

Tri-State Middle Grades Conference



"It's all about learning!"

Knowing and Learning About Middle School Students

November 1, 2007– Best Western Hotel, Keene, NH

8:30 AM–3:00 PM

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Penny Bishop

Coauthor “Reaching and Teaching Middle Level Students”

Interactive Student Session–Learn from the experts!

“Learning Happens When...”

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Your state and regional middle grades support system

Workshop Session I Topics

A. *What Can You Learn from Student Work?*

Linda C. Bourne, NELMS Consultant

Teams use a process for using student work to plan and adjust instruction.

B. *Electronic Portfolios*

Reina Quintero and David Niguidula, Ed.D, Ideas Consulting

How digital portfolios can be implemented and used as an assessment tool.

C. *Learning for Special Populations*

Instructional Team from Granite Valley Middle School

Effectively meet the needs of special learners in the general classroom.

D. *Testing, Testing, and More Testing*

Cathie Thibodeau, NMSA East Region Trustee

Differentiating assessments.

Workshop Session II Topics

E. *Interdisciplinary Units and the GLEs*

Todd Allen, Jason Demers, Jennifer Snow, Deb Lachance, and the Oyster River Middle School Team

See examples of how one team has successfully implemented integrated units and tied them to GLE's.

F. *Kids and Writing–Make It Fun*

Linda C. Bourne, NELMS Consultant

Strategies and activities to ease the stress of writing for performance assessment.

G. *“I Have an Advisory Group–Now What Do I Do?”*

Pat Clem, Principal, Granite Valley Middle School

Participants will receive useful advisory ideas and a packet of information.

H. *Bright, Brighter, Brightest*

Cathie Thibodeau, NMSA East Region Trustee

How to meet the needs of gifted and talented learners

