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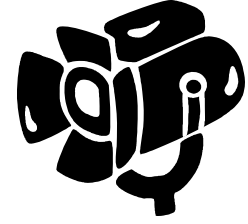
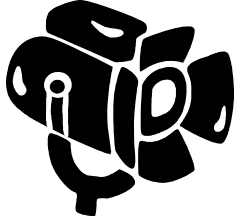
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“Spotlight on You”

April 6, 2006  
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**7:00 a.m.- Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:15 a.m. - Opening and Welcome**

**8:30 a.m. - “Creating a Learning Environment”**

**Keynote Speaker - Grant Teaff, Executive Director, American Football Coaches Association (Former Baylor University Head Football Coach)**

**9:30 a.m. Breakout Session I**

**Struggling Readers: What’s Going On and How Can We Help?\*** - Dr. Trish Raley, Clinical Director, Center for Learning & Development

This presentation will cover the reasons that struggling readers have such difficulty making sense out of the printed word. It also will describe the most important components that need to be included in a research-based reading program, so that these students can become successful readers.

**Estate Planning - Elisa Dillard Rainey, Attorney, Rainey & Rainey, LLP**

Are you prepared? This session will cover a discussion of wills, trusts, durable powers of attorney, medical powers of attorney, directives to physicians and other basic estate planning documents everyone needs to know.

**Math Can be FUN\* - Peggy Rogers, Team Leader, ESC Region 12**

Shake, rattle and roll your way into learning math games that will help your students learn their math facts.

**Grants for Education - Cathy Ford, TX Higher Education Coordinating Board**

This session will focus on Texas grant monies available to educational aides which provide free tuition and reduced fees.

**Christmas in April - Kathy Gentry, Team Leader, ESC Region 12**

Get ready to make unique and personalized folded fabric Christmas ornaments. Use them on your tree, to honor a baby’s first Christmas or as a decoration for a gift.

**Disciplining with Love & Logic - Jimmy Glenn, Principal, Kerens ISD**

Join Jimmy Glenn to hear anecdotal stories that will tell you about how the recognized program *Love & Logic* can make discipline fun.. Participants will learn 23 proven tools for increasing student cooperation.

**Cliff Notes for Clifford (Part I)\* - Joan Berry, Director & Charla Rudd, Team Leader, ESC Region 12**

Sit back, relax, and enjoy some high quality children's and adolescent literature presented by two seasoned storytellers. You'll laugh, cry, and learn some strategies for immediate implementation in the classroom....**to be continued in Session II.**

**10:45 a.m. Breakout Session II**

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**Transportation to the Power of One - Pam McCurdy, Consultant, DPS-School Transportation**

Whether you are a school bus driver, monitor on a school bus, concerned school district employee or have a child who rides the bus, you can make a difference! Participants will learn the updates on laws and rules affecting school bus transportation. Find out what you can do to improve the safety and well being of students on school buses.

**Gangs 101: What We All Need to Know - Michelle Burman, Project Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General**

This session includes a graphics-driven training curriculum, which covers a wide variety of gang-related issues. The training focuses on gang identifiers and ideas for gang intervention and prevention at the individual and community levels.

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**Aides in Science\* - Judy York, Educational Specialist, ESC Region 12**

"Mrs. Smith, Mr. Nye has a family emergency and must be away from the campus. Please go down to his room and oversee the science class today!" Join us and learn some basic hands-on strategies for managing a science classroom.

**Tips for Paraprofessionals - Dr. Robin Battershell, Superintendent, Salado ISD**  
Participants will learn tips on what their boss is looking for in a Paraprofessional. Dr. Battershell will share information she has learned from networking with other administrators.

**11:45 a.m. Lunch Break**

**1:00 pm. Breakout Session III**

**Gwen's Ten for Handling Difficult Students -Gwen Ryan, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12**

This session will review 10 practical strategies for keeping your “cool” when dealing with difficult students. Participants will leave the session with an understanding of who those difficult students are and how to transfer responsibility for misbehavior back to the student.

**The Time is Now - Cort Laurence, Agent, AIG American General**

Participants will learn important facts about coordinating their personal finances, investments and Texas Teacher Retirement. Anyone can invest in the future, regardless of income!

**So You want to Get Fit - Brian Brabham, Team Leader, ESC Region 12**

Come to this session to learn the benefits of exercise and healthy eating. Topics will include beginning a workout program, eating healthy on a budget and staying motivated in your efforts to get fit. Participants will leave with a basic understanding of starting and maintaining an exercise program while having fun and making beneficial lifestyle changes.

**Math Games for Grades 3-9\* - Tracy Holcomb, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12**

This session will introduce participants to games that students can play to learn basic math concepts. Participants also will walk away with materials that can be taken back to the classroom to use with students. Come & have FUN with math!

**Something for the Sweet Tooth - Jenny Dixon, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12**

Participants will use Microsoft Word to create customized candy wrappers for special occasions. Tables will be used to create projects. Participants will learn to use tables, insert images, and work with different table properties. These skills can be applied to a variety of projects.



**FUN SAVER “Saving the Memories”- Elida Garza, STaR Chart Assistant, ESC Region 12**

Have fun while learning how to create simple scrapbook pages!

**2:00 p.m. - Break and refreshments**

**2:15 - 3:00 p.m. - Speaker -” How Important am I? Very”  
Dr. Jeannette Hall, Independent consultant**

**3:00 - 3:15 p m. - Closing & Door Prizes**

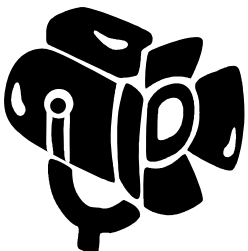
**\* Denotes NCLB skills enhancement sessions**

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The Region 12 Paraprofessional Celebration will give participants the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with colleagues and obtain continuing professional education credit. The Celebration will focus on topics ranging from student related subjects to personal self-improvement areas. **Enhance your “NCLB Highly Qualified” skills by attending sessions marked with an asterisk (\*) to improve your ability to assist with reading, writing and math instruction in the classroom.**

Participants will learn how to assist teachers to improve student achievement, work efficiently and effectively in a school setting, and manage emergency situations. They will also learn how to develop and maintain relationships with students and parents, but most importantly, participants will celebrate their unique and vital role in the education of all children.



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