

2012 Director's Note:

CHANGE IS GOOD! Isn't that what we always say? (And secretly we're not so sure!) Well, there are A LOT of changes in store for the 2012 Washburn Academy and they are ALL GOOD!

First, Washburn Academy is more affordable than ever! Thanks to generous contributions from our local business supporters, we have been able to **significantly** reduce the 2012 workshop fees! Our business friends **DO understand** that district budgets are tight and they **DO appreciate** the quality of the professional development that takes place at Washburn Academy. I hope you will THANK our business supporters at every opportunity.

Second, in order to provide you with more **flexibility** than ever, we are introducing some workshops that are less than a full week in length. Please see the Pre-Academy and Post-Academy (page 5) for some workshop offerings that are 2, 3, 4 and 5 days in length. The Pre- and Post- Academy weeks will be held at CESA #4 in West Salem.

Third, **online registration** has come to Washburn Academy. Years ago we tried online registration on a pilot basis, but the results were too mixed to proceed at that time. Now we believe we have the right system in place. Registrations will **ONLY** be online, for both Washburn Academy and for UW-L graduate credit. Please see registration information on this page and on page 4.

Please note one scheduling change. The regular Academy week will end at 12:30 pm on Friday, instead of 2:00 pm. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday workshops will go until 3:30 pm, instead of 3:00 pm.

Finally, as local school districts prepare to transition to the new Common



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Core State Standards (CCSS), I have tried to offer workshops that will help the process, both at the classroom and the district level. You'll see the CCSS mentioned in the workshop descriptions.

The bottom line is...some things are staying the same (Western Wisconsin still has a fabulous summer Academy!), and some things are changing (Washburn Academy is cheaper and offers more convenience and flexibility than ever!). I think you'll agree, that's a winning combination!

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