



# Newsletter



**February**  
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## SEACOAST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

For additional information about our schedule go to our website: [www.spdc.org](http://www.spdc.org)

SPDC will hold Spring classes for

### Plymouth State University

#### **COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP** ED7020

w/DR. PAM CLARK 3/2, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9,  
& 5/30

#### **SCHOOL FINANCE & NEGOTIATION**

AD5300 w/ MICHAEL MORGAN 3/12, 3/19,  
4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/14

### **Grading in the Competency- Based High School Classroom**

**February 9, 9am-3pm**

This six hour work session is designed to take the mystery of grading in a competency-based high school classroom. Drawing on the works of Marzano, Guskey, O'Conner and Wormeli, the work session is designed to: Present research on standards based grading used in the U.S. Explore fair/unfair grading practices. Develop a competency based recording system. Develop a system wide process leading to a K-12 standards based report card. Presenters: **Rose Colby** and the staff of C.A.C.E.S. Morning refreshments and lunch provided. Cost is \$150.

### **The Financial Aid Process**

**February 2, 6-7pm**

Ameriprise Financial and the Seacoast Professional Development Center invite you to an informative session on the complicated (and sometimes stressful) process of getting financial aid for your child's education. The speaker will be Tara Payne from New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation. There is no cost for this session, however, for every seminar attendee the SPDC will receive a \$25 donation from Ameriprise Financial. Snacks will be served.

### **Children in Poverty: It's Not Just About the Money**

**February 19, 9am-3pm**

Children and families are facing the challenges of poverty in every facet of daily life. Ruby Payne's book, **A Framework for Understanding Poverty**, reveals the results of her decades-long work in studying and learning about how poverty impacts communities, families and ultimately, the children we teach. In this class, you will be introduced to concepts in Dr. Payne's book and will move deeply through the concepts and ideas to begin to develop and shape strategies you can implement immediately to support struggling children. Your instructor, Coby Troidl will help you to develop a common understanding of the lexicon associated with poverty, explore structures of language and the role of story, examine family patterns and community structures, analyze concept of future vision and story, examine discipline structures vs. student needs and much more. The fee is \$125. which includes the book. Checks and POs are payable to ERCSD-SPDC. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

Did you know we will provide customized trainings on a variety of topics based on *your* district needs and bring them to your school? I-movie? Performance Pathways? Moodle? We also can provide you video conference services for meetings and virtual field trips.

**Call Jennifer Middaugh for more  
information 775-8693**

## Kathy Schrock: Shedding Light on Web 2.0

### March 3, 4pm-5pm

Kathy will show us over 30 cool tools to support teaching. She'll join us by Adobe Connect for an hour of Web 2.0 fun! Check our website for more details regarding Kathy's visit.

### Digital Photography

#### April 2, 9:30am-3:30pm

Do you want to work with a professional digital photographer learning how to take better photos? If you answered yes, then this workshop is for you. Come and spend a day with Jeff Dunn, a professional digital photographer from Boston. His work includes celebrity photos and still photography for the Antiques Roadshow. Bring your own camera (and the user's manual) or we can lend you one. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Fee: \$100 per person. We accept personal checks or purchase orders for payment. Checks should be made payable to ERCS-SPDC

### Using an MP3 to Increase Literacy

#### April 15 & 22 4-7pm

More teachers and students are finding audio players are a convenient way to listen to newscasts and keep up on their reading in this busy world we live in. This workshop will provide you with a [Creative Zen MP3 player](#) and teach you a variety of aspects of using it. We will show you how to operate the player and the software that comes with it, how to copy music from CDs onto the player and how to download music and videos from the Internet. We will show you how to download audio books from Audible and from Overdrive. This player has a microphone so we will learn how to record audio onto the player and transfer it to your computer so you could use it for a podcast or a student assessment. We will also show you how to subscribe to podcasts and listen to them on the player. Teacher: Kathy Weise. Cost is \$200. (no discounts)

April 1<sup>st</sup> (No Fooling!)  
Educating the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Learner Conference  
Church's Landing a Mills Falls  
Register at [www.gmpdc.org](http://www.gmpdc.org)  
Under "workshops."



### Creating Simple Videos

#### March 11 & 18 4pm-7pm

Each participant in the class will get a Flip Video Camera and learn how to record student experiences and reflections to use in the classroom or on a website. You will learn how to use the camera, basic video recording techniques for success, moving the video clips from the camera to the computer, and editing clips together and adding titles and credits to create a finished product.

### "Aspire to Inspire"

#### March 20 8am-3pm

This is a day for **Administrative Assistants.** The Keynote Speaker for this event will be Judy Ringer on the topic of "Managing Difficult Situations with Tact and Skill." In addition, breakout sessions will include discussions on safe and effective web searching and creating professional and useful documents in Microsoft Word. This event will be in collaboration with Seacoast Educational Services and you can register at [www.seacoasted.org](http://www.seacoasted.org)

*"Thank you for this wonderful, affordable opportunity for professional development!"*



### Next User Group Meetings

February 13, 9am-11am

April 10, 9am-11am

June 12, 9am-11am

### GPS and Geocaching

#### April 14, 4pm-7pm

This workshop will show you how to use a GPS and then the class will go out and try to find a local geocache. You will learn about online resources that support the use of GPS receivers and geocaching in K-8 classrooms. A Garmin eTrex GPS will be provided for all teachers to take back to their classrooms. Fee is \$150 per person (no discounts). A light dinner will be served.

### Interactive Whiteboard Training (Smartboard)

#### February 3, 10 and 17 4pm-7pm

This will be an introduction into Smart Board use in the classroom. These sessions include Smart Board orientation, tool navigation, applications and integration in the classroom, reading and science samples, and basic user interfaces. Please look for more detail on our website. The classes can be taken separately, or as a series. A light dinner will be served. The fee is \$75.00 each or \$200 if participating in the series of three. Instructor is Mark Sampson.

