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### Westlake Academy Hosts International Mindedness Educator Symposium -



Westlake Academy invites teachers, professors, administrators and anyone involved with helping students succeed in a global environment to Westlake Academy's first International Mindedness Educator Symposium, to be held June 18 through 20 at Westlake Academy, 2600 JT Ottinger Road.

At this event, educators will have an opportunity to build a pathway to global collaboration and select, develop and schedule a unit of inquiry with a school in another part of the world!

Participants will also be able to form a professional network committed to global collaboration, which will give students an authentic international learning experience, share curriculum design ideas, learn about the global collaboration continuum, and build pathways to international mindedness.

Breakout sessions include key-note speakers Linda A. Cook, K-12 Director of Science for Coppell ISD; Mona Nashman-Smith, an international educator who has held senior leadership positions in schools in North America, Europe and the Middle East; and Jodie Deinhammer, Coppell ISD teacher currently serving as the 2015 Texas Region 10 Secondary Teacher of the Year, and was the 2013 Texas Medical Association Science Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Mechelle Bryson, executive principal/director of education at Westlake Academy, said global collaboration is a critical component to successful participation in our global economy.

"We are so excited to launch our first International Mindedness Teacher Symposium," Bryson said. "There is no doubt that our students need opportunities to develop effective global collaboration skills to set them apart from their contemporaries."

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Bryson said schools seeking to develop international mindedness within their student body and wanting to explore global collaboration would greatly benefit by attending this symposium.

"Teachers will walk away from the conference with a global partner and a plan designed to promote global collaboration in their classrooms," she said.

For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/WAeducatorsymposium> For additional questions, please send an email to [waimes@westlakeacademy.org](mailto:waimes@westlakeacademy.org).

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