



## **Manhattan Paraprofessional Day of Learning Saturday, May 20, 2017**

### **The I.E.P. Process**

**Time: 9:00 – 11:00AM**

In this interactive workshop participants will share information regarding Paraprofessional Guidelines, Path to Success, Chapter 408, IEPs and IEP meetings.

Presenter: Emelina Camacho Mendez, UFT Liaison to Division of Students with Disabilities

### **Beyond Dances, Food and Holidays: Diversity, Inclusion and Personal Bias Awareness In The Classroom**

**Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM and 11:10AM - 1:10 PM**

In this interactive workshop participants will explore how they can foster inclusive school communities and healthier school climates by recognizing how their and others' identities influence personal interactions. Participants will take on and try to understand multiple perspectives, while skillfully navigating uncomfortable and controversial dialogues.

Presenters: Adhim DeVeaux, UFT Professional Development Consultant with BRAVE  
Darlene Post, New York State Licensed Master Social Worker

### **Exploring How Drawing in Conjunction with Writing Contributes to the Thinking**

**Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM and 11:10AM - 1:10 PM**

Activities will include creating a drawing based on a given theme and a brief written statement about that drawing. Motivation will be based on a selection from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and on a Romare Bearden collage, *"The Block."* Self and peer reflection about drawing and writing will guide participants to discover new ways to present their ideas and feelings.

Presenter: Joan L. Davidson, Art educator and exhibiting artist, President/Chairperson, New York City Art Teachers Association/UFT

## **Supporting Student Success in Mathematics: Strategies for Developing Fluency**

**Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM and 11:10AM - 1:10 PM**

In this interactive session participants will deepen their understanding of the progression of basic mathematics skills. Strategies will be shared and practiced to help students become mathematically fluent. A focus on engaging activities will support learning new math concepts. Classroom-ready resources will be shared.

Presenter: Marisa Gubbins, UFT Teacher Center

## **Bringing Power and Passion to Reading and Writing**

**Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM and 11:10AM - 1:10 PM**

Independent reading and writing is an exercise that can unlock the potential in our students for transforming their understanding not only of themselves but the world. This professional learning session will provide you with the tools and activities you need to engage, excite and promote a culture of independent readers and writers.

Presenter: Roslyn Odinga, UFT Teacher Center

## **Educating Children With Autism**

**Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM and 11:10AM - 1:10 PM**

Participants will understand the characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Instructional strategies will be shared to support paraprofessionals in addressing the communication, social and behavioral needs of students with autism.

Presenter: Safya Francis, UFT Teacher Center

## **Let's Talk! Supporting ELLs in the Classroom**

**Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM and 11:10AM - 1:10 PM**

Most of us will work with English Language Learners during our careers. How can we best help them? This workshop will get the conversation started. Participants will leave with a take away toolkit to use in the classroom.

Presenter: Katherine Kurjakovic, Chairperson NYSUT Committee on ELLs

## **Understanding Behavior**

**Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM and 11:10AM - 1:10 PM**

Provide the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to safely and effectively anticipate behavior challenges before they escalate, creating a more stable and positive environment.

Presenter: Mitch Klages-Bombich, Trainer of IUB  
Christina Hepburn, Trainer of IUB