

# 2010-2011

## MESPA Professional Development for elementary and middle level principals

*Be in the know!* MESPA supports 30-40 professional development days a year, plus webinars, podcasts, and blogs, offering MESPA members 180-210 annual continuing education units.

### MESPA Innovations

- Statewide book read with discussion and CEUs.
- Webinar, podcast and division meeting CEUs, increasing professional development access throughout Minnesota.
- Colleague to Colleague blog for MESPA members.
- Expanded seminar collaboration with NAESP and other state education associations.
- Minnesota Bullying Prevention Initiative, including the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program—a whole school program that has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying throughout a school setting by up to 50%.
- Minnesota School of Excellence Program, promoting excellence through a rigorous evaluation process that showcases dynamic schools of the 21st century, and providing principal CEUs.
- *Principals' Cognitive Coaching for Leading Professional Learning Communities*: 8-sessions with Jim Roussin.

### Annual Events

#### Legal Issues Seminars with Roger Aronson

MESPA provides the legal support elementary and middle level principals need. Attend one of the full-day MESPA legal issues seminars offered at five locations statewide and presented by Roger Aronson, MESPA legislative and legal counsel and highly regarded school law expert. Submit questions with your registration!

#### New Principal Seminar

October 14, 2010—Build a network of peers and resources. Gain practical advice from practicing principals who understand the flow of your work.



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### **Three-Minute Walkthrough Seminar**

*October 15, 2010*—The most effective principal is a coach. Learn to guide teachers toward a continuous improvement cycle. Using a school as a live laboratory, Kathy Larson, national professional growth and development consultant, leads seminar participants in practicing the three-minute process.

### **MESPA Institute: MESPA Loves to Read!**

*February 9-11, 2011*—

The professional development of the year providing three days of instructional leadership, statewide networking, and exhibits from cutting-edge education vendors.



### **Emerging Leaders Conference: Growing Our Own**

#### **Collaboration among MASA, MASSP, and MESPA**

*March 2011*—Considering a career change? This conference is for motivated and talented emerging education leaders, and current leaders seeking new directions. Seize the opportunity to explore leadership practice and recommit your career to excellent leadership.

### **National Association of Elementary School Principals 2011 Annual Convention**

*April 7-10*—Join your colleagues nationwide in Tampa, FL.

### **The Breakthrough Coach**

*June 13-14, 2011*—What if you could trim 20 hours off your workweek *and* multiply your time in classrooms by 500%? Learn how to work less, produce more, and still get the job done in a sensible school week. Malachi Pancoast, president of The Breakthrough Coach, radically alters a principals' view as manager, while promoting significant increase in student achievement.

### **Day-2 Review: Re-Energizing the Fundamentals**

*June 14, 2011*—Been a year or more since you attended The Break-through Coach seminar? Attend the second day of the two-day seminar as a review!

For a complete calendar with event details  
and online registration, visit [www.mespa.net](http://www.mespa.net);  
click on *Professional Development*.

For division meeting information,  
click on *MESPA Division News*.