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"PD" is not a four letter word.

By Jennie Magiera

This article is a summary of an Ignite talk Jennie presented at ISTE in 2014. Jennie is one of the keynote speakers for ICE 2016 - don't miss her workshop and keynote presentation on Wednesday, February 24!

Let's talk about how PD is supposed to mean "professional development," but often people think it stands for something more

November 3

[ICE COLD Coding.org Workshop](#)

November 14, 8:00 a - 3:30 p

[NICE 1/2 Day Workshop: Technology & Differentiation](#)

December 5, 8:30 a - 12:00 p

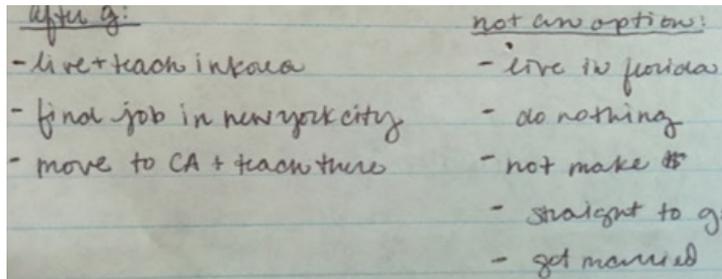
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like "plain dull" or "pedagogy death". But PD could be and should be so much more.



In 2012 I attended a great PD event for the first time: ISTE. It was like going through the looking glass. Here was a magical land where we could meet our tribe, folks who got geeked up about the same things we did, explore ideas, and attend social events. IT was a place we could ignite our passions.



But, what about when we go home and ISTE is over? Where do we find inspiration, connect with colleagues and try new ideas? What is fueling our passions and interests then? I even made this list when I graduated from college... of things I wanted to do post-grad and things that "were not an option." But nowhere on this list was what I actually spent quite a lot of time doing in my first years of teaching... Sitting in mass staff meetings watching a presenter read bullets off a powerpoint. So I adapted and did what all smart teachers do when they hear it's time for "PD": rush to grab papers to grade, materials to cut or emails to read. Anything to keep us occupied during the next boring and a half hours.

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LEARNING SPACES

#ICEilchat Highlights

"Give Ss the keys & coach from the passenger seat! You may need a few laps around the parking lot, but eventually open road!"
@MrsSmithThinks



"Meaningful feedback beyond a letter or number is powerful & moves students forward with real opportunities." @brewerhm

"I think of 'Personalized Learning' as the way I make each day valuable to EACH of my students. Take them from Point A to Point B!"
@PaulSolarz



"I model by showing my make mistakes. Talk about how a mistake is a chance to start again more intelligently." @harrisonmann13

ICE Leader You Should Know: Marcie Faust



Marcie Faust, of Highland Park, Illinois, has been an educator since 2002. Her classroom experience began as a pre-school and kindergarten teacher, followed by several years teaching 4th and 5th grade. Marcie worked as a technology coordinator for several years before returning to the classroom to teach 6th grade English Language Arts.

Currently, Marcie serves as the Director for Innovative Learning for Deerfield Public Schools District 109. She is a thought-leader, innovator and life-long learner who is passionate about facilitated, experiential learning for all students. Marcie has a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Indiana University and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Roosevelt University. She also earned a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership from National-Louis University.

Marcie serves as the NICE MiniCon Co-Chair and is thrilled to be joining the ICE Conference Planning Team to help coordinate the PLN Plaza. You can reach Marcie at about.me/marciefaust, read her blog at directorforinnovativelearning.edublogs.org and follow her on Twitter [@mfaust](https://twitter.com/mfaust)

ICE 2016 will push PD in new directions

By Margaret Johnson, ICE Executive Director

This month's theme, Rethinking PD, is perfect for Connected Educators' Month and for ICE members. If you want to join the conversation on rethinking PD, don't miss October's [ICE Twitter Chat](#) at the hashtag #ICEilchat on Thursday, October 29 from 8-9 pm.

Professional development, aka PD, is central to the mission of ICE. Many of my own happiest PD experiences have been part of my own journey in ICE. I can remember creating my very first web page in an ICE session where Ed Coughlin showed the page editor built into Netscape. This spawned dozens of web quests created by teachers in my own district.

My first presenting experience was at an early 90's ICE Conference. My teaching practice and thinking were forever changed by both nationally known ICE speakers Will Richardson and David Warlick, and also by local ICE presenters such as Beth Burke, Nadine Norris, and many others. The great sessions I have enjoyed over more than two decades are too numerous to list, and it has been a great honor to be part of putting together five ICE Conferences from 2012 to the upcoming 2016 event.

ICE 2016 promises to push your thinking about PD by offering some exciting opportunities for attendees to experience PD in new ways. Can a game provide a new model for professional growth and classroom instruction? Find out by experiencing Breakout EDU at this year's conference. The Breakout games were a huge hit at ISTE this past summer; watch for more information on this amazing experience that will be available to ICE 2016 attendees. If you're looking for new ways to validate learning, watch for digital badges that attendees will be able to earn by completing a variety of challenges at ICE. We are eager to see what our Badging team of Lucy Gray and Chris Fahnoe will have in store for ICE participants. The Member Networking Team always has exciting surprises for our fabulous PLN Plaza in the center of the Exhibit Hall, and they are busy planning to make 2016 the best year ever. Our fabulous lineup of invited speakers will help you be Future Ready, show you ways to Shake Up Learning, encourage you to Ditch that Textbook, and more! Integrating informal ways to learn such as the ICE edcamp After Dark, our new Tinker @ ICE space, and our Twitter chat #ICEILchat along with the more traditional breakout and poster sessions truly makes ICE a conference that will help you rethink both PD and classroom instruction. We can't wait!

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