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The Northern California Writing Project

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The NCWP Saturday Series: Celebrate the Common Core!

Session 1: Collaborative Conversations
October 11, 2014

“We should start by thinking about the conversations we want students to be able to engage in, rather than making long lists of concepts to be covered. Concepts and skills are important, but they are important because they support the conversations, not the other way around.”

-Arthur Applebee, Engaging Students in Meaningful Conversations Leads to Higher Achievement. In *English Update*, a newsletter from the Center on English Learning and Achievement: Winter 2000 <http://cela.albany.edu>

Please join your fellow educators in a series professional development workshops* celebrating the Common Core. In the first workshop, we will explore the topic of Collaborative Conversations and key points of the ELA Common Core State Standards, such as:

- The standards require that students gain, evaluate, and present increasingly complex information, ideas, and evidence through listening and speaking as well as through evidence.
- An important focus of the speaking and listening standards is academic discussion in one-on one, small group, and whole class settings. Formal presentations are one important way that such talk occurs, but so is the more informal discussion that takes place as students collaborate to answer questions, build understanding, and solve problems.

About the NCWP:

- Approved provider of professional development under Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- Research-proven results: student writing improves in content, structure, conventions, and stance
- Workshops, seminars, and model lessons led by expert classroom teachers
- Effective, classroom-proven reading and writing strategies
- Inquiry- and Project-Based Learning
- Engaging, experienced staff development team

When: October 11th, 9:00-2: 30

Where: Chico Country Day School
102 W 11th Street, Chico, CA

Cost: \$35 per workshop
\$20 for NCWP TCs

Schedule:

9:00 - 11:30: Presentations by
NCWP Teacher Consultants
Wendy Fairon and Kim Hickok

12:30 - 2:30: Collaborative
Discussions (STEM)

[Sign-up here!](#)

*Registration for Professional development hours available from CSU Chico Office of Continuing Education at a cost of \$60/unit. Attending all three workshops (15hrs) is equivalent to 1 unit. Please inquire for further details.

Upcoming Sessions:

November 15th: Technology to Support Student Learning: Social Media and Beyond
[sign-up here!](#)

January 15th: Supporting ALL students with Accessing More Difficult Texts
[sign-up here!](#)