The Power of Purposeful Talk

DATE: Tuesday, December 4, 2018
TIME: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
LOCATION: Wells Conference Center, University of Maine
MEALS: Continental Breakfast provided
Lunch: Spudtacular (Baked Potato Bar) provided by Okapi
AUDIENCE: Reading Recovery Teachers and Teacher leaders, Classroom teachers, Interventionists, Special Education teachers, Coaches, and Administrators who support learners in grades K – 12

Maria Nichols is an educator, author and consultant whose work focuses on the development of thoughtful teaching and learning inside classrooms alive with purposeful talk. Her keynotes, workshops, and coaching emphasize the constructive potential of talk, and include strategies for launching talk, and keeping talk growing. Maria is currently supporting teachers, and refining her own craft, in urban schools in the San Diego Unified School District, with an added focus on literacy as inquiry inside STEAM teaching and learning. She is the author of several texts and articles, including Comprehension Through Conversation (Heinemann 2006), Talking About Texts (Shell 2008), Expanding Comprehension with Multigenre Text Sets (Scholastic 2009), “Real Talk, Real Teaching”, published in Ed Leadership (2014), and most recently, “Teaching About and Through Purposeful Talk” (2017), published in the Utah Journal of Literacy.

The ability to think and talk purposefully with others is foundational to understanding, innovation and success – both in our world, and in our classrooms. But, what exactly does it mean to think and talk with purpose? Let’s explore ... what is purposeful talk, what does it look like and sound like, what kind of teaching and learning makes it possible, and what’s the end result?

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