

Wandering in the Wilderness . . . and Reaching the Promised Land!



Peace Lutheran Preschool

18265 North 89th Avenue, Peoria, Arizona 85382

hosts

ELEA's Region 2 Teacher & Administrator Conference Saturday, April 24, 2010

Join fellow teachers and administrators in early childhood centers and elementary schools throughout
ELEA's Region 2
(Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, west corner of Texas, Utah, and Wyoming)
in a day of networking, rejuvenation and renewal!

Schedule:	8:00 a.m.	Registration, Coffee & Continental Breakfast, Fellowship, Vendors
	9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address - "Wandering in the Wilderness . . . And Reaching the Promised Land", Susan Laurita, Stillpointe Early Education Services, LLC
	10:30 a.m.	Workshop # 1
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch with your peers - discuss concerns, joys & new ideas! Visit vendors—Participate in "Make & Take"
	1:00 p.m.	Workshop #2
	2:15 p.m.	Plenary Session: "Wandering in the Wilderness . . . Is Wandering a Bad Thing?" Nanette Christofferson, Faith Formation Ministries, Peace Lutheran Church, Peoria, Arizona
	2:45 p.m.	Doorprizes and Closing
	3:00 p.m.	On Your Way to enjoy the beautiful Phoenix area! (or head for home)

Cost: Early Bird: \$40.00 per person for ELEA members; \$60.00 per person for Non-Members (discount for larger groups) Includes breakfast, lunch and all materials

Staying the Night? Stay at the hotel of your choice in the greater Phoenix area. Lots of great deals to be found within a few miles of the conference site at www.hotels.com. Call ELEA for suggestions if needed.

Questions? Call ELEA's National Office at 800-500-7644 or for local information, call Annette Johnson, Peace Lutheran Preschool, Peoria at 623/972-1076.

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Registration Form

(please photocopy and use 1 form per participant)

Name

Name of School or Early Childhood Education Center

Address

City, State Zip

Phone/Email

Workshop Choices (please see workshop descriptions on next page - circle one in each session):

Workshop #1 101 102 103 104 105 106

Workshop #2 201 202 203 204 205 206

Have a special dietary need? Let us know and we will do our best to accommodate :

Payment:

Early Bird: If paid by March 26, 2010:

\$40.00 Current ELEA Member (membership verified)

\$60.00 Non ELEA Member

\$30.00 for 5 or more from one ELEA member school

\$50.00 for 5 or more from one Non Member school

If paid after March 26, 2010—add \$10.00 per person

Fee includes breakfast, lunch and all materials. For information on ELEA membership, visit www.eleanational.org and click on “Membership” or call 800-500-7644.

Registrant's (or their school's) check for the appropriate registration fee made payable to ELEA, along with this form, to be mailed to:

ELEA, 500 North Estrella Parkway, Suite B2, Box 601, Goodyear, AZ 85338

No refunds will be issued for cancellations after **April 15**.

Workshop Choices

Workshop Session #1 (10:30—11:45 a.m.)

- 101 ELEA Accreditation—What’s New?**
Why should our elementary school or early childhood center become accredited? How can my school or center become a “Center for Wellness” (a new component of accreditation)? What does it cost? How do we get started? Answers to these questions and more for administrators and lead staff. (Administrators & Lead Teachers)
Hugh Kress, ELEA Accreditation Coordinator
- 102 Professional Ethics & Boundaries**
Teachers babysitting or “hanging out” with students on weekends? School moms and teachers who are best friends? Accepting expensive gifts from parents? School policies dictating staff behaviors on these issues? Lots of questions . . . Come to share and find some answers! (All)
Nancy Bond O’Neal, ELEA Benefits Administrator
- 103 When I Cook I Learn**
When I cook I learn a science lesson, enjoy math concepts, explore vocabulary and learn about other cultures. This class will help tie all of these elements together and you will also be able to make something “just for fun.” (Early Childhood & Early Elementary Teachers)
Candy Rickard, ELEA Membership Coordinator
- 104 What in the World is a FaithChest®
What do I do with a FaithChest® ?**
Faith Chests are an awesome way to equip families in faith as well as classrooms of faith. Come and find out what a faith chest is and how it can become a part of your classroom as well as your home. (All)
Nanette Christofferson, Faith Formation Ministries, Peace Lutheran Church, Peoria, AZ
- 105 Model for a Caring Classroom**
Research suggests that caring is integral to raising levels of achievement. Nel Noddings claims that caring is the very foundation of education. This model both raises achievement and fosters behaviors that promote learning. (All)
Carole Feddersen, Ph.D., Educator
- 106 The Power of Process Art**
We all know that for young children, it’s the process . . . Not the product! Right? Maybe. This hands on workshop gives you time to explore several art activities, learn what they do for children, and how to sell the parents! Come ready to create! (Early Childhood Teachers)
Susan Laurita, Stillpointe Early Education Services, LLC

Workshop Session #2 (1:00—2:15 p.m.)

- 201 Once Upon a Time . . .**
The Princess grew up to be ____??? Becoming the wise teacher who guides the prince/princess or Using well known fairy tales to learn, grow and teach Bible truth. (All teachers)
Jan Wilton, Director, Noah’s Ark Preschool & Kindergarten, Mesa, Arizona
- 202 Count Your Blessings—Early Childhood Math**
Hands-on math activities to help children build brain connections for future math skills.
(Early Childhood Teachers)
Rose Moore, Christ Lutheran Child Care Center, Belfair, Washington
- 203 What’s a Professional Portfolio and Why Should I Do One?**
Teachers and administrators alike at schools and centers participating in ELEA’s accreditation process are required to prepare professional portfolios. Many education degrees require them as well. Whether your school is working on accreditation or not, they are an invaluable tool. Come learn what’s in a portfolio, how standards are addressed, and the benefits of preparing one. (All)
Hugh Kress, ELEA Accreditation Coordinator & Marge Robison, ELEA National Board Member
- 204 Risky Business**
Schools and early childhood centers, along with their sponsoring congregations, often are not aware of risk management issues; i.e. insurance requirements, employment policies, what to do with allegations of abuse, etc. Important info for administrators and lead staff! (Administrators)
Nancy Bond O’Neal, ELEA Benefits Administrator
- 205 Music & Movement Makes My Day**
Lots of classroom tested songs to use throughout the preschool day: transitions, teaching enhancers, Scripture and praise songs, and fun. We’ll use musical instruments and motions with music, too.
(Early Childhood Teachers)
Willette Watts, Director of Early Education, Northwest Christian Preschool, Phoenix, AZ
- 206 Integrating Social Studies into the Early Childhood Curriculum**
The purpose of teaching social studies is to help young children learn how to make informed decisions that help them thrive in their community. Come, learn and examine the latest materials and resources available. (Early Childhood Teachers & Administrators)
Carole Feddersen, Ph.D., Educator



Our Keynote Speaker

Susan Laurita has spent the last 32 years in the field of early childhood education. It didn't just happen. Susan made a decision years ago that this is a field worthy of lifetime investment, and early in her career she was the recipient of the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence. She has earned a BA in Early Childhood Education and an MS in Family Support. Her experiences include family child care, center based care, preschool, teaching children and parents in at risk programs, directing, teaching at the college level, and overseeing the early education program in a four school system.

She has written articles for nationally published early education journals and has a new lesson plan book entitled **God Made the World & Me**. Susan served as the early education coordinator for the Association of Christian Schools in the Northwest region (including 5 states) for 3 years, and is a frequent speaker at local, regional, and national early childhood events. Recently added to **Cambridge Who's Who of Entrepreneurs**, Susan is also one of the 6 associates in Professional Early Education Associates, providing services for professional early educators nationwide. Check it out at www.proeea.com Founder of Stillpointe Early Education Services, LLC, (www.stillpointe.vpweb.com) Susan delights in finding ways to bring excellence to programs.

ELEA is delighted to have Susan as our keynote speaker and a workshop presenter at "Wandering in the Wilderness . . . And Reaching the Promised Land". She describes her keynote address:

"Helping children understand Bible truths is often like wandering in the wilderness. How do we help them relate? . . . Leading a private Christian school through the current economic climate can be like wandering in the wilderness. How do we reach the Promised Land?"

Our Closing Speaker

Nanette Christofferson was born and raised in South Dakota, graduating from the University of South Dakota with a B.S. in 1987 and then teaching elementary school. She later moved to Iceland, teaching with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. She transferred to Japan and later to Germany. Nanette obtained her Master's Degree in 1995 at Heidelberg, Germany, with a focus on Instruction and Curriculum and a thesis on Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences. In her ten-year teaching career, she taught second grade, fourth grade, music, and worked with staff development as a teacher trainer for a new math curriculum.



While at home with young children, she started her own Kindermusik business which offered music classes to children of all ages. Nanette is now in the equipping business of training leaders in ministry as well as equipping families in faith. Nanette joined the ministry team in 2006 at Peace Lutheran Church and is currently serving as the director of Adult and Family Faith Formations.

ELEA is eager to have Nanette share her expertise with us in our afternoon closing session, "Wandering in the Wilderness: Is Wandering a bad thing . . . Things you can learn in your wanderings and your students' wanderings."

Don't Miss This Conference! You will find:

- **Inspiring morning and afternoon messages**
 - **Practical, hands-on workshops**
- **Vendors and exhibitors with services and products you can really use**
- **A unique lunch time with table topics for discussion and a "Make & Take" craft table**
 - **Great food, fellowship & fun!!**