



Monthly Newsletter

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News Updates

Writing Retreat. On May 21 from 9am-6pm, Aaron Shapiro and Agapi Theodorou-Shapiro will host our second annual event, “A Space to Write: Finding & Creating a Space for Writing.” This will be an excellent opportunity for you to bring finished and unfinished writing projects as well as ideas for projects you want to begin! Participants will be given time to write, revise, read, and receive feedback from other writers. The cost is \$50 (\$40 for returning participants and TCs) and includes breakfast, lunch, and supplies. To register, go to www.middletnwritingproject.org/professional-development.

Summer Writing Camps are June 6-16. Registration is now open! If you have a student (or your own child) who is interested in writing and wants to join other students with a similar interest, send them to <http://www.middletnwritingproject.org/youth-writers-camps>. Space is limited, so encourage parents to register their students!

ELL Open Institute is June 16-17 from 9am-3pm daily. “Improving Daily Writing to Build Momentum for State Assessments” is an interactive 2-day workshop especially designed to assist teachers of English language learners improve their writing instruction across the content areas. The cost is just \$100 (through May 31). To register, go to www.middletnwritingproject.org/professional-development.

Summer Seminars are coming! We will be hosting the following:

- Diving into Writing (Grades K-2)
 - Diving into Informative/Explanatory Writing (Grades 3-5)
 - Diving into Argumentative Writing (Grades 6-12)
- For more information and registration, go to www.middletnwritingproject.org/professional-development.

Eastern Michigan Writing Project is hosting a summer institute July 26-28 entitled “Telling Our Stories/Raising Our Voices: From Anecdote to Action.” If you would like more details or an application, visit <http://www.emichwp.org/research-advocacy/advocacy>. Space is limited and applications are due May 1.

Teacher Feature

Lindsay Denton Baumhor (ISI 2012) is a second grade teacher at Haywood Elementary School in Metro Nashville. She loves teaching Writer’s Workshop. She especially likes to teach the writer’s craft with mentor texts. What she loves most about teaching is her students; they are unique, funny, and sweet. Learning about their native countries and cultures and getting to know them better each day make teaching fun and exciting. After she became EL certified, she began incorporating SIOP strategies and Thinking Maps into her literacy instruction. Lindsay married her husband Heath in December 2015 in Fiji.

