

# MSPA

# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE



**FIRST SESSION 9:50 am-10:40 am**

**1. Connecting Communities with Reading Culture, *Mastery***

LOCATION: **GREENPOINT**

**2. Access to Agency: Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders, *Samsung***

LOCATION: **WILLIAMSBURG**

**3. Building Foundations for Lifelong Success, *Quavered***

LOCATION: **NAVY YARD**

**4. Transform Your School's Relationship With Math, *Amplify***

LOCATION: **DUMBO**

**5. Reframing Stress for School Leaders, *MyRobin***

LOCATION: **COBBLE HILL**

**6. Progress Monitoring for the APPR, *CSA/SSP***

LOCATION: **CONEY ISLAND**

**7. Leadership through the Use of Soft Skills, *CSA/ELI***

LOCATION: **PARK SLOPE**

**8. Yes, Foundation Skills Belong in Middle School, *Savvas***

LOCATION: **WINDSOR TERRACE**

**9. Less Cords, Less Clicks, *Promethean***

LOCATION: **SUNSET PARK**

**10. Explore the Impact of Generative AI on MS Education, *CEI***

LOCATION: **GOLDEN BOARDROOM**

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## WORKSHOP 1

### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES WITH READING CULTURE: FILLING PHONICS GAPS & SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE LITERACY

**Speaker:** *Erin E. Hubbard, M.S.Ed., MindPlay Education Instructional Design Specialist*

**Facilitator:** Leomar Lopez, AP MS 363

**Location:** GreenPoint

**Description:** Aligning with the Science of Reading is paramount for educators, especially for those working with older students who may have phonics gaps. But how do you lower their affective filter for students to be receptive to literacy and modern educational technologies? This presentation will examine the challenges encountered by middle-grade educators and administrators in literacy education, particularly among multilingual populations, explore adaptive solutions to diverse student needs, and emphasize the power of cultivating a reading culture in schools and communities.

## WORKSHOP 2

### ACCESS TO AGENCY: PREPARING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

**Speaker:** *Micah Shippee, PhD*

**Facilitator:** Abby Falberg, AP MS 363

**Location:** WilliamsBurg

**Description:** Education is changing because the world is changing. The world is becoming more complex and interconnected, and the skills that are needed to succeed in this world are constantly evolving. In order to prepare students for the future, we must be increasingly flexible and responsive to change. We need to focus on developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills, while also providing students with opportunities to learn about new technologies and to develop the skills they need to use them effectively.

## WORKSHOP 3

### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES WITH READING CULTURE: FILLING PHONICS GAPS & SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE LITERACY

**Speaker:** *Erica Adkins and Catherine Dwinal*

**Facilitator:** Reyna Lachapell, AP MS 363

**Location:** Navy Yard

**Description:** At QuaverEd, we provide related arts educators with digital resources and powerful tools to bring student learning to life. Our user-friendly lessons and activities are standards-aligned and engaging for both students and teachers. Join us as we demonstrate how our curricula (QuaverMusic and QuaverReady) create opportunities for all students to foster durable skills. Through a whole school approach, students can discover how these skills carry over into multiple areas of their lives to set them up for success in school and beyond. This session will explore activities that promote the practice of these skills through our resources so you can create a culture of success in your own school.

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## WORKSHOP 4

### FROM AWFUL TO AWESOME: HOW TO TRANSFORM YOUR SCHOOL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MATHEMATICS

**Speaker:** *Dan Meyer, Director of Research Desmos Math*

**Facilitator:** Alejandro Fernandez, AP IS 347

**Location:** Dumbo

**Description:** Many modern innovations in mathematics aspire only to make math a little less awful, coating broccoli in chocolate, adding a bit of seasoning to a bland meal. Our students deserve better! Join this session to learn a new way to teach math—one that emphasizes creativity over compliance and connection over isolation. We'll discuss the tools, pedagogies, and curriculum that can transform your school's relationship with math from something awful to something awesome.

## WORKSHOP 5

### RESILIENT LEADERSHIP: REFRAMING STRESS AND STRENGTHENING MENTAL AGILITY FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

**Speaker:** *Dr. Matthew Murphy*

**Facilitator:** Erin Lalor, IS 126

**Location:** Cobble Hill

**Description:** 85% of principals and 80% of superintendents report frequent job-related stress according to recent studies. Unfortunately, the majority of school leaders don't have access or time to devote to building the coping skills to improve their on-the-job performance and their mental well-being. Retired NJ Superintendent, certified Mental Health First Aid trainer and Robin Advisor, Dr. Matthew Murphy, is on a mission to change that. In a highly interactive session, Dr. Murphy will lead a dynamic discussion on the current challenges school leaders face and offer concrete strategies for resilient leadership including how to shift your mindset to embrace stress and strengthen your mental agility.

## WORKSHOP 6

### PROGRESS MONITORING FOR THE APPR

**Speaker:** *Willena George, SSP/CSA*

**Facilitator:** Steph Linardic, IS 126

**Location:** Coney Island

**Description:** This workshop will be an opportunity to revisit ABC goals and the progress towards each (SMART) goal. Participants will be able to collaborate on their action plans and discuss possible modifications in order to achieve each goal. Participants will utilize thought partners to decide on artifacts that verify goal achievement.

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## WORKSHOP 7

### LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE USE OF SOFT SKILLS

**Speaker:** *Sherry Gregory and Mary Hughes, CSA/ELI*

**Facilitator:** Georgia Ioannou, MS 217

**Location:** Park Slope

**Description:** This workshop explores why the development of soft power skills is critical for schools to survive and excel. Simply put, it is an effective tool for school leaders to get others to want what they want without the onus of the muscular use of autocratic commands and demands. As leaders grapple with initiatives for school improvement, when to use hard and soft power is key. The components of soft power and the ways school leaders can develop these skills using a step-by-step approach is offered.

## WORKSHOP 8

### YES, FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS BELONG IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Speaker:** *Jamil Odom, VP of Literacy Strategy*

**Facilitator:** Lirit Kozuch, MS 217

**Location:** Windsor Terrace

**Description:** Teaching our students to become proficient readers and writers is our daily goal in our middle school classrooms. However, we know our classrooms are filled with learners from different readiness levels, backgrounds, and instructional needs. One of the latest needs to hit the secondary space is foundational skills support. In this hands-on, minds-on session, we will explore ways to increase our students' abilities to unlock texts while keeping them working with grade-level instruction.

## WORKSHOP 9

### LESS CORDS LESS CLICKS: A PROMETHEAN ROADMAP

**Speaker:** *Ryan Thornton*

**Facilitator:** Maria Justiniano, MS 217

**Location:** Sunset Park

**Description:** This workshop will provide you a deeper understanding of what you already have, and an informed roadmap of what you will be getting.

## WORKSHOP 10

### EXPLORE THE IMPACT OF GENERATIVE AI ON MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION

**Speaker:** *Joel Weingarten*

**Facilitator:** Pedro Dones, MS 363

**Location:** Golden Ballroom

**Description:** In this workshop, we will cover the basics of Generative AI, including its definition, history, and real-world applications, and discover how Generative AI can be used in education, from automated content creation to personalized learning. We'll also discuss the benefits of integrating AI in the Classroom and the challenges and concerns it brings. The workshop will then touch on ethics and responsibility in AI. Finally, an interactive activity will allow participants to brainstorm AI applications in their subjects, followed by a Q&A session and a closing reflection. Join us for this insightful exploration of AI in education!



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**SECOND SESSION 10:50 am-11:40 am**

**11. Building Mathematical Learning Communities Where ALL Students Learn Math by Doing Math, *Imagine***

LOCATION: GREENPOINT

**12. The Miracle Morning: Transformational Daily Habits and Mindfulness for Schools, *Sussman***

LOCATION: WILLIAMSBURG

**13. Reliable Communication and Connection, *Jupiter***

LOCATION: NAVY YARD

**14. Supporting MLLs with *NewsEla***

LOCATION: DUMBO

**15. Evolving into Manhood: Empowering and Mentoring Young Men as Educators, *Richard Celestin***

LOCATION: COBBLE HILL

**16. Increasing Parental and Student Engagement, *Sharzer***

LOCATION: CONEY ISLAND

**17. Connecting Communities Through VE-JV, *VEI***

LOCATION: PARK SLOPE

**18. Solving the Data Overload: How To Get All Your Data In One Place, *SOLVED***

LOCATION: WINDSOR TERRACE

**19. Restorative Mindfulness & Movement for Wellness, *Denise Shira***

LOCATION: SUNSET PARK

**20. Leveraging Mindfulness & Self-Care for Academic Achievement, *Brain Power Wellness***

LOCATION: GOLDEN BOARDROOM

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## WORKSHOP 11

### **BUILDING MATHEMATICAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES WHERE ALL STUDENTS LEARN MATH BY DOING MATH**

**Speaker:** *Lisa Matthews*

**Facilitator:** Maria Delfini, AP IS 281

**Location:** GreenPoint

**Description:** Experience doing mathematics in a Math Learning Community, where all thinking is shared and valued and used to deepen understanding. In this workshop you will imagine ways to support the shift to PBL in Mathematics at your school and have time to ask questions and inquire more about this amazing program.

## WORKSHOP 12

### **THE MIRACLE MORNING: TRANSFORMATIONAL DAILY HABITS AND MINDFULNESS**

**Speaker:** *Kat Sanford-Creary, Miracle Morning Director of Professional Development*

**Facilitator:** Grace Kump, AP IS 053

**Location:** WilliamsBurg

**Description:** Participants will be introduced to The Miracle Morning, an approach to mindfulness that combines various wellness practices to start your day with intention in a world that often feels rushed and chaotic. This concept, popularized by a book of the same name, offers a unique approach to mindfulness that can transform your mornings and, ultimately, your life. See how hundreds of schools in NYC and across the country have transformed school climate and culture with The Miracle Morning.

## WORKSHOP 13

### **RELIABLE COMMUNICATION AND CONNECTION: JUPITER ED AS A TOOL FOR YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**Speaker:** *Stuart Miles, Director of Customer Relations, Jupiter Ed Inc.*

**Facilitator:** Christina Reilly, AP IS 137

**Location:** Navy Yard

**Description:** Jupiter's award-winning grade book allows parents, students, teachers and admins to see grades, assignments, anecdotes, and communication all in one place. You've heard of many schools succeeding with Jupiter--join us to see how Jupiter can provide your community with the tools for seamless communication for all stakeholders.

## WORKSHOP 14

### **RELIABLE COMMUNICATION AND CONNECTION: JUPITER ED AS A TOOL FOR YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**Speaker:** *Gerry Denza, Executive Director & Arianna Ranahosseini, Curricular Solution Architect*

**Facilitator:** Michael Troy, AP IS 137

**Location:** Dumbo

**Description:** In this session we will explore some of the many differentiation and accessibility features within the Newsela platform and how these features can support English Language Learners and all students in the middle school classroom. Learn new ways to differentiate with Newsela's authentic, engaging content, aligned directly to core ELA curricula such as Into Literature, Wit & Wisdom, EL Education, and more!

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## WORKSHOP 15

### EVOLVING INTO MANHOOD: EMPOWERING AND MENTORING YOUNG MEN AS EDUCATORS

**Speaker:** *Richard Celestin, Esq.*

**Facilitator:** Francesca Casale, AP IS 137

**Location:** Cobble Hill

**Description:** The pressures placed on young men on multiple levels outside of the school play a significant role on the engagement and performance of young men in the school. Educators are placed in a difficult role of attempting to drown out the negative influences of peer pressure, society's negative expectations and social media to increase retention and engagement in young men. As an educator and an attorney specializing in criminal law, Richard Celestin, Esq. has seen the positive and negative short and long term impacts of negative influences on young men. This workshop is designed to identify those sources and explore positive and empowering methods of replacing those negative influences with productive, healthy and positive mental, emotional and psychological practices. Many of the principles discussed will be taken from Mr. Celestin's self-published book, *Evolving into Manhood: How to Think, Act and Grow into a Successful Man*.

## WORKSHOP 16

### INCREASING PARENTAL AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

**Speaker:** *Patrick Auguste*

**Facilitator:** Darryll Barksdale, AP IS 137

**Location:** Coney Island

**Description:** Learn how to implement effective financial literacy programs that help impact student and family engagement through the lens of effective Debt Management Strategies. Debt Detox' with Principals: Present financial literacy coursework tailored for adults focusing on effective debt management. The workshop will cover various topics demonstrating how FiWe implements financial literacy in NYC. Principals will gain valuable insights to enhance their own personal finance journey through this workshop. The workshop will cover the following topics:

- Understanding Financial Wellness
- Understanding Debt
- Causes of Debt
- Managing Debt
- Fixing Debt
- Building Long-Term Financial Stability
- Savings Challenge to build Emergency Savings

## WORKSHOP 17

### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH VE-JV: BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE LEADERS

**Speaker:** *Will Wilson, National Middle School Program Director, VEI*

**Facilitator:** Frank Bennici, AP IS 137

**Location:** Park Slope

**Description:** This workshop is an opportunity for principals to collaboratively explore their best practices and challenges within key communities - students, teachers, parents/guardians, districts, and local businesses. Discover how the VEJV program can serve as a unifying force, connecting and enhancing the collective efforts of school leaders in addressing community-specific needs. Engage in insightful discussions, share experiences, and explore the potential of VEJV to strengthen the bond between schools and communities.

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## WORKSHOP 18

### **SOLVING THE DATA OVERLOAD- HOW TO GET ALL YOUR DATA IN ONE PLACE**

**Speaker:** *Damian Butler*

**Facilitator:** Dimitra Galatsanos, AP IS 137

**Location:** Windsor Terrace

**Description:** We believe that easy access to data empowers educators to better tailor classroom instruction and drive student achievement. Rather than digging through multiple Dropbox and Google Drive folders, Excel tabs, and emails, the SOLVED Data Dashboard houses all of your students' assessment data in a single, simple-to-use tool. Come see how SOLVED can help you solve the data overload!

## WORKSHOP 19

### **RESTORATIVE MINDFULNESS & MOVEMENT FOR WELLNESS: ADAPTIVE SCHOOL PRACTICES**

**Speaker:** *Denise Shira*

**Facilitator:** Taylor Strack, Master Teacher MS 363

**Location:** Sunset Park

**Description:** How can we integrate practical mindfulness and movement and build capacity with staff, students, and families of all ages and abilities in school settings with limited space, time, and funds to improve mental and physical wellness, school culture and climate, and overall outcomes for the entire school community? By learning and exploring effective breathing techniques, adaptive chair yoga, and impactful mindfulness practices. Gift yourself simple wellness and self-care routines that are transferable to your school or home setting regardless of your experience, body type, gender, culture, ability, or health circumstance.

## WORKSHOP 20

### **LEVERAGING MINDFULNESS & SELF-CARE FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**Speaker:** *Dave Beal*

**Facilitator:** Maurice Childs, PCT MS 363

**Location:** Golden Ballroom

**Description:** In this engaging presentation participants will practice ten actionable strategies rooted in mindfulness, community building and holistic wellness to boost their effectiveness as executive leaders. Dave Beal, CEO for Brain Power Wellness, is one of the main trainers for the Gray Fellowship for Transformative Leadership and has personally coached hundreds of Principals and Assistant Principals over the last 17 years.