

# **MESPA Fall Conference**

## **November 3, 2016**

### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

#### **Chatting on Twitter: How to Participate, Facilitate and Share**

*Brenda Mauraο, Assistant Principal, Miller Elementary School, Holliston, MA*

Participants will be consumers in this workshop! Goals include participating in a real-time Twitter chat, using Tweetdeck to monitor chats, to schedule tweets and to create chat questions, and capturing chats using Storify.

#### **Managing School Wide Systems of Support in an RtI Framework with Google Drive**

*Thomas Martellone, Principal, Fiske Elementary School, Lexington, MA*

This presentation is designed to show how educators can facilitate school wide systems of support in an RtI structure that will support students and help close the achievement gap. Technology is used to manage the systems for increased student achievement and staff collaboration within the school.

#### **Social-Emotional Learning in Your School: The Principal's View**

*Bill Ribas, President, Ribas Associates and Publications, Inc.*

The past 18 months everyone has been talking about social-emotional learning. In Massachusetts it was the theme at the secondary school principals' conference, the superintendent's conference, and the school committee conference. Social-emotional learning is important. However, in many of our schools it is already taking place in a variety of ways. This workshop is designed to provide an overview of typical programs in elementary and middle schools that develop social-emotional learning. More importantly, it helps principals and their staff determine the ways in which already existing programs can be "tweaked" to promote higher levels of social emotional learning. Improving social-emotional learning in your school need not require large expenditures of time and money. It often only requires adjustments in present practices.

## **Storytellers in Chief: Using Technology to Share Your School's Story**

*Chris Dodge, Principal, Orange Elementary School, Orange, MA*

*Mike Leander, Principal, Athol Community Elementary School, Athol, MA*

*Julie Vincentsen, Principal, Ruggles Lane School, Barre, MA*

During this presentation, participants will see examples of how three different schools use Social Media to tell the stories of their school. You will walk away from this session understanding how to leverage tools like Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook to share with your community the positive news that is happening each and every day in your classrooms.

## **How To Be An Effective Principal: 'Be yourself' and other tips for connecting with staff, students and parents.**

*Paul S. Haughey, Ed. D, Principal, Millville Elementary School, Millville, MA*

The principal position in any district is an important role that all staff, students and parents of the school rely on. Elementary schools differ in many ways—even within the same district—but principals can follow leadership practices that keep the focus on teaching and learning every school day.

## **UD What?...The What, the How, and the Why of Learning with Universal Design for Learning**

*Liz Garden, Principal, Florence Roche Elementary School, Groton, MA*

Do you know what UDL is? Have you been discussing the UDL framework with your teachers and planning professional development around it? Did you know that UDL is specifically mentioned throughout ESSA? If you answered no to any or all of these questions, then this session is for you! We will learn about UDL and how it can be brought into your school so that all of your students have equal opportunities to learn.