

08.19.2020 WACA Wednesday – 61 participants!

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to those who also shared. Your resources, projects that worked for you, and general information is helping all of us become better for the students.

Houston Kraft and Character Strong shared resources (webinar invites), book!, and Relaunching Relationally curriculum. Previous Webinar: <https://characterstrong.com/webinar/81/part-1-of-2-virtual-student-leadership-aconversation-with-teachers-advisers-on-how-to-tackle-student-leadership-in-a-virtual-setting>

→ Upcoming Webinar: <https://characterstrong.com/webinar/82/part-2-of-2-virtual-student-leadership-aconversation-with-students-on-how-to-tackle-student-leadership-in-a-virtual-setting>

→ The Book! <https://deepkindness.com>

→ The Bulk Book Buy: <https://www.porchlightbooks.com/product/deep-kindness-practicing-kindness-in-a-world-that-oversimplifies-it--houston-kraft>

→ Assemblies with Worksheets: <https://www.characterstrong.com/curricula/gym>

→ Virtual Assembly Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTWAbaoNpZBdgjq8U8Ibj1M3qp73XX5BE>

Scott Backovich/Envolve In Progress shared

www.EnvolveSchools.com/inprogress

→ 3 hour virtual trainings with your school – You also get the following:

1 year subscription to library hub

1 year weekly activity – shared on Sundays

3 response credits that can be scheduled – follow up sessions

→ More free resources as the year goes on.

Stu Cabe, The Ovation Company – stucabe@gmail.com Stu is a live concert guy and prepared to help once schools open again. He is prepared to help if you have specific needs and want a custom program. Stu also mentioned the Boomerang Project (Link/Web) and Phil Boyt as options for trainings with your students as well.

James Layman & Joe Fenbert AWSL offers programs virtually. AWSL offers three levels – elementary, middle level, and high school programs. awsleaders.org smart start is \$250 – can invite as many students as you like. We are currently holding a **Flash Sale** – check it out in our online store.

Guy Simpson – WAVA – create an image of your slide then you can choose the image to be your background

Johanna Phillips – Shorecrest HS – Working on taking planning tools and revamping them for the digital world. Also working on how I will use them with the officers and ASB students.

Terry Burns – McClure MS, Seattle – Used Zoom for a 4 hour training. Started with Ice Breakers – they were easy and fun to do in Zoom. We are also offering a 1 hour 6 grade orientation via Zoom. Remember you can empower students to facilitate in Zoom as well.

Jacqueline Gates – Richland HS – During an AVID training they used **Big Blue Button** user friendly for breakouts.

Angie Thomas – Rainier Beach HS – How can we make the virtual assemblies have some hype? Looking for suggestions, if you have any send them my way or share with the group.

Christy Neu – YouTube Premier account so events in the Assembly were prerecorded, but then everyone can watch at the same time. There is a countdown and the kids hyped it up all week and it was fun. There were competitions, a little slow. Solicited videos from students – by the third assembly they received a lot 25/40 teachers did an art recreation challenge and students voted A Seattle school did a multicultural assembly online, another did a talent show Recommends starting with “there are no rules!”

Jason Simonson – Kentridge HS, Working on a Masked Singer kind of teaser/variety show/PRE RECORDED video Guess the picture, object, or teacher using pixel picture.

Carole Lynch – Garfield HS – Class competitions with some virtual background, and students cheering. Freshman orientation, making a promo video with a drone and a walk through of the inside and outside of building.

Kristin VanHoomissen– Vote for School app (upload a video of each candidate, get a login, monitor election progress, etc.) Will use it to vote for class slogans. Not expensive for the whole year. <https://voting4schools.com/> What do ASB programs look like (is your program selling ASB cards since there aren't sports so far?)

Stephanie Kinney – Set up the forms for Pos digitally so my students to get the work done over the summer. Having the forms digitally has help get the business completed during our virtual time.

Are you offering Clubs this year?

Johanna Phillips – Shorecrest HS – we are offering clubs if the adviser still wants to advise virtually.

Christy Neu – Lincoln-Seattle – Kids run the clubs using Schoology at lunch time.

Claire Brounche – Ilwaco – offering Esports

We asked attendees to use **One Word** to describe teaching with Zoom/Teams/Meets. The One Word activity can be used as a class activity. Here are the One Words used to describe life with Zoom/Teams/Meets.

CREATIVITY, exhausting - and I will miss it, as we are being forced to use teams this coming year, revealing, HollywoodSquares, the-future, Instrumental, interesting, too many, remote, insightful, technological, Connective, Efficient, frustrating, Needed, Aquarimesque, endless, Interactive, needed, Zoom-roids, schizophrenic, Fishbowl, efficient, over it, Necessary, frequent, Missed, flexible, necessary, Wacky

Attendees, School, Area, Teaching Platform --

Tammy Caldwell, Retired, Area 1, WACA Program Coordinator

Guy Simpson, WAVA, Areas 3, 5, and 9 WACA Past President

Caleb Knox, Bethel HS, Area 3 -- Canvas (I know zero about it yet) and Zoom

Charlie Hilen Bonney Lake HS Area 3

Kelli Hennessey, East Valley High School, Area 7 -- Google Classroom + Zoom

Janet Aurelius, McClure MS, Area 2 -- Schoology

Jason Simonson - Kentridge HS - Area 2, WACA Board Area 2 Rep -- Canvas and Teams

Shannon Pullins, Beaver Lake MS - Area 2 -- Canvas + Zoom

Linda Harris First Creek Middle School- Tacoma Area 3

Kim Demianiw Peninsula High School, Area 3 -- Schoology and Zoom

Angela Ferda, West Seattle High School, Area 2 -- Schoology and Teams

Le Ann Straehle - Toppenish High School, Area 6 -- Google Classroom and Meets

Tim Bisson, Southridge HS (Kennewick), Area 8 -- Google Class/Zoom

Jana Thomas, Auburn Mountainview High School, Area 2 -- Google Meet

Joe Fenbert, AWSL Cispus Center Area 4

Lisa Miller - Pe Ell School Dist. -- Google Classroom/Meets

Amber Finch, Chelan High School, Area 5 – Google Classroom/Meets

Debbie Zeiser, Concrete High School Area 1 -- Google Classroom and Meet

Kristen VanHoomissen "VHoom", Tahoma HS, Area 3 -- Classroom/Zoom Remind

Lana Yenne, Area 9, WACA Board Middle Level Rep

Kristin Johnson at West Valley in Yakima. (HS ASB), Area 6 -- google classroom and zoom

Kim Cooper, Skyridge Middle School -- Classroom and Zoom

Tiffany Williams West Valley MS Yakima, Area 6 -- Google Classroom, Zoom and Loom

Susie Bennett, Selah Middle School, Area 6, WACA President -- Google Classroom + Zoom

Lisa Wren, Stadium HS Tacoma, Area 3 -- Schoology and Teams

Stephani Kinney, Highland HS, Yakima, Area 6 -- Teams and Zoom

Christy Neuschwander (she/her), Lincoln HS, Seattle, Area 2 -- Schoology, Remo, Teams, zoom

Kirsten Galanter, Evergreen High School, Area 2 -- Google classroom and google meet

Meredith Ott, La Center Middle School -- Google Classroom, Zoom, Flipgrid

Claire Bruncke, Ilwaco High School, Area 4 -- Google Classroom + Zoom

Jacqueline Gates, Richland High School, WACA Board Area 8 Rep -- Canvas + Zoom
Cristy Havens Olympia, Area 3
Annette Herman, Sunnyside School District - Leadership, SEL, Area 6 -- Google Classroom
Patrick Ames, Meridian High School, Area 1 -- Google Classroom + Zoom, maybe one more . . . TBD
Britt Harris, Shorewood High School, Area 1 – Canvas and Zoom
Terry Burns, McClure MS, Area 2
Trish Miller, Evergreen Middle School, Area 2 -- Teams
Kelly Portmann, Auburn Mountainview High School, Area 2 -- Google Meets
Leslie Wade, Rose Hill Middle School, LWSD, Area 2 -- Teams
Misty Gruber, Cedarcrest Middle School, Area 1 -- Google Classroom and Zoom
Michele Rupe, Gates High School, Area 3
Stephanie Sheppard, Giaudrone MS in Tacoma, Area 3
James DiNello, Redmond HS (Lake Washington), Area 2 -- Teams only
Megan Holyoke, Lincoln High School (Tacoma), Area 3 -- Teams and Schoology
Megan Baxter Area 4, WACA HS Rep -- Google classroom/Meet, Seesaw, Peardeck
Kristina Vanderhorst - Tacoma - Giaudrone Middle School, Area 3 -- Schoology
Rebecca Latham (Becky)Glacier MS White River SD, Area 3 -- Google Classroom and Zoom
Kari Bradley - Glacier View Junior High (Puyallup), Area 3 - WACA Secretary -- Schoology and Teams
Christina Wood- Battle Ground HS, Area 4
Michael Sniezak, Eatonville Middle School - Area 3, WACA Webmaster/Technology -- Google all around!
Jo Anne Daughtry - Kentwood High School, Area 2
Houston Kraft, CharacterStrong Co-Founder and Professional Google Slides Designer
Kelly Rogers- Cascade HS in Everett, Area 1 -- Canvas and zoom (but rumors we might be doing teams)
Angie Thomas - Rainier Beach High School w/ SPS, Area 2
Carole Lynch, Garfield HS, Area 2, Teams and Schoology
Kimberly Stenson -- Google Meet
Jo Anne Daughtry -- Canvas and TEAMS
Stacey Kinnear : Zoom and Canvas

16:45:18 From Carole Lynch to Washington Activity Coordinators Association(Privately) : would you please share how you put the agenda behind you as your background? It seems green screen to me
16:46:18 From Joe Fenbert to Washington Activity Coordinators Association(Privately) : AWSL has some things coming out too we can talk about all revamped for virtual and social distant
16:46:57 From Houston Kraft : http://characterstrong.com/rrr_backgrounds
16:50:29 From !Trish Miller : I found a virtual coin flipper for Heads or Tails.
<https://randomwordgenerator.com/coin-flip.php>
16:50:46 From Claire Bruncke : FYI for schools who use Chromebooks - they do not support virtual backgrounds :(
16:50:53 From Houston Kraft : <https://characterstrong.com/webinar/81/part-1-of-2-virtual-student-leadership-a-conversation-with-teachers-advisers-on-how-to-tackle-student-leadership-in-a-virtual-setting>
16:51:24 From Houston Kraft : <https://characterstrong.com/webinar/82/part-2-of-2-virtual-student-leadership-a-conversation-with-students-on-how-to-tackle-student-leadership-is-a-virtual-setting>
16:52:03 From Kimberly Stenson : We bought it already....waiting.....
16:52:15 From CALEB KNOX : Congrats, Houston! So cool!
16:53:50 From Houston Kraft : <https://deepkindness.com>
16:54:09 From Houston Kraft : <https://www.porchlightbooks.com/product/deep-kindness-practicing-kindness-in-a-world-that-oversimplifies-it--houston-kraft>
16:54:40 From Kim Demianiw : Do the discussion guides come with your book?

16:54:48 From Houston Kraft : <https://cf01.characterstrong.com/sales-page33167916>
16:56:42 From Meredith Ott : Totally helpful! Thank you!
16:57:04 From Jason Simonson : Thank You Houston & Congrats on the book!
16:57:04 From Stephani Kinney : thank you!
16:57:05 From Tiffany Williams : Awesome! Thank you!!
16:57:06 From Angie Thomas : THank you! I appreciate this.
16:57:06 From 33 Jana Thomas : The Character Strong training has been amazing
16:57:30 From Kimberly Stenson : The Character Strong Curriculum always rejuvenates me and makes me more intentional
16:57:34 From Houston Kraft : Love you man :) thank you!
16:58:14 From Kristin Johnson : it was my last real weekend!!
16:59:18 From Tiffany Williams : A WACA to remember forever
17:00:07 From lwade : thanks for all of the links
17:00:39 From Houston Kraft : All in One Place:
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The Bulk Book Buy: <https://www.porchlightbooks.com/product/deep-kindness-practicing-kindness-in-a-world-that-oversimplifies-it--houston-kraft>
Assemblies with Worksheets: <https://www.characterstrong.com/curricula/gym>
Virtual Assembly Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTWAbaoNpZBdgjq8U8lbj1M3qp73XX5BE>
Love y'all ❤️

17:06:45 From Scott Backovich : www.EnvolveSchools.com/inprogress
17:06:49 From Kimberly Stenson : Thank you Scott!
17:07:23 From Scott Backovich : <http://involveschools.com/inprogress/>
17:07:46 From Scott Backovich : ^ In Progress Virtual Training Program
17:09:54 From Johanna Phillips She/Her Shorecrest HS : Thanks for sharing with us, Scott!
17:14:38 From lwade : Thanks Stu, will you be adding links?
17:14:47 From Meredith Ott : Stu, I'm also a Drama teacher so Theatre resources would be great!
17:15:10 From Kimberly Stenson : Thank you Stu!
17:16:50 From Houston Kraft : Here is a mini tutorial on how to change virtual backgrounds in Zoom specifically:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnxzgsr_QwE
17:17:08 From CALEB KNOX : There's a way to just make a PowerPoint presentation into your virtual background. I don't think it works with Slides, but you can download those as PPT documents:
<https://twitter.com/KyleNiemis/status/1293190762750971904>
17:17:21 From Carole Lynch to Washington Activity Coordinators Association(Privately) : thank you for answering my question. Funny I knew how to change the background but would have never thought of using a picture of a ppt slide.
17:17:40 From Kelli Hennessey : Thanks Houston! Good to see you!
17:18:00 From LeAnn Straehle : Thank you Houston!!
17:18:41 From Ann's iPhone : Can we get the saved version of this zoom call?
17:18:59 From Lana Yenne : Agreed
17:19:52 From Kelli Hennessey : Thank you Scott!
17:19:52 From LeAnn Straehle : Thank you Scott!!!!
17:19:54 From Washington Activity Coordinators Association to Scott Backovich(Privately) : Thanks for dropping by

17:20:37 From Washington Activity Coordinators Association : This meeting is being recorded and will be shared on our WACA website as soon as possible.

17:21:28 From Stu Cabe : my last time seeing all of you WAS March 11. can't wait to see sky and all of you again. Let me know if you need anything. until next time. toodles! Stu.

17:21:44 From LeAnn Straehle : Thanks Stu!!

17:22:03 From Tiffany Williams : Thanks Stu!!!!

17:23:00 From Angie Thomas : I'm trying to figure out how to make a virtual assembly energetic like a spirit assembly. Any ideas?

17:23:59 From Johanna Phillips She/Her Shorecrest HS : crickets....

17:24:07 From Tiffany Williams : Such a good question

17:24:36 From Stephani Kinney : any ideas for Veterans Day?

17:24:53 From Christy Neu (she/her), Lincoln HS : Lincoln HS did online assemblies last year and they went pretty well

17:25:40 From Kari Bradley : I'm thinking that some of the energy students get these days is from TikToks... I don't know if you could share some favorites, have ASB create some. I hate to just recommend an app, but TikToks were a hit at our last in-person assembly.

17:26:31 From CALEB KNOX : Yeah, I was thinking about how assemblies are going to be more like Saturday Night Live... your ASB can lead the search for that talent

17:27:18 From Angie Thomas : That's a good idea. Pretty much a variety show without the live audience....
OKAY

17:27:30 From Meredith Ott : We used Flipgrid last Spring at our Middle School for a Spirit Week and had prompts about uploading a picture in their superteam color for points or doing a YMCA 15 second dance, or pouring cold water on their head, etc. It would not be "synchronous" at all. But everyone could record when convenient and then we moderated the videos for appropriateness.

17:28:03 From CALEB KNOX : I LOVE this, Christy!

17:28:12 From Johanna Phillips She/Her Shorecrest HS : ^^^^^^ YES ^^^^ Christy rocks!!

17:28:32 From Tiffany Williams : These idea are so helpful!! Thank you Christy!

17:29:29 From Tiffany Williams : What is the name of your YouTube channel?

17:29:33 From Angie Thomas : Excellent Christy!

17:30:05 From Stephani Kinney : great ideas christy

17:30:06 From Meredith Ott : we had teachers send baby pics for guess the teacher and made it a google forms quiz

17:30:23 From LeAnn Straehle : Kahoots are great games to play too

17:31:14 From Christy Neu (she/her), Lincoln HS : Lincoln HS YouTube channel here
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiZiET6faxUxf9tD6bc6CJQ>

17:31:17 From Angie Thomas : Hey Carole! I found out that You live in the neighborhood with my best friend, Chanda! Good seeing you.

17:32:08 From Michael Sniezak : It will be on the resources page

17:32:29 From Michael Sniezak : Along with the other WACA Wednesdays

17:32:41 From Debbie Zeiser, Concrete High School : I do have to run out, glad to be here :)

17:33:07 From Carole Lynch to Washington Activity Coordinators Association(Privately) : please send a link to WACA Wednesdays webpage

17:33:41 From Kari Bradley : Veterans Day and MLK don't have to be assemblies! But we'll talk about that next time. :-)

17:34:32 From Carole Lynch : can use 500 with the zoom upgrade

17:35:37 From Christy Neu (she/her), Lincoln HS : we do elections that don't require names on the ballot and don't do speeches. If you are a Microsoft district, you can also use forms to do secure elections.

17:35:42 From Washington Activity Coordinators Association to Carole Lynch(Privately) : I'll make sure we send out the link, as soon as it is available

17:35:56 From Thuffer : How much roughly for vote for schools?

17:35:58 From Carole Lynch : if you have office 365 you can also use forms and have the videos and control who can vote.

17:36:11 From VHoom : <https://voting4schools.com/>

17:36:16 From VHoom : Totally worth it!

17:37:17 From Angie Thomas : I definitely want to get better at using forms.

17:40:23 From Kari Bradley : I have to go, but thank you all for sharing, and I'll watch the rest of the video on the website later!

17:40:41 From CALEB KNOX : Google Classroom districts can also have students set as "teachers" for club Classrooms

17:41:04 From Kari Bradley : What kinds of groups/clubs do your schools still have?

17:41:13 From Angie Thomas : We will have clubs in the evening. I just miss the funny, witty, interactions. video conferencing does a great job at reducing verbal interaction and those unexpected moments. But the club groups should be super fun cause it's a small group of like minded students and adults.

17:41:13 From Kari Bradley : Christy, can you share that program name here?

17:41:24 From Christy Neu (she/her), Lincoln HS : Remo!

17:41:35 From Britt Harris : What school has E-sports?

17:41:48 From Claire Bruncke : Ilwaco High School

17:41:56 From Jason Simonson : we are doing our activities/club fair like an infomercial using flip grid - each club will record a short informational video and we will put them together to create our "club fair" video

17:41:59 From Britt Harris : Thank you! Any other schools out there?

17:42:08 From Thuffer : No e-sports in Seattle Metro schools. It's the athletes umbrella

17:42:11 From Carole Lynch : Jason love that idea!

17:42:20 From CALEB KNOX : Right on, Simo!

17:42:34 From Stephani Kinney : hopefully art club, DECA, and Yoga for now that have confirmed

17:44:16 From James Layman : AWSL has a lot of great programs coming out this fall. Elementary, and Secondary. Also, Fall Conference (10/30 - 10/31), will be fore middle level and high schools. \$250 for each building regardless of amount of students. Trying to serve schools to the best of our ability. Visit our website for updates on programs and resources. www.awsleaders.org

17:44:46 From CALEB KNOX : Is it \$250 for the Fall Conference, or for the programs?

17:46:17 From Charlie hilen : guy is there a discussion forum the WACA site could have teachers could log in to and ask questions and everyone could respond?

17:46:41 From Tiffany Williams : Thats so great James and Joe! Thank you!

17:46:48 From Washington Activity Coordinators Association : Great idea Charlie

17:47:19 From Johanna Phillips She/Her Shorecrest HS : Thank you, James & AWSL!!!!

17:47:21 From Stephani Kinney : sweet!!

17:47:41 From Tiffany Williams : Could wacaonline have a section for just VIRTUAL ideas?

17:47:49 From CALEB KNOX : We ❤️ AWSL!

17:48:51 From CALEB KNOX : Gotta take off - tacos before my next Zoom at 6:30 :) So great to see you folks!
Take care!

17:49:08 From Meredith Ott : Thanks!

17:49:19 From Washington Activity Coordinators Association : Guytsimpsonjr@gmail.com

17:49:23 From Angie Thomas : Video Production Resources. Send them my way. althomas1@seattleschools.org

17:49:46 From Joe Fenbert : Thanks WACA. Way to keep helping the world.

17:50:25 From Charlie hilen : great job with WACA Wednesday's.

17:50:30 From Michael Sniezak : It's all under the resources tab currently :)

17:50:32 From Carole Lynch : Thank you!

17:50:42 From Tiffany Williams : Thank you so much!!!

17:50:42 From Kim Demianiw to Washington Activity Coordinators Association(Privately) : Thank you!

17:50:42 From Britt Harris : Thank you - needed a boost today!
17:50:42 From Kelly Rogers : Thanks everyone for the great ideas!! Good luck in starting the year. :) See ya in 2 weeks.
17:50:45 From Claire Bruncke : Thanks!
17:50:45 From Thuffer : Convention starts in 10 min. :)
17:50:55 From Jo Anne Daughtry : Thank you!