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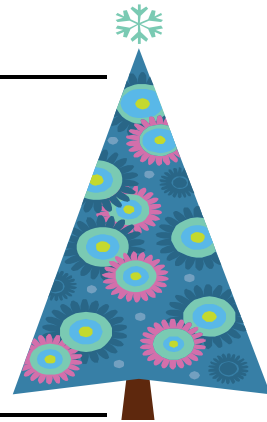
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Holiday Meeting!!!

Date: Friday, December 16, 2016
Sponsor: Triangle Tech
(Coordinated by Katie Bischak)
Place: Rizzo's Malabar Inn (Restaurant)
Address: 126 Rizzo Rd
Crabtree, Pa 15624



Meeting Agenda:

- 8:30-9:00am Registration/Continental Breakfast sponsored by WSCA
(Basket raffle tickets sold)
- 9:00 - 10:00am WSCA Business Meeting
- 10:00 - 11:30am "Career Pathways Programs and Implementation" - Panelists
will discuss the current status of their pathways models;
Panelists will include representatives from Greater Latrobe
School District; Belle Vernon School District, Derry Area
School District and Franklin Regional
- 11:30 - 11:45 Break / Basket Raffle Tickets Sold
- 11:45 - 12:30 "Review of Revised ASCA Ethical Standards for School
Counselors" presented by PSCA Regional Rep Lisa Mumau
- 12:30-1:30pm Lunch / Honoring of Retirees
- 1:30-2:00pm "Triangle Tech Overview" presented by Katie Bischak
- 2:00 - 2:45pm "Junior Achievement: A Career Readiness Tool for K-12".
Amanda will speak about what programming they offer in the
realm of work readiness for K-12, and also touch upon their
new blended learning programs. Presented by Amanda
Laichak
- 2:45pm Basket Raffle Winners Announced

***EACH DISTRICT IS ASKED TO DONATE A BASKET FOR A BASKET RAFFLE.** (Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to local organizations).
Please let us know if your district is bringing a basket.

***Retirees from the 2015-2016 school year will be honored.**
Please let Judy Hassinger or Kathy Carns know if someone has retired in your district ASAP!

Future Dates:

March 23, 2017 - LaRoche College

May 10, 2017 Lamplighter in Delmont; Social / Scholarship Awards



Westmoreland School Counselors Association

RSVP to Kathy Sclesky at kacarns@lvsd.k12.pa.us by Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 with your professional ID #.

-Please remember to go to the WCSA website and print the application to update your information. \$25 dues must be paid by the second meeting in order to remain active. Dues can be brought to the Christmas meeting.

Amanda J. Laichak – BIO

Ms. Laichak is the Director of Education for Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania. In her role at Junior Achievement she oversees partnerships between JA and the school districts in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, and its six bordering counties. She and her staff recruit approximately 3,000 volunteers each school year to teach JA's curriculum on entrepreneurship, financial literacy and workforce readiness in the classroom to over 43,000 local youth in grades Pre-K-12. She has initiated and leads a refugee and immigrant initiative at JA which has led to hundreds of local refugee and immigrant youth being exposed to in-school JA programming, specialized job shadow events, increased media attention and scholarships. Prior to JA, Ms. Laichak graduated with a BA from the University of Pittsburgh and participated in the Semester at Sea program. She began her professional career as an English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor to adults and children in Poland and later in Pittsburgh. She holds a Master of International Development degree from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Ms. Laichak has published work about immigrant entrepreneurship in Poland and Ukraine and has also traveled to nearly 30 countries worldwide. Named Pittsburgh Magazine's 40 Under 40 in 2016, she is also current doctoral student in the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh with a research focus on international field experiences as an educational tool to enhance cultural responsiveness for undergraduate pre-service teachers.

Lisa Mumau - BIO

Lisa M. Mumau has been a Professional School Counselor working with K-8 students for eleven years and for the past 11 years has been Elementary School Counselor at Yough School District in Yough, PA where she also serves as the Counseling Department Chair for the district. She holds a PA K-12 Administrative Certificate and a PA K-12 Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Certificate. Additionally, Ms. Mumau holds licensure as a Nationally Certified Counselor and a Licensed Professional Counselor. Ms. Mumau serves as the Regional Representative for The Pennsylvania School Counselors Association, and shares leadership roles in Westmoreland County School Counselors Association and The Western Pennsylvania Region of Department of Pupil Personnel Services. Ms. Muma's areas of professional interest and focus include counseling advocacy and school counselor professional development. Her research interests focus on the empowerment of elementary- school aged girls where she is investigating the impact of various forms of critical media literacy on girls' academic, social and interpersonal development.