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Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer, Megan Koester & Ashley Crompton

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# SMARTIE CON 2017 MONDAY JULY 31, 2017

Belleville East High School Belleville, IL

## SPEAKERS

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### Donna Whyte

*TheSmartieZone*



Donna Whyte is a certified teacher in New York State, an education consultant and an author. Her experience includes work in Pre K- 6 classrooms and support for struggling readers and writers at all levels. Donna has presented keynotes and workshops at the state, national and international levels. Her positive attitude, high energy, and her many practical ideas make her presentations exciting and valuable to educators. Her work includes development of administrative summits on Student Centered Classrooms and Management. Donna also works with East St. Louis public schools as a reading, classroom management and Daily 5 consultant. She works with 5 elementary buildings and a kindergarten center to assess, diagnosis and address the various needs of the students in this high-needs area. Donna has published several books including *You Can't Teach a Class You Can't*

*Manage* and *The More Ways you Teach, the More Children you Reach* and the second editions of *Morning Meeting ~ Afternoon Wrap Up* and *The Writing Teacher's Coaching Tool*. She is also the author of twelve activity CDs to assist teachers in aligning engaging activities for students that allow them to learn at higher levels, while encouraging students to take responsibility for their behavior and learning. Recently, Donna has created the Reading Aptitude Continuum assessment that allows teachers to quickly diagnosis the needs of struggling readers.

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### Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer



Dr. Gabrielle "Gabe" Schwemmer has served in education for 20 years as a consultant, mentor, coach, elementary teacher, director, and central office administrator. She has received the following degrees: Associate of Arts from SWIC, Bachelor of Science in Education from McKendree University, Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Lindenwood University, and Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Saint Louis University, holding her Superintendent, General Administrative, and Highly Qualified Elementary Teaching licenses in Illinois and Missouri. Currently, Dr. Schwemmer serves as the Director of School Improvement for the St. Clair County Regional Office of Education #50, directing the work of 7 School Improvement Grants for the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, transforming the lowest performing schools in Illinois. She is the co-author of

*"Leadership Implications for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning Programs to Close the Achievement Gap and Developing Early Warning Tracking Dashboards."* Dr. Schwemmer received the Phenomenal Woman of Metropolitan St. Louis Award from Racial Harmony and Smithton Citizen of the Year in 2012 and Who's Who Among Educators in 2009. These awards recognize women making a difference in communities, organizations, and in the lives of children. She is a 4 year Illinois Association of School Boards Master School Board Member and Treasurer of the Smithton School District #130 School Board, Policy and Finance Committee Chairperson, IASB Delegate and Resolutions Chair for the Southwestern Illinois Division, and BASSC Governing Board Member as well as, a nationally certified Ruby Payne "Understanding Poverty" trainer.

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### Katie Mense



Katie has taught Kindergarten for 13 years, and has a passion for creating fun, hands-on lessons and activities designed to meet the needs of all her students. As a student who struggled through school, she brings a unique perspective to the table and truly understands that every student has different needs and learning styles. Katie has a Masters of Arts in Education and also earned an additional 24 hours through a STEM grant. She loves to share her ideas and teaching experiences on her award winning blog, *Little Kinder Warriors*.

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## Ashley Crompton



Ashley Crompton has been teaching second grade for the last nine years at Smithton School. She graduated from Greenville College with a bachelor's in general education, along with a master's in special education and reading specialist. She is a technology lover and is always searching for ways to integrate technology into lower grades. She believes K-2 students can do amazing things with technology when given the chance. She truly loves sharing what she has learned and how to incorporate and manage technology in the classroom.

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## Abby Hoover



Abby Hoover has been teaching Kindergarten at Smithton School for 4 years. She was born and raised in New Athens, IL and now lives in Freeburg, IL. She absolutely adores her students and has so much fun watching them learn and grow. Teaching is definitely where she is meant to be.

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## Megan Koester



Megan Koester is the mother of two beautiful children, Kamry and Kruz. She was born and raised in Red Bud, Illinois and has taught Kindergarten in Smithton for 11 years. Her passion is teaching young children and her heart belongs to Kindergarten. She just loves being a teacher!

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# SCHEDULE

**8:00AM-8:30AM**

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## Registration

Registration

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**8:30AM-9:25AM**

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## Teachers ARE Super Heroes!

 Keynote

Come and join Donna to kick off this great event by remembering the important role that each of us plays in the lives of children. Be ready to laugh, sing and be touched by the stories that are so familiar to all of us! Don't forget your super hero cape at home! Come prepared to jump start your new year!

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Donna Whyte

Venue - Belleville East High School Auditorium

**9:25AM-10:25AM**

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## Centers101

 Workshop

There are many ways to organize and manage your center times. Katie identifies the most effective. Discover lots of tricks and tips to keep your center time running smoothly. And, experience the best kinds of activities to use in your centers and simple ways to differentiate them.

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Katie Mense

Venue - Belleville East High School

## First 30 Days! Set up for Success!

 Workshop

Start the school year with routines and management tips that are sure to help you create a successful learning environment. Donna will share her ideas on facilitating a class of students who are independent problem-solvers. Less Interruptions + More Independence = Greater Learning! Explore strategies for creating a classroom with a "love of learning".

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Speakers

Donna Whyte

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## Interactive Digital Portfolios 101

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Students become the center of learning with digital portfolios. In a technological society, students yearn to experience various forms of technology in place of paper and pencil. Come explore a new digital interactive portfolio that will allow you to share what your students are learning in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative, and learn how to use technology. In this session you will learn how to setup, organize, and manage your students' new digital portfolio.

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Abby Hoover & Megan Koester

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With students being born and raised with technology at their fingertips, it is an ever increasing need as teachers to keep up with their skills and interests. Yet, with the everyday pressures of Common Core instruction we often find technology wasting away on the shelf. Dust off those iPads or Chromebooks and join me while I show you ways to create fun, educational activities for the students in your class. I will share with you a variety of FREE apps and websites that will allow students to show what they know and turn your classroom into 80% student lead, 20% teacher lead.

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Ashley Crompton

Venue - Belleville East High School

**10:25AM-10:40AM**

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## Morning Break

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**10:40AM-11:40AM**

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## Coaching Struggling Readers

 Workshop

Explore techniques and strategies for aiding your reluctant readers to achieve success. Learn to diagnose what each individual student needs in order to become a reader. Explore ways to develop and provide tools to students that facilitate the mastering of those key skills so vital to literacy achievement.

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Donna Whyte

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## I'm Done with Centers...Now what?

 Workshop

Having trouble keeping your students busy and engaged during center time? Does your classroom get a little rowdy and chaotic with early finishers who don't have anything to do? This session will give you lots of ideas, tips, and resources to use to keep your kids actively engaged for the entire time! Katie shows you how to make these activities meaningful and manage them so that students are not choosing to go to the same activity every day.

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Katie Mense

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## Standards Based Report Cards Made Easy

 Workshop

Stressed about changing your report card to standards based? Let us help! Come explore rubrics, testing packets, and time savers.

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## Teacher Evaluation Tips

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Administrators and teachers alike won't want to miss this session to discover how small changes can make big differences in classrooms. Charlotte Danielson's framework will be explored and how best to meet each domain. Create a student-centered classroom that meets all the criteria for a top-notch teaching and learning environment.

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Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer

Venue - Belleville East High School

**11:40AM-12:40PM**

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## Working Lunch

 Make & Take

Lunch, make and take supplies provided by SMARTIE CON.

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**12:40PM-1:40PM**

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## Creating Successful Young Writers

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Discover tools and strategies that will empower our beginning writers to take the leap into conveying meaningful thought onto paper. Come and learn the foundation blocks for creating children who love to write. Learn to assess stages of writing and be ready to facilitate children in achieving the next level. Our youngest writers are the authors of the future!

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## Afternoon Break

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**Ashley Crompton**

**Venue** - Belleville East High School

## You Can't Teach a Class You Can't Manage

 Workshop

What do we do with those kids that seem to constantly disrupt the learning environment of our classrooms? In this session participants will address the behaviors that drain energy and time from our teaching. Explore ways to reduce power struggles and handle behaviors in ways that turn a disruptive environment into one where communication and learning are the focus.

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**Donna Whyte**

**Venue** - Belleville East High School

**3:00PM-3:30PM**

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## Finale

 Wrap-up

Afternoon wrap-up.

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**Donna Whyte & Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer**

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July 30, 2018