

University Intern Newsletter

February 2023

Dear University Intern Teacher,

I hope that all is well with each of you. It hardly seems possible, but we have ended the second month of the second semester. We wish to share a few reminders as it will be June 2023 before we know it. Please be reminded that your ability to serve as a university intern teacher within the state of California is not an unlimited teacher category.

It is vital that you remember that there are some key steps that you must complete to be certain that you're in good standing for the upcoming 2023-24 academic year. We have scheduled a special informational meeting in partnership with our colleagues from recruitment to assist you in learning about:

- ❑ Application opportunities for the Golden State Teacher Grant
- ❑ RICA Test Prep opportunity

Our special meeting will include a presentation by members of the Golden State Teacher Grant Office. We wish to keep you informed about grant opportunities which may provide funding to cover some of your educational expenses. We strongly suggest that you log in to learn about the grant and decide if these resources align with your goals and projected educational expenses.

Do also plan to explore this month's resources which have been shared to assist you in meeting the needs of your students as well as adding a few seasonal items to your toolkit.



Sincerely,
Peggy Taylor Presley



Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember

February 20, 2023

Presidents' Day

February 23, 2023

Golden State Teacher Grant Meeting
Watch MyPLN for updates

March 11, 2023

RICA Prep Session (MyPLN)

March 31, 2023

Cesar E. Chavez Birthday Observed

April 3-7, 2023

Spring Recess



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Integrated Teacher Preparation Program Grant Additional Answers to Written Questions Posted.

The California state budget authorized a total of \$20 million for Integrated Teacher Preparation Planning (maximum \$250,000 per eligible applicant for planning) and Integrated Implementation/Expansion (maximum \$500,000 per eligible applicant for implementation/expansion) grants. The [Integrated Teacher Preparation Program Planning Grant RFA](#) and the [Integrated Teacher Preparation Program Implementation and Expansion Grant RFA](#) are available.

Answers to written questions were [posted](#) on December 20, 2022.

Additional answers to written questions were [posted](#) on February 3, 2023.

Grant applications are due to the Commission by **5:00 PM on February 13, 2023.**

TIPS, TRICKS, AND TECH TIDBITS

[Get to Know AI Before Your Students Turn In an Essay Made With It](#) - Artificial Intelligence is the trending edtech topic of the year so far. If you haven't tried an AI writing tool yet, you should try it because your students are probably trying it.

[Cult of Pedagogy videos on Instruction](#)

[New Videos to Tackle Big Digital Citizenship Ideas](#) - Common Sense Media videos and activities

[MyPLN Webinars](#) - Current Schoology-related professional development opportunities

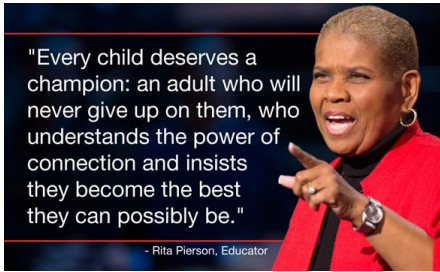
"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."

- Bob Talbert



Reminder: There will be a RICA Prep Session offered on MyPLN on 3/11/23 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you are interested, keep checking. Only the first 40 teachers will be admitted.

Every Child Needs a Champion



"Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be."

- Rita Pierson, Educator

Rita Pierson, a teacher for 40 years, spent her entire life in or around the classroom, having followed both her parents and grandparents into a career as an educator. She once heard a colleague say, "They don't pay me to like the kids." Her response: "Kids don't learn from people they don't like." Pierson believes that kids cannot learn without building strong human relationships. In this rousing and inspiring *Ted Talk*, she talks about why teachers need to connect with children on a personal level. Explaining the calling of being a teacher, she says: *Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.*

Teach Like a Champion "4 Ms" Technique



The 4 Ms consists of four aspects that a teacher should examine before planning a lesson. The 4 Ms are: Manageable, Measurable, Made First, and Most Important. Each aspect is simple, which makes this an easy strategy to implement, yet extremely effective in classroom planning. By combining the 4 aspects, it ensures that a lesson is effective from start to finish.

Manageable—as with any lesson, it is important to decide before beginning a lesson if it is manageable for the class and the time allotted.

Measurable—this strategy suggests that teachers create objectives in such a way that the outcomes can be measured at the end of the day. This lets the teacher measure how well (s)he achieved the objectives, based on how well the students grasped the material. This also lets the teacher know if the class is ready to move on or needs to spend more time on the material.

Made First—suggests that teachers choose the objective before anything else. By doing this, it allows for teachers to base the activities around the material that needs to be learned.

Most Important—only the most important information needs to be presented, in order to leave for other information that is considered most important as well.

Black History Month

Push Black History Forward with Fresh Materials -

Common Sense Education - during this Black History Month, it's more important than ever to lean into the brilliance and resilience of Black leaders and history and also focus on shaping the future.

38 Ways to Intentionally Celebrate Black History Month - Black History Month is an annual celebration in the United States that recognizes the history, culture, and contributions of Black Americans every February.

Although we certainly don't need an awareness holiday to embrace and honor Black history, this month is an opportunity to reconcile with the past, pave the way for a more just future, and celebrate all the amazing figures who have taken their place in the annals of Black History.

Peggy Taylor Presley - Administrator Teacher Support Unit (TSU) Staff:
NBC Program - Interim - Esmerelda Khoury
Aspire to Become an NBCT? - Michael de la Torre
CSET Test Prep/Provisional Teachers - Barbara Scott
University Interns - Miko Dixon
Salary Point Class Advisement - Ingrid Gunnell & Jennifer Villaryo
Student Teachers - Antonio Amparan & Barbara Scott



Instructional Resources Elementary

UFLI Foundations Decodable Text Guide : UFLI Foundations Decodable Guide - This resource is designed to assist teachers in locating decodable text from various sources.



Your child has been assigned to read every night for homework. As a parent or caregiver, what should you be doing to make sure this reading benefits the child the most? After watching the video, be sure to come to Cult of Pedagogy to read the full blog post that goes along with this video at

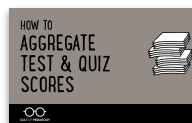
<http://www.cultofpedagogy.com/reading...>

PURDUE UNIVERSITY'S FREE STEM DEGREE FOR K-8 STUDENTS - This STEM "Degree" program with videos and quizzes can be completed individually by students or as a class.

Instructional Resources Secondary



5 Research-Backed Studying Techniques - Teachers can guide students to avoid ineffective studying habits in favor of ones that will increase their learning outcomes.



When you give your students a test or quiz, how well are you using the information you get from their results? [Learn a simple process](#) for deeply analyzing student scores with a simple pencil and paper. You'll be able to target student needs much more accurately, and you'll improve your test-making in the process.

Prepare your students for success in a connected world. - Common Sense Education resources for Black History Month, Digital Citizenship lessons by grade level & more.

Your Greatest Legacy When you empower your students to own their learning, they become makers and dreamers and builders. They grow into innovators who change the world.

