

POWER *of* PLACE

LEARNING COMMUNITIES



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As the daffodils in backyards begin to sprout and the warm weather returns, I am reminded that spring is just around the corner. It's time to celebrate growth and renewal, to look back at what we've accomplished, and begin to look ahead to what we do next.

Our Spring Gathering is designed to do just that. On Wednesday, May 8 we will be hosting our annual ECLC Showcase of Learning at the world-class Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) in Salem. The museum's gorgeous Atrium will be the setting for what promises to be an extraordinary, celebratory, inspiring event: think cocktail party meets science fair.

The purpose of the showcase is to celebrate all of you and what you have learned. If you have attended any of our ECLC experiences this year or in past years, we want you to share what you've learned - and how you're using it - at our Showcase. There are a few different ways you can participate:

- **Sign up to share.** All presenters will have a table to set up a display and demonstrate a lesson or protocol, present a slide deck, or share visual images that illustrate what you've learned. We will have a coach available to help our presenters prepare.
- **Sign up to speak.** We want to hear the voices of our educators, and invite all who are interested to sign up to share their story of why they teach, why they lead, and why they keep learning.
- **Sign up to perform.** We know that the talent runs deep in this community, and in a space as beautiful as the PEM we should be surrounded by music. We are seeking both student and adult performers to provide background music and possibly a few Main Stage performances. Student or adult acapella groups, jazz ensembles, step dancers –please make yourself known to us!
- **Sign up to learn, network, and celebrate with our community.** Don't want to present, speak or perform? No worries - we still want you to join us! This event is not only a celebration of individual achievements but also an opportunity for each of you to interact with, learn from, and celebrate alongside your peers from Essex County. By coming together to celebrate our diverse talents and contributions, we can inspire one another to continue growing and learning together.

Please join us on May 8 from 4:30-7:30 pm for a memorable evening of celebration, inspiration and community connection. We will be joined by Massachusetts Secretary of Education Pat Tutwiler, PEM Executive Director and CEO Lynda Roscoe Hartigan, and Tower Foundation Executive Director Tracy Sawicki, all of whom will offer welcoming remarks.

You can register here and indicate how you would like to participate in our Showcase. You can also reach out to Allyson Corey at info@powerofplacelc.org. I can't wait to see you.

In community,
Jane

Celebrating Social and Emotional Learning

Join us in celebrating **SEL Week** by sharing 3 key messages about the importance of social and emotional development and learning, created by the national coalition Leading with SEL:

- Social and emotional learning improves academic achievement
- Social and emotional learning builds lifelong, future-ready skills that allow children to pursue their hopes and dreams.
- Social and emotional learning is a critical layer of prevention for children's mental wellness.



Self-awareness



Self-management



Social awareness



Relationship skills



Responsible decision-making

Visit Leading with SEL to learn more.

SEED Program: Register Now

SEED 101: Conversations on Race and Equity



Spaces are limited!

Register here

When: March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 24 from 3:30-5:30 pm

Where: All sessions will be virtual, and held on Zoom

“Conversations on Race and Equity” is intended to better equip educators to reflect on their own identities and develop a growing awareness of systems of oppression, power, and privilege.

Please join this virtual, 5-part series as part of your continued commitment to educational justice in Essex County.

Register Here.

Sign up soon! This series is limited to 15 participants.

Join Our Showcase of Learning!



How do you want to experience the 2024 Showcase of Learning?

Join us on May 8 for a celebration of all we have accomplished during the 2023-24 school year.

Register [here](#) and sign up by March 21 to participate as a:

Presenter: Host a display table

Speaker: Share your story on stage

Performer: Sing, dance or play music

Attendee: Be there to learn, celebrate, and enjoy!

Where: Peabody Essex Museum, Salem

When: Wednesday, May 8 | 4:30-7:30 pm

[Register here](#)

Questions? Email us at info@powerofplaceclc.org

Save the Date

ECLC Summer Institute

Thursday, August 8
Beverly, MA

ECLC 2024 Fall Gathering

Election Day, Tuesday, November 5
Essex North Shore Agricultural and
Technical School | Hathorne, MA



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Access the updated 2023-2024 Learning Agenda here.

Resources from the Field

Lindsay Lyons

Time for Teachership: Blogs and Podcasts from Lindsay Lyons

Lindsay Lyons is an educational justice coach with a weekly blog and podcast called “Time for Teachership” where she coaches teachers and leaders to make transformative structural shifts. In this episode, Angela Watson and Lindsay talk about how teachers can thrive alongside students, how we do best as a community of specialists, and what it looks like to be working in a flow state. If teacher retention and staff well-being is important to you, this is a must listen!

Listen to the podcast **here**.

ScienceDaily

Teachers' Growth Mindset Appears More Important than Warmth

Students tend to like friendly teachers, but they like those who believe they can improve even more, new research indicates. Students in a study still responded positively to instructors described as being cold but who also had a growth mindset, meaning they felt students' ability in a subject could improve by working hard and trying different strategies. The opposite was also true: more participants reacted negatively to a warm, smiling teacher when they stated a fixed mindset.

Read the full study **here**.

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The Student Voice Toolkit

Many have not developed the insight, skill, and emotional stamina necessary to broach and navigate differences of perspective and opinion, especially when harm to a member of a marginalized group is involved. In contrast to the social norms of whiteness are norms and skills designed to develop the

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MA Civic Learning Week

The Massachusetts Civic Learning Coalition is bringing you Civic Learning Week 2024. This year's programs seek to highlight the importance of civic education in sustaining and strengthening constitutional democracy in the United States. By highlighting the civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions that provide the foundation for an informed and engaged populace, Civic

authenticity and courage necessary to deeply understand one another in ways that forge connection and develop resilience. In this interactive workshop, explore how to embed new, transformational norms into our personal and institutional practices.

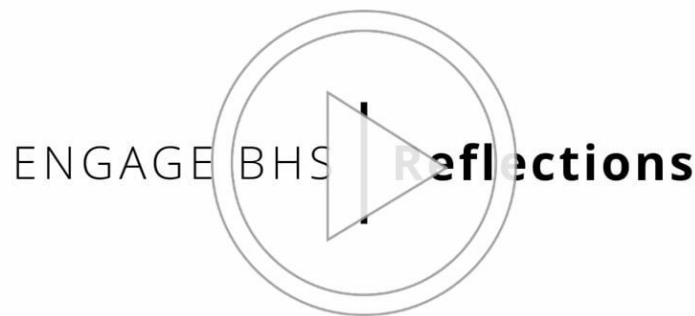
Register **here**.

Learning Week aims to further energize the movement for renewed civic education across Massachusetts and the nation.

Register **here**.

Food for Thought

Thinking about how to re-engage students? Check out this 5-minute video that describes the efforts of one high school in Vermont. During the Spring 2023 semester, Burlington High School in Burlington, Vermont, along with several community-based organizations and school leaders collaborated on an innovative re-engagement program for students to address Burlington High School's significant challenges with in-school truancy.



*Do you have something to share with your fellow educators?
Send it to us at info@powerofplacelc.org.*

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