Summer Essentials

June 21
11am - 12:30pm
Embracing and Regulating Emotions
Wondering how to help students that struggle with behavior and social and emotional skills? Based on research by Dr. Marc Brackett and Dr. Ross Greene, this session will focus on understanding emotional responses for both ourselves and students. Strategies on how to build social and emotional skills in the classroom and in partnership with parents will be given.
Facilitator: Dr. Brandy Shoocks (Kalamazoo Education Association)

June 22
11am - 12:30pm
Teach4Endurance: The Warm Up Session
Teach4Endurance: The Warm Up Session is exactly what it sounds like. It’s a warm up to get yourself ready for an upcoming challenge (ie. academic year). This session focuses on ‘purpose’ and ‘clarity’. Unfortunately, too many teachers are thrown into the water without the proper support or a proper game plan. For many this can spell disaster. Use this summer to start getting your plan together with this innovative and informative session - As noted by former NFL coach, Don Clemens, “Brian does a great job in developing a playbook for educators of all ages and positions.”
Facilitator: Brian Dalton (Rochester Education Association)

June 23
11am - 12:30pm
Schoology Series: Rumor has it that you’re switching to Schoology
Worried about switching to Schoology this fall? Interested in getting a head start wrapping your brain around what your digital classroom might look like? Regardless of your grade level, this session will help you with the Schoology basics & help you to imagine the possibilities. Objectives include course organization, creating/editing content, grading, & using course calendar & communication tools. You will need a Schoology account prior to the session & there will be workshop time to apply your learning.
Facilitator: Kathleen Ader (Novi Education Association)

June 24
11am - 12:30pm
What I Wish I Knew: A discussion panel with and for Early Career Educators
Are you a teacher early in their career or an aspiring educator preparing or getting ready to start your career? There are so many things we wish we knew when we began teaching: working with colleagues, admin or parents...career development and work-life balance...Whether you are just beginning your teaching career, early in your career, or are starting at a new school, learn some tips and helpful insights from peers who understand your experience.
Panelists: Jordan Baines (Huron Valley EA), Anthony Barnes (Kalamazoo EA), Colleen Campbell (Royal Oak EA), Brittany Macalza (Momence City EA)

June 29
11am - 12:30pm
Support Staff Focus
Embodying: A Classroom Management Technique for Modern Educators
Have you ever been told that you or another educator have a “presence” when they enter the classroom? Those with this “presence” seem to be able to manage a class of students with mystical ease...but what if you had a better understanding of this phenomenon? It is called embodiment, and this practice focuses on how we inhabit our bodies, how we use our bodies and movement to send and receive signals, as well as how we move through the world (and our classroom) and interact with those within it. This is a fascinating session that explores the non-verbal aspects of classroom management technique.
Facilitator: Heather Vaughan-Southard, MAEIA Professional Learning Director

July 15
11am - 12:30pm
Teacher and Higher Ed Focus
Grant Writing for Fine Arts Educators
Grant Writing is an excellent way to make significant changes to your teaching environment, but can sometimes feel overwhelming to pursue. Together we will explore some basic tips that will help make developing this skill feel much easier to take on and get you ready for the upcoming “grant writing season”
Facilitator: Ashleigh Lough (Grand Ledge Education Association)

Registration for these sessions and SCECH credit are available to MEA members in good standing only.