Higher-Level Language Skills:
The Humor Connection

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Special Educators, SLPs, OTs, Psychologists, Guidance Counselors
Instructor: Nancy Tarulli
Dates & Times: Tuesday & Wednesday, August 11 & 12, 2015 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: TEC Professional Learning Center in E. Walpole
Cost: $245 TEC/BICO Members $280 Non-Members
Earn: 13 PDPs
Grad. Credit: 1 credit from Worcester State University for an additional $100, payable at the first class

Course Description: The need for increased focus on Higher-Order Thinking Skills and development of a full spectrum of language abilities has become a part of our curriculum frameworks. Teachers are often faced with the challenge of integrating these comprehension and expression skills into motivational listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities for their students. The ultimate goal is developing skills that encourage our students to learn and experiment with the many facets of language that make up all types of discourse. Language elements of phonology, syntax/morphology, semantics, discourse, pragmatics, and metalinguistics are critical to all types of learning. Humor will be introduced as a higher-level cognitive skill that can be connected to all aspects of language learning, including the role of body language, reading prosody, and vocal inflection. Those students who effectively and appropriately comprehend and use a broad variety of these forms of humor demonstrate higher-level language understandings. This class will help participants understand the Language - Humor connection as it applies to their instruction at many levels. The focus is on examining micro and macro language structures that foster learning and communication. We will discuss how understanding and integrating humor into classroom conversation, reading, and written language can build language flexibility, higher-level understandings, and learning success.

About the Instructor: Nancy Tarulli has worked as a speech/language pathologist in a variety of environments including: public and private schools, institutional and university clinics as well as private practice. She has a Master’s in Speech/Language Pathology and is certified in Reading. She is published in The Reading Teacher and Language Speech and Hearing Services in the Schools. She has been presenting workshops on Language Disabilities, Classroom Inclusion for Language Arts, ASD, The Speech to Reading Continuum, and Executive Function since 1989.

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