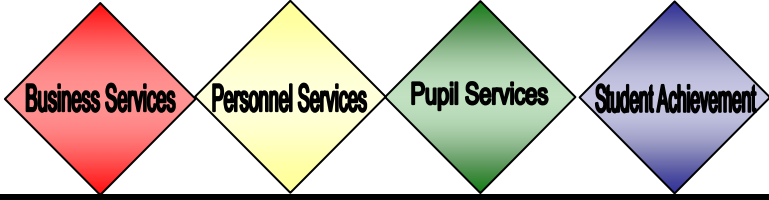




# School District of New London



## MONTHLY UPDATE

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### Math Expressions:

Teacher resources have arrived, and training has been provided for all K-3 teachers involved in the implementation of our updated *Math Expressions* resources. A full day session of professional development introduced staff to this series which is rich in both concepts and algorithms.

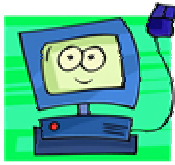
Text resources, manipulatives and electronic tools were demonstrated to include resources that enrich instruction through the use of SMARTboards and resources which can be electronically shared between home and school.

Teachers in grades 4-5 will be provided resources and training in 2009-10 as they prepare for their implementation during the 2010-11 school year.



### Big 6:

Fifth grade social studies teachers Gloria Peterson, Bryon Prey, Kim Jordan and Lori Dachelet have published two Big 6 units which integrate social studies and technology. Themes include the American Revolution and Westward Expansion. Library Media Technology Specialist, Michele Green, served as a resource and will continue her work with all fifth grade teachers as they provide opportunities for technology integration for all fifth graders during the 2009-10 school year. These units provide a consistent format that can be utilized by both classroom teachers and specialists to ensure effective co-teaching of lessons.



### New London Academy:

Two summer sessions are being offered through the New London Academy. Aimee Auer will facilitate *Integrating Technology within the Mathematics*

*Classroom* and Michele Green will present *Getting Smart with the SMARTboard*. Participants of these courses will have the opportunity to enrich lessons through the integration of technology.

### Mission Leadership Team (MLT):

The establishment of our district's Mission Leadership Team has provided a formal communication channel for district representatives to better understand the work of the district and to share successes and challenges in each school.

Action Teams provided updates during our year-end MLT meeting. Summaries include:

- **Alternative Certified Staff Evaluations-**  
A model of optional evaluation for certified staff was presented. Supervisory options include combinations of clinical observation, action research, teacher portfolio and reflective practice. The model will serve as a pilot for some certified staff evaluations during the 2009-10 school year.
- **Substitute Teacher Handbook-**  
This team organized a substitute teacher handbook which will be available to our subs at the start of the 2009-10 school year.
- **Response to Intervention (RtI)-**  
Elementary and middle schools are prepared to work with established frameworks during the 2009-10 school year. Efforts will continue as we identify consistent strategies and understanding of the tiers of intervention.
- **Report Card Rubrics-**  
This team worked with kindergarten teachers to develop a framework for report card rubrics. Together they have facilitated the adjustment of proficiencies for kindergarten reading levels and developed assessments and protocol for Kindergarten Assessment Days to be implemented during the 2009-10 school year.