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| ***Fall 2016 Conference Registration is open for the first 150 registrants!******Members, you now have a voice from your region on the VACMS Board.*** ***Meet your regional representative in this newsletter.*** |

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| ***The Virginia Council of Mathematics Specialists*****Members' Newsletter****http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/VACMS%20logo3sm.jpg**Summer 2016 |

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| **The President's Corner****http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/Magee.jpg**I hope each of you are taking some well-deserved time off as we prepare for the upcoming school year.  As a new year approaches, so does the 5th Annual Virginia Council of Mathematics Conference!  The conference will be in Culpeper at Germanna Community College September 29 and 30. On Thursday, the 29th, the Mathematics Team from VDOE will be facilitating three back to back plenary sessions, by grade band, about the revisions to the Standards of Learning.  Continuing on Friday, the sessions will have something for everyone.  Back by popular demand will be Dr. Robert Berry, Dr. Betti Kreye and Dr. Jean Mistele. Other presenters include Ann Holdren-Kong from NCTM and Theresa Wills from GMU…and many more. A light continental breakfast will welcome participants September 30.  Attendees will have the opportunity to attend three sessions before we adjourn at approximately 1:00 for a sit-and-chat or a grab-and-go lunch .  Lunches will be provided…we are ordering from Panera.  Dinner and networking will be at *Peppers* for an additional $20 when you register. I am looking forward to reconnecting with old friends, meeting new ones and also two days with a professional learning community preparing to implement the new SOL, and engaging in professional learning. Please visit the website for more information and to register for the conference.*Corinne* |

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| Visit the VACMS website at [www.vacms.org](http://www.vacms.org/) - To stay abreast of all breaking news about the conference and- To register for the conference  by scrolling down to the hot link for Coaching for Balanced and Connected Mathematics and clicking.

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| http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/newsletter.PNG  |
| ***Meet Your Regional Representative*** |

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|  VACMS is delighted to welcome 8 new members to the Board to serve as a voice of Mathematics Specialists, Coaches, and Teacher Leaders across the state. Virginia is partitioned into 8 VDOE region and  Click on the icon to the right to learn which region your school division is located within. |  http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/state_regions_272.jpg |
| **Region 1**Every time I leave a VACMS conference, I feel that I have been energized because of just being with other math specialists.  I enjoy getting the latest news about math specialists from across our state, and I always come away with new skills and ideas that I can implement immediately in my school. |  http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/Jaeger.jpgLinda Jaegermyteacher9@gmail.com |
|  **Region 2**My first conference as a math specialist continues to be my favorite.  I had left a high school math classroom to work as a specialist in a K-5 building – this was the first year there were any math specialist positions in our district.  To have the opportunity at the conference to network and garner ideas/strategies for success in the position was terrific.  The VACMS September conference offers that experience again for everyone. |  http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/shepard.jpgConnie Shepardshepardcs123@gmail.com |
| **Region 3**The best thing I learned at a Virginia Mathematics Specialist Conference was the importance of multiplicative thinking in grades K-2 and using Counting Collections with students to promote this thinking. |  http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/walsh.jpgCarol Walshcwalsh@mcps.k12.va.us |
| **Region 4**The best idea I've taken back from a conference was from last year's VACMS conference. I learned how to use the Colored Painted Solution framework to provide students with a structure for explaining their thinking when solving math tasks. |  http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/Gaither.jpgTracy Gaithertracy.gaither@apsva.us |
|  **Region 5** |  Tres Wellstwells@k12albermarle.org |
|  **Region 6** |  Kim Treskyktresky@rcps.info |
| **Region 7**I chose to attend Facilitating Math Talks For Middle and High School Students. During the session, presenters facilitated math talks with participants and demonstrated how these conversations can be used to strengthen students' number sense. I also attended a session on planning and implementing a student-led, family math night for middle and secondary schools. The presenters were enthusiastic about sharing their own experiences and eager to answer questions.   |  http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/Lambert.jpgJolene Lambertjolenelambert@hotmail.com |
| **Region 8**The best idea I took away from the VACMS Conference was using Thinking Blocks to teach problem solving strategies to solve math stories as well as assist struggling readers to become proficient. |  http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/Davis.jpgFrancine Davisfdavis@halifax.k12.va.us |

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***VACMS is excited to offer a new service for members only, a newsletter at least twice a year.  In future issues we will be sharing ideas and resources that will help you with your work.  Also, stories from practicing mathematics specialists, coaches, and teacher leaders. We would love to become a forum for colleagues to share with each other, to address challenges, concerns, and questions that you have.  Contact Linda Jaeger*** ***myteacher9@gmail.com*** ***with your ideas and your questions!****http://www.vacms.org/resources/Pictures/Happy-new-school-year-download.jpg* |

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