



Monthly Newsletter

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News Updates

October 24th Saturday Seminar is from 9:00-noon, and there will be TWO. The topic for Saturday Seminar on the Plateau is “Writing in Response to Text: Part 2.” This follow-up session will continue to build on the strategies and ideas in part 1 by continuing writing instruction from winter to spring while also addressing prompt writing and writing assessment. You did not have to attend the first seminar in order to benefit from the second one. The Saturday Seminar at MTSU will have a technology focus. A separate email flyer for this event is on the way. Register at www.middletnwritingproject.org/professional-development. Send purchase orders to PO Box 213 MTSU 1301 E. Main St. Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Applications for ISI are due January 15. Interested educators can apply now by going to middletnwritingproject.org and clicking on the “ISI” tab. Curious about what ISI can do for you? Check out our website!

The 12th biennial Holocaust Conference is October 20-23. This four-day event includes sessions for teacher and students and afternoon events that are free and open to the public. On Wednesday evening, October 21, from 6-8 pm Central Magnet School will host survivor Sonja Dubois as she shares her life story as a hidden child. For a full schedule go to www.mtsu.edu/holocaust_studies/conference.php. For more information, email Elyce.Helford@mtsu.edu.

Teacher Feature

Steven Jones (ISI 2014) is a 6th and 7th grade Language Arts teacher at Siegel Middle School. His favorite topic to teach (despite its difficulty) is argument writing, and what he loves most about teaching is how no two days (and no two classes) are ever alike. He considers the fast-pace of teaching tweens and teens both a blessing and a curse. He recently began teaching the multi-genre research project, an idea introduced to him during ISI 2014. It has become so popular at his school that all grades implement some form of it. If you have questions about the multi-genre research project, you can email jonesst@rcschools.net. Steve and his wife Lisa (a teacher at a Murfreesboro magnet school) have two children, Drew (born in 2003) and Alli (born in 2006).

