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## The WFIS Bulletin Board (10.01.12)

*A Publication of the Washington Federation of Independent Schools*

A compilation of professional development opportunities, resources, scholarships and items of interest to private schools. Please forward items of interest to others in your school community.

We have many offerings to share with you this month! For starters, check out these three WFIS/ESD workshop days for you to choose from:

### *WFIS/Northeast Washington ESD 101*

*Private Schools Workshop Day*

*Saturday, October 20, 2012*

*Spokane, WA*

*Keynote Speaker:*

*Dennis Trittin, CFA*

*President and CEO, LifeSmart Publishing, LLC*

*"Preparing Your Students for Real World Success"*

*4 Clock Hours!*

*Request Information: [jmorrison@wfis.org](mailto:jmorrison@wfis.org)*

**WFIS/Puget Sound ESD**

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## Calendar at a Glance

**October 17, 2012**

WFIS Soundoff!  
PEMCO Insurance  
Seattle

**October 19, 2012**

WFIS Soundoff!  
Upper Columbia  
Conference of Seventh-  
day Adventists  
Spokane

**October 20, 2012**

WFIS/NEW ESD  
Private Schools Workshop  
Spokane

**October 23, 2012**

WFIS Soundoff!  
Bellarmine Prep  
Tacoma

**October 26, 2012**

WFIS/PSESD  
Private Schools Workshop

Private Schools Workshop Day  
Friday, October 26, 2012 - 8:30 am - 3 pm  
Renton, WA

Keynote Speaker:

**Mark Siegel**

Director, Oregon Federation of Independent Schools

**"Emerging Trends in Proficiency-Based Education"**

4 Clock Hours!

[Information and Registration](#)

## WFIS/ESD 105 (Yakima)

Private Schools Workshop Day

Saturday, November 3, 2012

**Yakima, WA**

Keynote Speaker:

Dennis Trittin, CFA

President and CEO, LifeSmart Publishing, LLC

**"Preparing Your Students for Real World Success"**

4 Clock Hours!

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## Great Washington ShakeOut! Statewide Earthquake Drill:

Get ready to ShakeOut! on October 18, 2012, at 10:18 a.m. The Great Washington ShakeOut is a multi-state earthquake drill in which thousands of Washington residents will "Drop, Cover and Hold On." Additional resources will also become available. Follow the link to learn more and REGISTER your school/district today!

Renton

**October 30, 2012**  
Constituency Leaders  
Meeting  
Renton

**November 2, 2012**  
WFIS Soundoff!  
Central Washington

**November 3, 2012**  
WFIS/ESD 105  
Private Schools Workshop  
Yakima

**November 6, 2012**  
WFIS Soundoff!  
Lynden Christian School  
Lynden

**November 14, 2012**  
WFIS Soundoff!  
Centralia Christian School  
Centralia

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WFIS is the umbrella organization for private education in Washington State. It is the only statewide vehicle for regular communication and strategic development between the many different constituencies.

WFIS affiliates:

Association of Christian  
Schools International (ACSI)

Catholic Schools

Christian Schools International  
(CSI)

Hutterian Brethren Schools

Islamic Schools

Jewish Schools

Lutheran Schools (NSLA)

Questions: [mike.donlin@k12.wa.us](mailto:mike.donlin@k12.wa.us) or 360.725.6044

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## *WFIS Soundoffs!*

*Coming to an area near you!*

*October 17 - Seattle*

*October 19 - Spokane*

*October 23 - Tacoma*

*November 2 - Central Washington*

*November 6 - Lynden*

*November 14 - Centralia*

*More details to follow - RSVP to [jmorrison@wfis.org](mailto:jmorrison@wfis.org)  
for the gathering of your choice.*

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*The DataStreme Project ... part of the American Meteorological Society's educational outreach program is pleased to offer a Weather Studies course to K-12 teachers. Upon successful completion of the 12 week course, participants will receive 4.5 quarter graduate level credits FREE. There will be 2 meetings during the 12 weeks at the National Weather Service office in Seattle, with the rest of the work completed at home, with assistance/feedback via email from a course mentor. Space is limited to 8 participants.*

Montessori Schools (AMI, AMS, PNMA)

Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools (PNAIS)

Seventh-day Adventist Schools (SDA)

Waldorf Schools (AWSNA)

The WFIS Board of Directors consists of eighteen school heads representing the major constituencies, chosen regionally by their respective bodies.

WFIS is networked with similar organizations in other states through the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

Email Dave Weller at [dave.weller@sno.wednet.edu](mailto:dave.weller@sno.wednet.edu).

Course homepage:

<http://www.ametsoc.org/amsedu/dstreme/>

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## **International Dyslexia Association Literacy Development in the Classroom**

October 6, 2012 - 8am - 3pm

Blackriver Conference Center, Renton, WA

### **Registration:**

<https://co.clickandpledge.com/advanced/default.aspx?wid=56390>

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## **Educator Day at the Museum**

Saturday, October 20, 2012

Open House 10 am - 2 pm

Museum of Glass, 1801 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA

- Exhibitions and Hot Shop
- Free Raffle
- Educational Resources

Discover engaging, innovative, standards-based ways to bring the arts, social studies, science and other subjects into your classroom or to bring your students out into the community! How? Ride the Link light rail! Park for free at the Tacoma Dome Station and catch the free Link train runs every ten minutes into downtown. Ride a bus! Learn more about Pierce Transit at [www.piercetransit.org](http://www.piercetransit.org). Parking is also available at Museum of Glass at the rate of \$2.50 an hour and in the museum district prices vary.

RSVP By Friday, October 12, 2012

to [tours@museumofglass.org](mailto:tours@museumofglass.org). Please include your name, school, grade levels taught/subjects, address, phone, and email. Other participating organizations include Tacoma Art Museum, Washington State History Museum, Foss

Waterway Seaport, Children's Museum of Tacoma, The News Tribune Newspapers in Education, Metro Parks, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, the Pierce County Libraries, and many more!

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### Upcoming PNAIS Conferences:

Fall Educators Conference

October 12, 2012

***Risk + Failure = Growth: Developing The Resilient Learner and Educator***

Annie Wright Schools, Tacoma

Critical Conversation Lab: ***Exploring the skills needed to have authentic and successful conversations with parents around difficult topics***

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 - 9am-3pm

Bright Water School, Seattle, WA

PNAIS Institutional Leadership Conference

***Staying Relevant in Dynamic Times***

November 3-4, 2012

Cedarbrook Lodge, Seatac, WA

Meeting the Needs of All Learners Through Differentiated Instruction

December 3, 2012 - 9 am - 3pm

Bertschi School, Seattle, WA

Information and Registration for Conferences Listed Above:

<http://www.pnais.org/page.cfm?p=4>

The Professional Growth Institute: ***The First Five Years in Independent Schools***

January 31-Feb 1, 2012

Saint Andrew's House, Union, WA

Information: [emcgrath@pnais.org](mailto:emcgrath@pnais.org)

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## Dispute Resolution Center of King County

October 24 - Compassionate Listening

November 5 -Restorative Circles

Nov. 29 and Dec 1 - Crucial Conversations

Information and Registration:

[www.kcdrc.org](http://www.kcdrc.org)

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## Smithsonian American Art Museum

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## School Choice Week January 27 - February 2, 2013

Participating schools will plan and hold their own events during the week of January 27 to February 2, 2013 - select the themes, dates, and locations for your events, and receive materials from National School Choice Week to assist you in promoting and implementing your activities.

[www.schoolchoiceweek.com/schools](http://www.schoolchoiceweek.com/schools)

More than 1,700 schools from across the country have already registered to hold special events during National School Choice Week 2013!

Kickoff will take place during a special launch event on January 25, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona.

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## Washington State Library

Volume 8, September 27, 2012 [WSL Updates:](#)

Topics include:

1) FIRST TUESDAYS - EREADERS: BEST PRACTICES

2) NEW DOWNLOADABLE CONTENT

3) 2011 WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY STATS ARE HERE - AND MORE!

4) 2012 ELPLP SYMPOSIUM: PUBLIC LIBRARIES & STEM

5) APPLY NOW FOR CARNEGIE-WHITNEY GRANTS

6) FREE CE OPPORTUNITIES NEXT WEEK

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WFIS welcomes its partnership with PEMCO Insurance, a local company with a 63-year tradition of commitment to the education community. PEMCO seeks to collaborate with private schools in areas of mutual interest. Many of our schools have benefited from PEMCO's support. Could yours be next?

*For over 10 years, PEMCO insurance has been supporting and sponsoring our teacher gathering events, for the Catholic Schools, of the Archdiocese of Seattle. The representative of the company attends the event with a display and materials offering information for individuals wishing to learn more about PEMCO insurance. Our experience has been with very friendly and helpful representatives, not aggressive "sales type", but helpful staff who offer a discount to all the school employees. PEMCO, a company that was founded by a teacher in 1949, supports education and educators by sponsoring our treats and snacks which has helped us provide for welcomed breaks, and saves our budgets. We recommend their support to all schools and thank them for their help and positive messages!*



***Karen Tarabochia, Assistant Superintendent for Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Seattle***

WFIS encourages members to partner with PEMCO and benefit from the great products and support they offer.

Contact [Allison Leep](#) to explore the possibilities!

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***Register for Private Schools Day!***



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