

Literacy Tips



Tips for middle school educators on various topics such as grammar, writing, reading, spelling, vocabulary, cooperative learning and more.

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Tip #3: Know your K-12 Literacy Coordinator

In my last message, I mentioned "thee" Mardell Kiesel. It is terribly important that you know who she is and what she does for language arts teachers.

Mardell's official title is Literacy Coordinator K-12. Her office is currently where all of the other curriculum coordinators are housed, downtown at 6th & K. Her office is on the 4th floor. It is the one with rows upon rows of children's literature, professional texts, and curriculum samples. Mardell's job is a never-ending one of coordinating the literacy curriculum for all the students in the ASD. In her "spare time," she even organizes special events to help us grow professionally.

Current projects

She has organized a workshop with a consultant, Rick Moulden. He will be presenting Reading Strategies to Build Student Success for Middle and High School Students in Reading/Language Arts classrooms. All of this takes place next Wednesday, Oct. 9, on the UAA campus from 3:00 - 5:30 PM. The UAA Commons Building (Canary Room) is new construction and that in itself is worth the trip to see.

It has been rumored that Mardell has been mentored by Martha Stewart, so you will have refreshments and a learning environment you will remember for a long time to come.

Invitations (with a map) are in the school mail, but I wanted you to have the "heads up" so you could calendar this in. She would appreciate an RSVP to Linda Yost on email or by phone (742-4862). By the way, even if you forget to RSVP, she still wants you to come.

Additionally

Hm, you are being trained for the districtwide writing assessment that evening? Now there is a worthy excuse!

Department chairs, please forward this on to all interested parties.

