Happy Winter  A Note from Donalee

Winter is here and although it is cold outside, we are just getting warmed up here at the Mayville Area Teacher Center! The final session of the Daily Five Workshop will take place on January 13th. MLK Day is just around the corner, January 18th to be exact, and plans are in place for a day of outstanding speakers as well as connecting with your colleagues from eight area schools. The Advisory Board will be meeting following the MLK Day Event, so please share any ideas, concerns or questions with the advisory board member from your school. The Sparks Grant through the Byrnes Quanbeck Library is a great opportunity for area teachers to write STEM lesson plans, earn credit, and get paid! Look for more information in this newsletter! Speaking of STEM kits, many of you have been checking out kits from the Center, it has been wonderful connecting with you! The Teacher Contest deadline was January 8th, so a winner will be announced soon! Thank you for all you do as teachers to help shape another generation of learners. You may not hear it enough, but you are so very appreciated! Stay warm!

~A special note of sympathy to our fellow teachers in Thompson, no words can express how sorry we are for the sad loss of your precious student Mason. ~

Donalee’s Hours:
I am in the Mayville Area Teacher Center the following hours (although this will be subject to change on occasion):
• Monday: 8 am to 4 pm (with the exception of 2 to 3, as I teach a class during that hour)
• Tuesday: 8 am to 12 p.m.
• Wednesday: 8 am to 4 p.m.

*Robin Haines and Dr. Andi Bucholz will be available to help you at times that I am not available.

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Celebrating Winter at the Mayville Area Teacher Center!
Brainstem Middle School Activity Day at NDSU

Dr. Sarah Sletten, Student Ambassador Hope Gudschmidt and Donalee Strand represented Mayville State University on January 7th teaching Fargo/Moorhead students about DNA at the Brainstem Event on the campus of NDSU. The students created a DNA model using the K’NEX DNA kits (available at the MSU STEM CENTER). The students also created a vile necklace with their own DNA. If you are interested in having us come to your school to do this activity with your students, please let me know at donalee.strand.2@mayvillestate.edu and we will schedule a time. We are also available to do other activities to fit your standards and curriculum.
Area Public Schools MLK Day at MSU
Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness

With Keynote Speaker *Dr. Jack Berckemeyer
on Deliberate Optimism

Monday, January 18th 8:30-3:45

Other Speakers include: Dr. Mary Stamen, Dr. Bobby Uglem, and Dr. Heidi Jensen from GST, Traill County Social Services, and *Heidi Schuard from the Mayor’s Crisis Coalition

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*Credit is available for the MLK Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Day. The cost is $55 for one CEU. There are two options to register for credit:

1. **Mayville State University**: [https://epayment.ndus.nodak.edu/C22800_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=250&SINGLESTORE=true](https://epayment.ndus.nodak.edu/C22800_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=250&SINGLESTORE=true)

2. **RREVC**: This is done through building administrators.

Contact building administrators for specifics on your school requirements to earn the credit.
Here are some sites to inspire you:

1. You’re Hired: Project Based Learning Activity: [http://kristijean.wix.com/you-re-hired#!boardroom/ctxr](http://kristijean.wix.com/you-re-hired#!boardroom/ctxr)

2. Idea site for helping dyslexic children [http://dyslexia.yale.edu/](http://dyslexia.yale.edu/)


**Resource Spotlight**

- Soda Geyser Car STEM kit
- Tegu Magnetic Wooden Blocks

**Advisory Board**

- Benjamin Strand: Hillsboro
- Ashley Palowski: Hatton
- Sarah Burger: Northwood
- David Smith: Northwood
- Teresa Agnes: MPCG
- Jodi Fugleberg: MPCG
- Betty LeClair: MaSU;
- Frank Justin: Central Valley
- Stephanie Dale: Finley-Sharon
- Matt Chandler: Thompson
- Aubrey Madler: MSU
- Robyn Haines: MSU
- Kayla Smith: MSU
- Donalee Strand: MSU

**Coordinator**

Dr. Andi Dulski-Buchlz: MSU; Director
SPARKS GRANT LESSON PLAN OPPORTUNITY

The Byrnes Quanbeck Library SPARKS Grant offers area teachers the opportunity to develop and evaluate lesson plans to be used with the STEM Kits in the MSU STEM Center. Teachers that participate will be paid $125 per lesson plan and another $125 for evaluating someone else’s lesson plans! There will also be an option to receive 1-2 CEU credits while creating, using and evaluating the lesson plans. Please contact Donalee at the Teacher Center if you are interested in participating. There will be more details in the February newsletter.

Matthew Jeffers, “The Only Disability is a Bad Attitude”
Wednesday, January 27
4 to 5:30 p.m.
Larson Leadership Event Series, classroom auditorium

Matthew Jeffers will present “The Only Disability is a Bad Attitude”. Mr. Jeffers is 4’ 2” tall and has encountered numerous challenges in his education days and now in his career as a professional actor. His topic should be ideal for all of us—students, faculty, staff—because we all have bad attitudes from time to time! And, of course, our bad attitudes always seem to impact our friends, families, neighbors, customers. Area teachers are invited so consider joining Matthew for his presentation.

Larson Leadership scholars and freshmen core members from Mayville State University will be hosting and leading.