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Literacy Luncheon | March 8

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In this interactive session, participants will explore the literature that our young children are reading. They will learn about the importance of the early years and the necessity of preparing children for early literacy success. This session will focus on the role of early childhood educators, librarians, and parents in preparing children for early literacy success.

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CONFERENCE LOCATION
The conference will be held in Fredericksburg, VA, at the Homewood Suites Fredericksburg VA, 22401
1040 Hospitality Lane
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To reserve call 540.786.5530 & reference VAECE

CONFERENCE FACILITIES
The Homewood Suites will serve as the primary conference location, with all sessions held in the hotel.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
Register online at www.vaaeyc.org/annualconference

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Mail form with payment to:

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Tawfek Taryk, Jr., Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artist
Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning
THROUGH THE ARTS
Art Integration is a valuable tool for reaching multiple learning styles across the curriculum and is linked to enhanced academic outcomes and social emotional development. Participants of this presentation will explore the benefits of integrating arts into early childhood curriculum to cultivate creativity, critical thinking, and self-expression. Participants will discuss how to develop and implement arts into early childhood curriculum to construct an ideal model of democracy in action. Learn the benefits of incorporating arts into the classroom, the hallmarks of what makes a good citizen in a democracy, the tools and habits required for self governance and practical tips for enhancing arts integration in your classroom.

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This half-day session will present the latest research on the importance of high-quality early childhood education and explore how teachers can use this knowledge to engage policymakers and advocate for the causes that matter to them.

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Connections Throughout Time: Arts in Early Childhood
This interactive session will provide attendees with an opportunity to explore their use of performing arts strategies in order to explore movement, props, and music to expand young children in the classroom. Participants will learn how intentional, creative performing arts teaching strategy that unlocks children's innate creative potential while providing all children access to quality education.

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HOW TO REGISTER
Please complete a separate form for each participant. All conference materials will be sent via email. If no email address is provided, conference materials will be sent via regular mail. To register, please complete the form below and mail it in, or purchase orders can be faxed to 540.548.8822 and must accompany the registration form.

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Anne Marie Pace
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The literacy luncheon features and celebrates best practices that are beneficial for young children. This year’s event will feature Virginia author, Anne Marie Pace, the author of Vampirina Ballerina, Pigloo, and more! She will discuss how understanding the individuality of children is critical to bringing them together through literature. Drawing upon stories she has used as a teacher, a parent of both typical and special needs children, and a children’s author, Anne Marie will make the case that one of the most profound things an early childhood educator can do is to expose children to the depth and breadth of diverse children’s literature.

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Demystifying the New CDA 2017 with Tom Nishikawa
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CEUs AVAILABLE
The majority of workshops at the 62nd Annual Conference are eligible for certified continuing education credit hours. If you need CEU for certifications such as Child Development Associate (CDA) or if you need certified CEU to maintain education credit hours, you will require certified CEU to maintain your education credit hours. The fee for CEU is $25 per person for any number of CEUs. ProSolutions is the official provider of CEU credits for the Annual Conference, and will have a booth at the conference to assist with your CEU questions.

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