2/10/2015 Second Meeting of Foreign Language Chairs and Lead Teachers- 12-3pm

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- 12-3pm

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

Please contact BOCES for a registration form or Harriet Barnett
hsbarnett4203@gmail.com with any questions.

Your officers:

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

Alexis Thornton (President)- athornton@pvcasd.org

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Julie Bianchi (Treasurer)- jbianchi@ardsleyschools.org

Charlene Sirlin (Registration)- charlene.sirlin@chufsd.org

Nancy Kress (Nominations Committee Chair)- nkress@briarcliffschools.org

NYSAFLT Directors:

Fabien La Rivière (NYSAFLT Regional Director 2013-2015)- fabienriviere@gmail.com

Sally Barnes (NYSAFLT Regional Director 2014-2016)- sally.barnes@chufsd.org

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