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Steve's Sound-Off

June 2016

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As classrooms and schools clear out, it's the perfect time to reflect on this year's accomplishments and challenges, as well as prepare for the opportunities ahead. I wish each of you a productive and refreshing summer!

~Steve

Tips for a Great Summer

Here are some thoughts from our EES consultants on how to make it a great summer. Whether you're spending your time relaxing or traveling, summer is the perfect opportunity to learn something new and rejuvenate yourself for the upcoming year.

1. Before leaving school for the summer, think about what you need to do in order to work with intention and skill. Reflect, plan and set your goals. Take a breath and enjoy the sun!
2. School Administrators, don't forget to keep the ball rolling during the summer. One way to keep teachers informed about news at the school is by producing a summer newsletter for them. A summer newsletter can reinforce staff development goals, provide updates on personnel changes, and remove any surprises that can damage school culture, trust, and relationships.
3. Expand your horizons. Take up a hobby or enroll in a course away from your teaching subject matter. You will be surprised how this can enhance your teaching in the coming year. Your new interest may be the thing that connects with one of your new students!
4. Find an activity that you enjoy or a community service project that is important to you. Perhaps your interest is in education, non- profits, healthcare, or the environment? Whatever your interests are, there are a multitude of volunteer opportunities available to you. Not only will you be contributing to society and your community, but perhaps you will develop new skills and make contacts that may be beneficial to you in your work as an educator.



WVASA Summer Conference

Over 100 administrators and 40 vendors participated in the West Virginia Association of School Administrators Summer Conference this June 27-30 in Davis, WV, including EES' Mike Evans. Sessions included how to embed technology into schools and classrooms, best practices, and discussion of recent legislation, with the underlying theme of "Finding and Using Your Strengths to Attack Deficits." Hope to see you there next year!





iLead Opportunities

EES is looking for all interested iLead members and coaches (present and past) to help us create a digital version and/or app of the iLead books. We want to hear your suggestions and recommendations on all aspects of this new iLead app!

We are also looking for volunteers (iLeaders and coaches past and present) to take part in video interviews with Risi Ademola, an iLead alum who is now working with us to digitize iLead materials (and who started an iLead program at UNC Chapel Hill). We want to know if/how iLead has impacted your life.

For more information, please contact [Rebecca](#).



International Opportunities

- Calling all certified teachers! We are looking for certified teachers to teach kindergarten in Dailian, China starting Fall 2016, as well as a variety of subjects such as Economics, Biology, PE, and Drama in private schools in Beijing. Interested persons please send a resume and any questions about these exciting opportunities to teachers@usa-education-asia.com!
- Looking for an unforgettable summer experience for your child? Consider the Indian Heritage Camp through [The Sagar School](#). You

child, ages 9-15, will experience and learn about India's rich heritage and culture through a well balanced schedule of activities including, crafts, cooking, sports and excursions. Please contact prexecutive@thesagarschool.org for more info!

- **WANTED:** A qualified educator to serve as principal of [The Sagar School](#) for a 2-3 year contract. The successful candidate will be distinguished by his/her integrity, personal vision, moral standards, dignity, patience, energy, and flexibility of approach.

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Michelle at michelle@edwardsedservices.com.

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