

*Welcome Farmhands to the
MKA Kindergarten
Conference
In Jackson, MN*



DOWN ON THE
LEARNING FARM
MKA Kindergarten Conference
———— JCC 2018 ————

Welcome to Southwest Minnesota.

Planting the seeds for future generations.

Agriculture is the center of our economy. As Kindergarten teachers we welcome you to our Learning Farm. The learning is fun and the people are hardworking and friendly.

The conference will be held at Jackson Country Central High School 1128 North Highway in Jackson, MN. We have a great conference planned for you with lots of different ideas that you can take back to your classroom. Our speakers include Debbie Silver. She will open up the conference with her session, "Be a Teacher-Be a hero!" Kim Adsit is also with us this year. She will be sharing some great ideas on Math and Reading. We so look forward to seeing Adam Peterson in action on Saturday. Minnesota author Mary Casanova will present as well. She is the author of "Just Dog" and many more. On Friday evening we have a country picnic catered by the "Hi-Lo Club". Don't forget the "Down Home" shopping. We look forward to our great networking opportunity at The Barn Dance.

Respectfully,

Tammy Erickson

MKA Conference Coordinator

Friday May 4th, 2018

8:00-9:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:00-10:30- Debbie Silver

“Be a Teacher-Be a Hero”

In this presentation Debbie Silver utilizes humor and thoughtful insights to remind audiences of how important teachers (and other educators) are in the lives of children. Through poignant stories and hilarious characterizations, Debbie connects with the souls of all who work with students. Audience members laugh and cry as Debbie reminds them of the value of each and every child in the classroom.

10:30-10:45- Break

10:45-12:00- Kim Adsit

“Math Centers that Matter”

In this session you will learn how to organize and run math centers that will have your children mathematicians in no time! Kim will share her ideas for organizing math centers that will ensure the math standards are taught and maintained throughout the year. She will share activities, games and journal ideas that she used in different centers. Kim will also show you how math centers enable you to work with small groups and provide both enrichment and tutorial activities for all learners!

12:00-1:00- Box lunch provided

1:00-3:00- Debbie Silver

“Fall Down 7 times, get up 8”

*Do you ever ask yourself, “Just how am I supposed to motivate these kids?” The real question, of course, is how to we get them to motivate themselves? Based on extensive research for her new book, *Fall Down 7 Times, Get Up 8: Teaching Kids to Succeed*, Dr. Debbie Silver offers surprising new findings about fundamental ways we can change our teaching practices to help kids become self-motivated. Come prepared to have your thinking challenged and to receive a multitude of strategies that help learners develop internal motivation and resiliency.*

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:15 Kim Adsit

“Wacky Wonderful World of Words Mini Lessons”

Come along to the Wacky Wonderful World of Words! In this session Kim will share how she teaches words-sight words, vocabulary, word families—through strategy mini lessons. She will share how she organizes and implements the mini lessons. Then she will share mini lessons that will teach word strategies that your kids can use as they become fluent readers. Your kids will become strategic readers as they learn how to attack words with confidence.

4:15-5:00 Vendors and networking

(Vendors hours Friday 4-8 and Saturday 8-3)

5:00- 6:00 Mary Casanova

Ordinary Heroes

Mary Casanova was once a struggling reader who couldn't sit still. Now the author of 37 books, from picture books (One-Dog Canoe) to books for American Girl and historical fiction, she recognizes the power of dreams and the value of ordinary heroes who help others find their true potential.

6:00-6:30- Musical Production by Mrs. LeAnn Olson and

K/1 grades

6:30-7:30 Country Picnic catered by the Hi-Lo Club

8:00-12:00 Barn Dance

The Barn in Okoboji IA

Get your boots on and let's boot scoot and boogie.

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

8:00-9:00 MKA meeting/ breakfast/ registration

9:00-10:00 Adam Peterson

School Is What You Make It!

As teachers we all want our kids to love coming to school each day, right? Of course, we do! Well, little secret here, it starts with YOU! Your attitude and work ethic can make (or break!) your classroom from the start! Shape your classroom and kids from day one with a "Positive Over Negative" teaching philosophy.

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:00 Adam and Kim

Routines Rule

You can't teach a class you can't manage! Take a peek at how Kim and Adam manage their classrooms through the effective modeling of procedures and routines. Come learn their favorite songs and rituals that keep their classrooms running smoothly.

12:00-1:00 Box lunch provided

1:00-2:00 Break-out sessions

Adam Peterson - "What Happened To Our Room?"

"Wow!" "Whoa!" "What happened?!" "This is AWESOME!" Those are words every teacher hopes to hear when his or her students enter the classroom! With Adam's fun and engaging ideas, you can have your students saying the same things! Learn how Adam uses his current curriculum and themes to plan and integrate exciting room transformations that his students remember forever!

Kim Adsit- "Games and More" Trying to think of engaging activities to teach the reading standards that will have your kiddos begging for more? In this session Kim will share games, art activities, books, charts, music and more that will do just that. She will share activities to handle the reading foundational skills such as phonological awareness, phonics, word recognition, print concepts, and fluency. When you leave this session, you will have a plethora of ideas and activities galore.

Mary Casanova "All About Picture Books"

Join Mary in an interactive sharing of some of her beloved picture books, that you can use with your students. As well as a chance to create your own. You will leave with ideas you can use with your students.

Mackenzie Erickson "Fine motor in Kindergarten"

As academic demands for Kindergarteners continue to increase, more students have difficulty keeping up with the motor demands of writing and tool use. As early childhood play skills have evolved to include more electronics and less hands-on play, children have weaker hands and less refined coordination. These factors impact the endurance of Kindergarten students. This session will address the development of hand strength, motor control and tool use as it relates to classroom function, including handwriting. This session will provide strategies and techniques that you can implement immediately to improve the performance of your students.

Nathan Boler "Makerspaces"

Makerspaces are growing in popularity all across the United States. Learn what a makerspace is and how they can be implemented into your classroom. Leave with ideas that will spark your students' imagination. Turn your classroom into a hands-on learning environment with student engagement and collaboration.

Tara Boogard "Technology Tools"

This session will focus on utilizing technology in the classroom to meet the needs of your diverse students. Some ideas will be given on specific tools you could use for your students, along with ideas on how to use technology to assist you in your teaching responsibilities.

Julane Severson "Learning Fun on the FriendChip Farm (www.friendchipfarm.com)"

This workshop, centered around a farmers' market theme, will make reading, art, and math come alive in your classroom! The Counting Chef, FriendChip Cow, and Snowman with Heart characters from the St. Paul Farmers' Market will motivate children to acquire and use an advanced vocabulary through the illustrations in children's picture books, improve math skills, and build confidence through art. Join us! We will play a little farmers' market bingo, become active learners through picture books, and improve math skills with the Sum Smart Cookie math app which features the FriendChip Cow. Maybe one of our characters will even make an appearance! Please bring a favorite children's picture book with you.

Angie Beckel "Vocabulary support with games"

This will be a make and take session. Please bring a vocabulary list. Gamification can be used to teach and review vocabulary and support reading. We all know how much students love to play games so let's make learning fun.

Janele Untiedt "Yoga for the Littles"

During this session you will be learning relaxation and breathing techniques to do with your students. Janele will also teach you some yoga poses to use in your classroom.

2:00-3:00 Break Out sessions

Adam Peterson "Model, Motivate, Write, REPEAT!"

Writing doesn't have to be a boring, tedious task for kindergarten students! Follow along with Adam as he takes you down the path from beginning writing to publishing books! Adam's simple tips and tricks will have your kids wanting to write all the time!

Kim Adsit "Science Blasters"

Enter into an exciting experience that will help you integrate Science into your own classroom! Kim will show you "explosive" ways to get Kindergarteners motivated to learn. Hands-on science activities and experiments, interactive literature, tasty test-tubes, and magical messes will capture your children's imagination! It's something that's OUT OF THIS WORLD!!

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Our Keynote Speakers

Debbie Silver

With 30 years spent as a teacher, staff development instructor, and university professor, Debbie Silver doesn't just know her way around the classroom - she is familiar with the challenges educators face at every level, from kindergarten to college. The former Louisiana Teacher of the Year has given presentations around the world (including 49 states, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia), helping audiences to interact with students on a deeper level.



Kim Adsit



Kim is as 2002 Teacher of the Year and has taught kindergarten for 30 years. Focusing on developing curriculum and strategies that incorporate child centered activities, she emphasizes the fun of kindergarten by tapping into the curiosity of young children that plants the seed for lifelong learning. Kim has been selected as an Expert Teacher, and she serves as a teacher mentor. She has a Specialist Degree in Early Childhood Education as well as an At-Risk Endorsement. Kim has authored many teacher resources that are available on the teacherspayteachers.com website.

Adam Peterson

a kindergarten teacher and self-published children's author, specializes in technology integration and writing. He is the creator the "Teachers Learn Too" YouTube channel (check it out!) and is the host of an online Q&A show for educators, #TeachersTalkToo.



Mary Casanova



Mary Casanova is an award-winning children's author of novels and picture books. Many of her books stem from her life on the Minnesota-Canadian border; yet some of her stories have taken her as far away as France, Norway, and Belize for research. Whatever the setting for her books, Casanova writes stories that matter--and stories that kids can't put down.

Our Speakers for the Mini Sessions

Mackenzie Erickson, MAOTR/L - Mackenzie is an occupational therapist for the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of South Dakota and a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of St. Catherine. She has worked as a pediatric Occupational Therapist with for 8 years in a medical setting and 5 years in the educational setting.

Nathan Boler- Nathan has taught one-year HS Social Studies, five years in 6th grade Social Studies, 2 years as Cognitive Coach/Tech Integrationist. He has a Bachelors form Concordia College, Masters in Educational Leadership and K-12 Principalship (expected May 2018)

Tara Boogard- This is Tara's 13th year of teaching, with 10 of those spent in the middle school math classroom, and three years as instructional coach for Pre-K- 12 grade. She received her Master's Degree in Educational Technology, where she learned how to integrate technology into the classroom.

Julane Severson-

Julane Severson is the creator of the FriendChip Farm which has been part of the St. Paul Farmers' Market for over 10 years. She is a retired elementary teacher and home economist who has been recognized for her creative teaching by being nominated (twice) for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year program. With over 30 years of teaching experience, she continues to share her love of teaching through her FriendChip Farm program at the St. Paul Farmers' Market each summer.

Angie Beckel- Angie describes herself as a "jack of all trades, master of none." She's taught 6-12 Social Studies at Jackson County Central for 10 years. Currently, she is working as one of the District Integrationist. She has a 5-12 Social Studies licensure, a K-12 Reading licensure, 9-12 Work-based Learning licensure, and a Masters in Educational Technology.

Janele Untiedt-

Janele graduated from SDSU with a Fitness/Wellness Degree. She also attended SD school of massage therapy. She also earned her yoga teaching certification from the Yoga Conservatory. Her current job is co-owner of Body Balance Fitness.

Check out our Spread

Friday breakfast:

Rolls/ yogurt/ fruit

Friday lunch: box lunch including

Friday Dinner: Country Picnic

Pulled Pork

BBQ Sauce on-the-side

Pretzel Bun

Au gratin Potatoes

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Fresh Fruit

Lemonade

Cheesecake

Saturday breakfast:

Rolls/yogurt/fruit

Saturday lunch: box lunch

***Gluten free options available upon request*



Accommodations

AmericInn Lodge & Suites Jackson

110 Belmont Lane, Jackson, MN

56143

[507] 847-2444

1 person- \$139.90

2 people- \$ 149.90



Super 8 Jackson MN

2025 Highway 71 N, Jackson,

MN 56143

(507) 847-3498

2 people- \$79.99



If you are planning on going to the Barn Dance there are rooms available in the Okoboji area. Okoboji is 25 miles from the Jackson High School.

*Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center -
Okoboji*

arrowwoodokoboji.com

*1405 Highway 71 Hwy 71, Okoboji, IA
51355*

(712) 332-2161 \$87.00/ night



Bridges Bay Resort

bridgesbayresort.com 630 Linden Dr, Arnolds Park, IA 51331

(712) 332-2202

\$87.00/night

*Please mention that you are with
MKA conference.*



The Barn Dance

The Jackson County Central teachers invite you to a barn dance. So, grab your boots and your bandana and let's kick up our heels.

8:00p.m.-12:00a.m.

*2325 41st Street Spirit Lake,
Iowa 51355*

Phone: 712-330-7158



A red roof stands out high on a hill of oak trees right in the heart of Okoboji. Built in 1919, what was once a Dairy Farm is now Iowa's premier rustic barn venue. Remodeled to maintain architectural integrity, the barn celebrates days gone by all while incorporating modern technology to provide a state-of-the-art entertainment experience.

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Region 1

*Becker
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Hubbard
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Mahnommen
Marshall
Norman
Pennington
Polk
Red Lake
Roseau
Wadena*

Region 2

*Aitkin
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Cook
Crow Wing
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Lake
Pine
St. Louis*

Region 3

Benton

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Ottertail

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Sherburne

Stearns

Stevens

Swift

Todd

Traverse

Wilkins

Region 4

Blue Earth

Brown

Cottonwood

Jackson

Lincoln

Lyon

Martin

McLeod

Murray

Nicollet

Nobles

Pipestone

Redwood

Renville

Rock

Sibley

Yellow Medicine

Watonwan

Region 5

Anoka

Carver

Hennepin

Wright

Region 6

Chisago

Dakota

Ramsey

Washington

Region 7

Dodge

Faribault

Fillmore

Freeborn

Goodhue

Houston

LeSueur

Mower

Olmsted

Rice

Scott

Steele

Wabasha

Waseca

Winona





Registration and Membership Form
MKA Conference held at
Jackson County Central High School
1128 North Highway, Jackson, MN 56143
May 4th and 5th, 2018

Name of person attending

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

School name and address

Region _____

Farmhand Learning Options:

- o Both days- Friday and Saturday \$225.00*
- o Friday night and Saturday- \$150.00*
- o Membership only -\$25.00*

_____ request for Vegan or Gluten options. You will be contacted.

Breakout sessions:

1:00 session: 1st choice _____ *2nd choice* _____

3:00 session: 1st choice _____ *2nd choice* _____

Make checks payable to:

MKA Conference

Mailing address:

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Jackson MN 56143

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There are no refunds on application.

Use a separate form for each registrant.

Copy the form if necessary.

