



INSPIRING YOUNG WRITERS



A SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS IN GRADES 4-6

presented by the

TANTASQUA/UNION 61 SCHOOL DISTRICT

in partnership with the

MASSACHUSETTS WRITING PROJECT

Revitalizing the Writing Workshop will provide teachers an opportunity to explore current practices in the teaching of writing while engaging in these practices themselves. To experience the ways writing can improve learning, participants will work on their own writing in multiple genres. They will have the opportunity to examine composition standards of the Massachusetts ELA curriculum framework and to reflect on the application of these standards to their own writing and classroom practice. This inquiry into their own writing, current researched – based practice and theory, and standards will give them the skills to teach writing effectively in multiple genres through the use of the writer’s workshop model. Activities will include workshop presentations, discussions of readings, individual writing and peer response, and guided inquiry in educational literature. PDP’s will be awarded, and graduate credit can be arranged.

Facilitator: Katherine A. Troy teaches seventh grade language arts at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School, and is a Teacher-Consultant for the Massachusetts Writing Project. Mrs. Troy has presented programs for the Massachusetts Department of Education, Worcester State College, and the Worcester Public School System. She currently serves on the Literacy Committee and as a mentor at TJHS.

Guest presenters from the Tantasqua/Union 61 School District and the Massachusetts Writing Project will focus on key writing workshop topics.

DATES: June 25-26, 29-30, July 1, 2009

LOCATION: Tantasqua Junior High School

TIME: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm (Lunch will be provided daily)

COST: Participation is free for in-district staff who will earn 45 PDPs.
Three graduate credits, in lieu of PDPs, are available from Worcester State College for \$375.00.

- Register by e-mailing Betsy Krantz no later than Friday, June 12, 2009 at KrantzB@tantasqua.org .
- Payment for graduate credits, made payable to Tantasqua Regional School District, due in full by June 19th.
- Participating in-district teachers who successfully complete this course may still include this for increments, lane movement, or course reimbursement (of the expense incurred by participants) as per their school’s collective bargaining agreement.