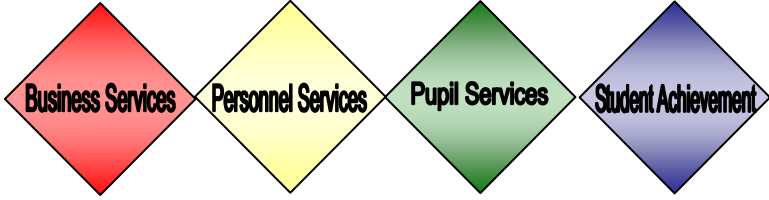




School District of New London



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Stimulus Funds for Educational Technology:

An additional \$4,767 was added to regular Title IID funding of \$2,000 for the purpose of increasing the capacity of teachers to integrate technology into teaching and learning. These stimulus dollars allowed a group of ten K-12 teacher leaders to attend the Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association (WEMTA) conference.

Participants took part in informational sessions that highlighted technology integration. Congratulations and thank you to Michele Green who provided a presentation titled: *Toolbars Take You There*. Our district's 2010-11 Professional Development Plan will include continued opportunities for teachers to utilize effective instructional strategies for engaging students using educational technology.

Monitoring Visit:

April 13 is the date of our district's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) audit. All title programs will be reviewed. Feedback from this session will allow us to ensure compliance of Title IA, Title ID, Title IIA, Title IID, Title III and Title IV.



Math Expressions:

We are currently implementing *Math Expressions* in our kindergarten through third grade classrooms and will introduce these resources to

grades four and five during the 2010-11 school year. Students use objects, drawings and real-world situations to understand mathematical concepts while making sense of traditional algorithms.

We have been fortunate that Title I stimulus dollars have allowed our teachers to effectively implement this program with the help of Math Coach, Mary Richards. Mary continues to work with classroom teachers and has also provided professional development opportunities to paraeducators, after school workers and volunteers. A training session for parents will be piloted in May at Lincoln Elementary School.

4 Year Old Kindergarten:



District and community members have been working together to research and develop a plan of implementation for 4K. Site visits to Stevens Point's

Community Collaborative and attendance at the annual *Preserving Early Childhood* conference proved beneficial.

School and community partners took part in a 4K Planning Day on March 22 where we developed our vision and guiding principles. Committees have been organized to allow an effective implementation of 4K for the 2010-11 school year.

On March 23 we held an informational parent meeting which concluded with a registration session. Registration will continue through April 8.

Jo Collar, Ann Christopherson and I serve as administrative representatives on the 4K Steering Committee. One of our tasks is to keep stakeholders updated on the planning process. Other planning committees include:

- Start-Up
- Sites and Staff
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- Professional Development and Program Evaluation
- Parent Involvement

We will collaborate with community organizations as we work to provide a program that allows a play-based, developmentally appropriate learning experience for our district's four-year-old learners. These organizations include:

- Day Care Center of New London
- Headstart
- Kuddly Kids

Informational updates will be provided through Committee Reports and on our district's website: <http://www.newlondon.k12.wi.us/parents/>