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Shuttle buses, attendance requirements & more**To :** 4j priority mail <4j_priority_mail@4j.lane.edu>

Dear colleagues,

4J's 2012 Kickoff Conference is now just a week away! Here are the details you've been waiting for, including who is expected to stay for the afternoon breakout sessions.

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2012 Kickoff Conference:***"Making Thinking Visible: Creating Pathways to College & Career"*****Thursday, August 30, 7:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m.****Eugene Hilton**

- 7:15–8:00 a.m. Breakfast social
- 8:00–11:30 a.m. Opening remarks and keynote speakers
- 11:30–12:30 Lunch (\$5 or bring your own)
- 12:30–4:00 p.m. Afternoon breakout sessions

WHO SHOULD ATTEND (NEW INFORMATION):

- **Morning:** All staff working on August 30 are expected to attend until 11:30 a.m. All schools and offices will be closed that morning to allow this.
- **Afternoon:** All licensed staff and school administrators are expected to attend the afternoon breakout sessions. Classified and central administrative staff who have been specifically asked by their principal or supervisor to attend an afternoon session also should attend. **Other classified staff and central administrative staff may return to their regular duties at 11:30 a.m.,** but are welcome to stay to attend

afternoon breakout sessions of their choosing, if their work allows. If you are uncertain whether you should remain for the afternoon, talk to your supervisor.

- Guest teachers and classified staff who are not scheduled to work on August 30 are welcome to attend all or part of the conference on their own time.

WHAT TO EXPECT: We have transformed our traditional opening-of-the-school-year welcome for staff into a powerful professional development conference focused on our key instructional initiatives. The conference will feature national education leaders Dave Conley and Jon Saphier. Continental breakfast, morning refreshments and afternoon refreshments will be provided.

The participatory, interest-based afternoon breakout sessions (see attached) will include:

- Additional presentations by Jon Saphier and Dave Conley geared towards elementary and secondary teachers and staff
- Training in Edmodo and Google Docs
- AVID workshops for Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies and other subjects
- Special sessions for Ed Support Services staff, librarians, counselors, essential skills coordinators, music teachers and International Baccalaureate teams.

HOW TO GET THERE:

- **Bus:** 4J school buses will provide shuttle service from Churchill, North Eugene, Sheldon and South Eugene high schools. Buses will depart for the Hilton from 6:30–7:30 a.m. Return trips from the Hilton will depart from 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. for morning-only attendees, and from 3:45–4:15 p.m. for full-day attendees.
- **Car:** If you choose to drive, you are encouraged to carpool. Limited free parking (with validation) is available in the Hilton parking lot, and there is ample space in nearby parking structures for a small fee. Parking fees and mileage will not be reimbursed.
- **Bike:** Bicycle parking is available at the Hilton.

WHAT TO BRING:

- A sweater or light jacket to keep you comfortable in the air conditioned conference rooms
- A notebook and pen if you might want to take notes
- A sack lunch or \$5 cash for the backyard barbecue buffet (**RSVP ASAP, no later than Monday morning!** RSVP@4j.lane.edu) if you are staying for lunch

- Your enthusiastic attitude and great smile!

THANKS: This special event is made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Eugene Education Foundation. EEF raises funds to support all 4J schools.

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday, and to the start of another great year!

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