

NDKA NEWSLETTER

Join us for our first ever SUMMER NDKA Conference!!!



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
MATT HALPERN



Matt is a joyful educator who draws on almost two decades of experience as a classroom teacher and literacy coach. He is passionate about making classrooms child-centered and putting the effort and work of students at the forefront. His love for teaching social-emotional skills and literacy often combine as he is always looking for new ways to help others become the best versions of themselves. A fierce advocate for social justice and equity in classrooms, Matt leverages the power of literacy and community to empower children. Matt is the author of *A Teacher's Guide to Interactive Writing* and lives in Portland, ME where he writes, consults, presents, and teaches. He primarily supports teachers in primary literacy and social-emotional learning. You can find more information about Matt at www.MattHalpernEducation.com

Important Dates:

Monday
August 7th

at 6:00 PM

Koo Koo Kanga Roo
Concert with Meet and
Greet after!
*** Limited to the**
first 750 kids & teachers
in the door!

Tuesday
August 8th

8:30 am -3:30 pm
Keynote: Matt Halpern
NDKA Conference!

After Conference
Credit Option:

Online Book Study on
Matt Halpern's New Book!
(Optional, but
must attend conference!)

Where:
Central Cass,
Casselton, ND
(20 Minutes from Fargo)



Koo Koo Kanga Roo

FREE!!! CONCERT!

Bring your family to Dance, Sing, and Laugh the night away with us as we welcome **Koo Koo Kanga Roo** to start our **NDKA Conference** out right!

Paid for by Community Sponsors and NDKA!

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WELCOME

Greetings ND Kindergarten Teachers!

We are changing things up and are **SUPER** excited about this year's **NDKA Conference!** This year's conference will be held in Casselton, ND which is a mere 20 minutes west of Fargo. The Central Cass teachers have put together quite the lineup for you and can't wait to get you here for another amazing conference!

As you may have noticed from the dates, we are trying something new by hosting the conference before school starts with the goal to get you some fresh new ideas and pump you up for the upcoming school year! We are also excited to provide some back-to-school shopping opportunities at our conference through the many vendors we have lined up. We have also been working with **Art and Learn**, the state's biggest teacher supply store in Fargo who will be offering a coupon for NDKA teachers to use the whole month of August! We will email the coupon to those who have registered for the conference towards the end of July.

Monday night, August 7th at 6:00 PM we will start the night with **Koo Koo Kanga Roo** for those who are driving into town the night before and want to take in the free entertainment! We worked hard to find a date that worked for them between their tours in Europe and the east coast and this was the last available date, so we grabbed it! We were able to provide this concert to you free of cost with community sponsorships and a donation from the NDKA. We are opening this up to the community and area schools and we want to let you know are you are able to bring your families if it works with your/their schedules! We will limit the concert to the first 750 people in the door.

After the concert, on Monday night we have hotels blocked for you in Casselton (**Indoor Waterpark for the Kids**) and also rooms in Fargo, near stores to get all those last-minute back-to-school shopping needs taken care of! See our hotel section in the newsletter for information and to book your rooms!

Then on **Tuesday, August 8th**, we will have our NDKA Conference with Keynote Speaker, **Matt Halpern** who will be flying in from Maine for the day. Last year, DeeDee Wills recommended we book him ASAP as she went on and on about how great he is and we are SO excited it worked with his schedule to come to teach us everything he knows!!! During the conference, we will also be giving tours of our **Treehouse**, which is the first-of-its-kind nonprofit food, hygiene, and clothing pantry within a school that supports the basic needs of students physically, mentally, and socially through an app where students can anonymously shop for what they need. You will leave with ideas to start your own Treehouse in your school. Visit www.cctreehouse.org to learn more!

We are also excited that Matt also has a **new book** coming out this spring, called **Teacher's Guide to Interactive Writing** so it's only fitting that we offer you a **credit** to those that one to do a book study along with the conference. Details on the credit option will be given out at the conference on August 8th during our lunch break.

We know this is different trying a summer conference but we think it is going to go over great and are super excited to showcase everything we have been putting together for you! Please see the rest of the newsletter on how to register and we hope to see you in August for Koo Koo Kanga Roo and/or Matt Halpern!

Check our website and Facebook page as we update them with conference details. As always, we look forward to seeing each and every one of you in Casselton for our 2023 NDKA Conference!

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Central Cass

Casselton, ND

Aug. 7 & 8



Conference & Credit Information

Free Koo Koo Kanga Roo Concert
\$75 In-Person Conference
\$50 Optional On-line Book Study Credit
+Price of book
(After the Conference!)

Conference (6 Hours) + Book Study (9 Hours)
= 15 Hours/Credit

***You must attend the conference to receive credit, if doing the book study!**



Hotels

Rooms blocked until July 1st!

NDKA Room Block:
Days Inn Water Park
2050 Governor's Drive
Casselton, ND 58012
701-347-4524
Double Queen
\$129 + tax

NDKA Room Block:
Holiday Inn Express
4711 19th Ave S
Fargo, ND 58103
701-356-3232
Double Queen
\$89 + tax



REGISTER NOW!

Scan the QR code or go to www.NDKA.com to register for the conference (\$75) through Paypal by **July 26th**.

Book Study Credit Information:

If you plan to take the book study, information on how to register for the credit opportunity will be shown to you at the conference on Tuesday, August 8th during the lunch break. Note: you will need to purchase the book **A Teachers Guide to Interactive Writing**, by **Matt Halpern** on your own in addition to registering for the credit.



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FOR OUR 2023
CONFERENCE!!!**

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