

**7:45- 8:30 a.m. - Registration**  
**8:30- 9:40 a.m. - Opening Session**

**Keynote Address:**  
**“Teaming Together for TAKS Success”**  
**Joan Berry, Instructor**  
**The University of Mary Hardin- Baylor**

### **Break-Out Sessions**

**9:45-10:40 a.m.**

#### Place Value for Grades 3-8

*Tracy Holcomb, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12*

A solid understanding of place value is foundational for students if they are to go on to understand addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, fractions, and even the concept of absolute value when they get into Algebra. This “Make and Take” workshop will provide you with a rich “math center” activity that can be used daily to help students from elementary school to middle school finally comprehend what place value is all about.

#### Managing Student Behavior While Maintaining Your Sanity!

*Gwen Ryan, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12*

Are you tired of going home tired because dealing with misbehavior has worn you down? Come and get renewed! This session will explore effective strategies for managing inappropriate behavior in the learning environment. Participants will learn specific techniques that empower students to take control of their own behavior and assist adults in avoiding power struggles.

#### What Are The Kids Up To?

*Jenny Dixon, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12*

This session will familiarize you with all the new technology tools kids are using—blogging, google search, IPODs, “my space,” etc.

#### Eating Right to Prevent Diabetes

*Christine Smith, Diabetes Health Services Coordinator, Waco-McLennan County Health Public Health District*

Learning how to eat right is an important part of preventing and controlling diabetes. This session will provide tips on healthy eating and special diets because eating healthy is not just for people with diabetes.

#### Tools That Work Together to be Effective in the Office Setting

*Vivian McCoy, Executive Assistant, ESC Region 12*

This session will pull together all of the necessary facets it takes to be effective in the office setting. If you're disorganized or feel overwhelmed this is the session for you! You will learn practical strategies for managing time, prioritizing your inbox, controlling paper flow, organizing paper files, or you name it!

**10:45-11:40 a.m.**

#### Proper Handwashing—One of the Most Effective Methods to Prevent Illnesses

*Kelly Clines, Health Educator, Waco-McLennan County Public Health District*

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#### Preparing for Weather-Related Emergencies at School and at Home

*Mike Griffin, Meteorologist, KCEN-TV Channel 6*

In any type of weather-related emergency, it is important to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature may bring. Whether it is a flash flood, tornado, hurricane, hail or ice storm, being prepared will make you safer.

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**11:40 a.m. -1 p.m. - LUNCH – On Your Own**

### **Break-Out Sessions (cont'd)**

**1:05-2 p.m.**

#### Survival Spanish

*Cynthia Hernandez, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12*

Do you occasionally need to speak Spanish on your campus? You just might! Learn the Spanish you need “to survive” in a campus environment. This session is not an attempt to be fluent, just to communicate.

#### Computer Troubleshooting

*Paul Guardiola, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12*

How many times have you had to call Tech Support only to find a simple reboot was all that was needed -- or perhaps the monitor had come unplugged? Have you ever wanted to identify all the parts of a computer and understand how they work? Ever had print jobs get the upper hand? Ever wished someone would explain what some of those error messages actually mean? Well this is the session for you!

#### Benefits of Campus Recycling

*Megan Miller, City of Waco Solid Waste Services*

What's all the fuss about recycling? Why is it important? This session will cover recycling from start to finish and offer tips on how you can help your campus help Mother Earth as well as why you should recycle, what you can and can't recycle, and what happens to the materials you collect. This promises to be an interesting and lively discussion about going green.

#### Working with Students with Autism

*Kris Ward, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12*

This workshop includes a brief overview of autism spectrum disorders. Paraprofessionals will learn how to effectively support the academic, behavioral, and social needs of students with ASD as well as data-keeping techniques and ideas to support the teachers.

#### Crafting Your Way Into Science

*Charla Rudd, Coordinator and Judy York, Education Specialist, ESC Region 12*

Handcrafted gifts are always considered the most valuable because of the time and thought put into the creation of the gift. This session is aimed at creating gifts that children can make that are valuable for their loved ones to receive while at the same time learning a few scientific principles. You don't want to miss the great crafts and “recipe” book to make a year's worth of fabulous gifts and crafts!

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**Choosing to Eat Healthy**

*Erica Lopez, Dietician, Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center*

Healthy eating means choosing a variety of foods from the basic food groups. As simple as this sounds, it's not always easy to get the nutrition you need. This session will assist you with healthy food and meal choices.

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**Wrap-up. Door prizes. Evaluation**

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**Wear your "favorite team" attire for a chance at a great prize.**

Cost: \$70 • Session #28067 • 6 credit hours

Register on-line at: [www.esc12.net](http://www.esc12.net)

Registration deadline: *March 24, 2008*

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 12 Paraprofessional Celebration Session #28067

**Tuesday, April 1, 2008**

**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**2101 W. Loop 340 ~ Waco**



**Theme:**

**"Great Teams-The Winning Edge"**

