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Columbus Regional Math Collaborative

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Face-to-Face workshops are available to Chattahoochee County Schools, Muscogee County Schools, Russell County Schools, and St. Anne Pacelli at no cost to the teachers!

After the workshop, you will receive an evaluation. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate of attendance.

Take a look at the next page for our upcoming workshops!

The USG continues to work closely with the Georgia Department of Public Health to prioritize the wellness and safety of CSU and all of its campus communities.

Data Source: <http://www.columbusstate.edu/covid/>





Director's Notes



Planting Plum Trees and Appreciating Sunshine

I bought a couple of plum trees in early March. There was still a little cool in the air, but the local nurseries were beginning to entice the springtime optimist that I am sure exists in all of us. So, excitedly, I came home, set the plum trees next to the walkway outside the garage so I could change into my gardening clothes - and almost two months went by before I planted them this past weekend. Though unplanted and resting on the garage sidewalk, I watered them and talked to them plenty, noticing that they began sprouting leaves, new growth gently bending toward the afternoon sun.

I see this too in my professional life.

Some people are sunshine to those around them. They emit a joy for the work, a love of learning - and are as free as the sunshine in sharing it.

Unassuming and with an eye for seeing captivating mathematics in the most mundane of places, Nancy Mims has been my sunshine. Walking to lunch one day, she - noticing the circular patterns in the brick walkway - began a conversation thread that led to weeks of geometry discussions. Nancy even saw exponential growth in the tossing of Mardi Gras beads. She bent more than one teacher's mind (and heart) toward the sunshine of seeing math magic in almost anything.

Who can get more growth from a student or a teacher with a thoughtful "Why?" How often have I heard her say, "Listen. Let the students tell you what they know." In Laura Stokes, deep listening and questioning, there is a river of wisdom on how students learn. When I was teaching at Jordan High School this past fall, I would walk into her office straight from class and "debrief." Little did I realize that "in talking it out," she allowed me to learn from my experience. Her patient questioning and sharing are warm sunshine to which little faces like leaves turn and open.

Laura and Nancy are "retiring" from their work here at the Collaborative. We will miss their steady presence. They have allowed for roots to run deep with the knowledge they have shared and the rich support they so willingly gave.

Like the plum trees in my backyard, it is time for us to grow on our own with the roots and branches that have been lovingly tended to by not one - but two incredible teachers!

Thank you both!

Join us at the Spring Fling Event and say hello to Nancy and Laura.

Happy Maths!

Pete

Math Collaborative Spring Fling!

An event for teachers K-12

May 10th - 5:30 to 7:30

Mathematics Collaborative at Frank Brown Hall.

see link below:

[Register Here](#)

We are excited to announce the return of the Mathematics Collaborative Spring Fling!
We have missed you!

Spring Fling is an opportunity to:

1) Collect new ideas, 2) Share your thoughts and 3) Reconnect with other teachers in our area!

The excitement begins at 5:30pm with tabletop shares!

We invite you to walk through the halls of the Mathematics Collaborative and visit colleagues who have displays and tables set up to share ideas that work in their classrooms.

At 6:30, we will collect for a community event involving a mathematics activity to which we can all relate.

Finally, our evening will close with fellowship
(light food and cake)
in the courtyard

UPCOMING EVENTS



Come one day or two or come three!

Think of it as a professional summer camp...

in the good kind of way!

**(You will be given the seeds of an effective
mathematical playful side you did not know was
possible!)**

[Find Out More Here!](#)

SPRING FLING!



REGISTER HERE!
(IT'S FREE)



News Items

Spring Fling May 10th - 5:30 to 7:30 here at the Mathematics Collaborative at Frank Brown Hall. We will have teachers from the area with tabletop shares - this will let you walk up ask questions and visit, there will be light refreshments, and... cake! Please join us! Register here: [Spring Fling](#)



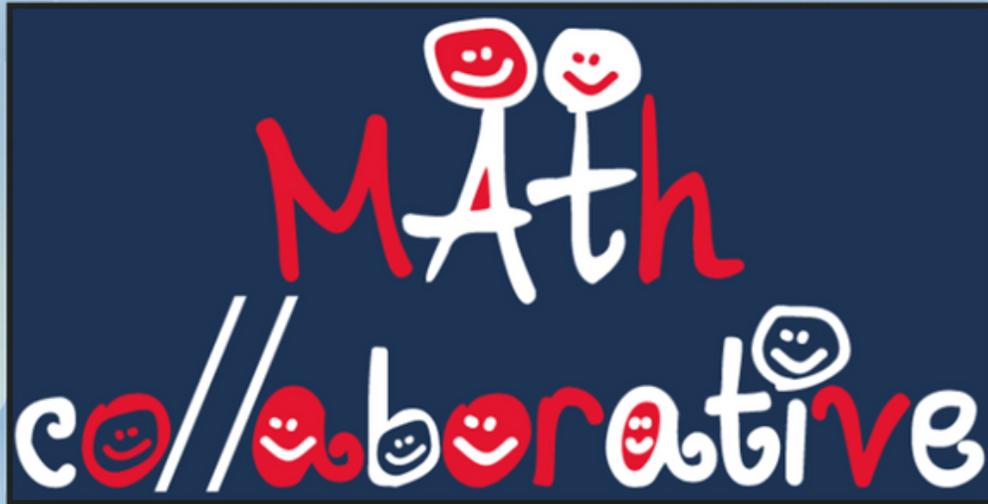
Change and growth are synonymous ... with excitement and much-deserved appreciation, we announce that Laura Stokes our elementary resource teacher is retiring. She is a fixture and stalwart in promoting and sharing good mathematics practices. Nancy Mims our high school resource teacher is stepping back as well. We will recognize them and their contributions to the mathematics community at the Spring Fling.

Register Here: Mathematics Collaborative - Spring Fling! An event for teachers K-12 - LibCal - Columbus State University



Could this be you?

The Mathematics Collaborative is looking for part-time resource teachers in K-2, 3-5, and High School. These hours are flexible but you will need to be available some during "school" hours. Pay is tied to degree and experience. The number of hours is negotiable. Contact Peter Anderson if you (or someone you know) might be interested.



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