

The Bay Area Teacher Development Collaborative

Save the dates! The BATDC announces two extraordinary summer institutes for 2008.

**#1 Beyond Testing: Uncovering and Representing Learning
June 26 - 28**

**#2 Environmental Sustainability: Making Learning Connections
August 14 -15**

The Bay Area Teacher Development Collaborative will offer two summer institutes in 2008. The first will focus on how teachers can make student learning and understanding transparent in ways that do not depend upon tests and quizzes. The institute will help participants discover ways to document and collect evidence of understanding in order to assess student work and learning; it will also support teachers and administrators in their work to develop learning communities within their schools.

Dates: June 26, 27, and 28 (Please note that the third day is optional, and it focuses on the Teaching for Understanding framework.)

Presenters and Facilitators: Lois Hetland, Project Zero; Ann Jaquith, Ph.D. candidate, Stanford University, and Jennifer Stuart, PZ Fellows facilitator.

The second summer institute is offered in partnership with the Center for Ecoliteracy. In this two-day workshop participants will hear nationally recognized keynote speakers and meet in small groups according to interest to discuss sustainability in schools. The first day will allow participants to share their experiences and become aware of how to make facilities, food service, landscaping and student gardens, and community service more environmentally sustainable. The second day will focus completely on curriculum development and support. The goal will be to allow teachers to see and share the myriad opportunities for incorporating sustainability into their course planning, no matter what the grade or discipline.

Dates: August 14 and 15

Presenters and group leaders will include several local educators from BATDC member schools as well as leaders from the Center for Ecoliteracy. Keynote speakers will be announced shortly.

Both of these workshops are designed to be appropriate for teachers and administrators across the K-12 spectrum and in every subject or discipline. They are also designed to be relevant no matter how much or little experience one has had in either area. Furthermore, they complement one another, so there are meaningful connections between them.

Fees and logistical information for the institutes will be announced very soon; members of the Collaborative will receive priority in registration and will be given substantial discounts. In addition, because both institutes will be much more effective if schools send teams of teachers and administrators, there will be group discounts as well.

Please notify the faculty at your school of these exciting opportunities and send your comments and questions to Janet McGarvey at mcgarvey@batdc.org. More detailed descriptions and registration forms will be available soon.