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with Denita Dinger



**Saturday,
March 10th, 2018**

8:30am-3:30pm

(6 STARS hours—doors open at 7:30am)

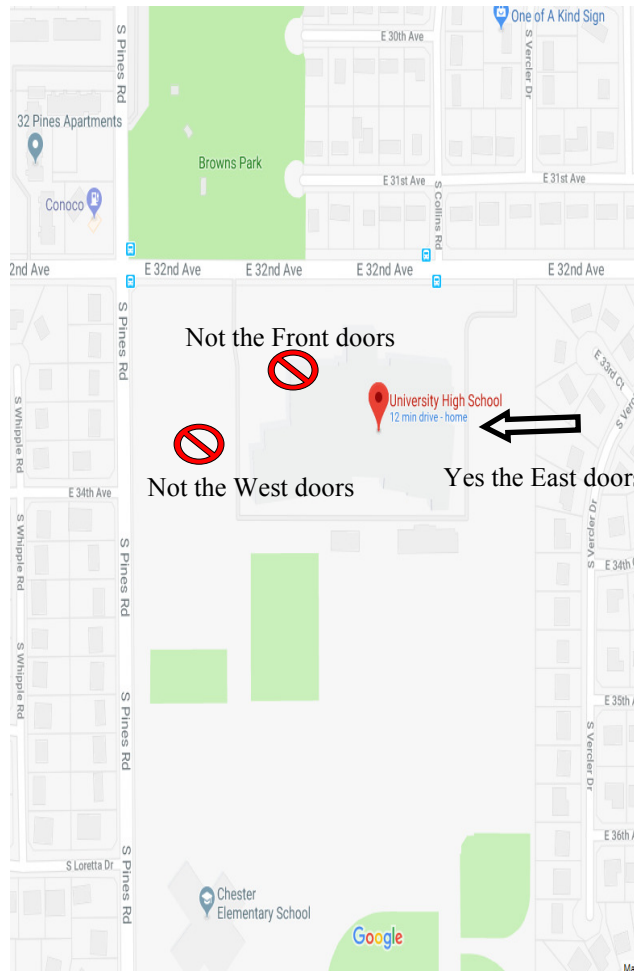
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12420 E 32nd Ave, Spokane Valley**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please feel free to make copies of this form if needed or visit
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Name: _____

STARS # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

^^To receive future mailing of EWFCCA's events^^

Joining us for Breakfast?? Yes / No Thank you

*****Early Bird Conference Fee: \$65**
(postmarked on or before Saturday, March 3rd)

Conference Fee: \$75
(postmarked on Monday, March 5th or at the door)
It is suggested that you call & register your attendance 509-926-6144

Lunch ? (please indicate>>>>) No / Yes Please!
Roast Beef _____ Turkey _____ Ham _____

Optional Membership (see below) +\$35 or +\$17.50

EWFCCA General Member discount -\$10
(You must include the fee or a current EWFCCA
General member to take this discount—see below) **OR**

EWFCCA Associate Member discount -\$5
(You must include the fee or a current EWFCCA
Associate member to take this discount—see below)

Amount enclosed: _____ *
Non-refundable but transferable

*The registration fee is reimbursable from Washington STARS (\$250 Max)

Make checks payable to: **EWFCCA**
Mail to: 7620 E Maxwell Ave
Spokane, WA 99212

**I wish to add a 1 year membership to EWFCCA
for \$35.00 (licensed providers and center directors)
or \$17.50 (family childcare assistants and center
assistants) to my above registration fee.**

My membership includes bi-monthly newsletters and
discounts to future workshops and conferences. To see
other benefits visit www.ewfccca.org for more information.
(Membership will be good through September 2019)



EWFCCA's Annual "Reach for the STARS" Conference

Saturday, March 10th, 2018 (6 STAR/Merit hours)

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Join us for a full day of professional development, networking, and inspiration with Denita Dinger!!!



7:30 am Open Registration / Breakfast (7:30am—8:30am)..... Shopping

Your registration includes breakfast that consisting of: Muffins; Breakfast breads; pastries; Fresh fruit; coffee, tea and juices.

8:30am—3:30pm : Begins with Announcements & Conference Introduction followed by Denita Dinger presenting:



More and more, play has been over-shadowed by teacher-directed learning. We no longer trust play as child's work, and have replaced it with adult-led activities that are hindering the development of executive functioning skills needed for life-long success.

This training will not only define what opportunities a young child needs most, but also what an adult's role in child-led play is. You will be motivated to embrace the learning power that is organically found in play and be inspired BRAVELY DEFEND PLAY.

Designed specifically for the early childhood professional who is ready to embrace and defend the value of play, this 6 hour training will include inspiring, REAL stories of Denita's journey from a teacher-led pedagogy to one where children are trusted to lead her. Through laughter, philosophy-challenging discussions, tough reflection, dissecting play, documentation drills, and ACTION PLANNING participants will know EXACTLY what they need to adjust in their own practices in order to stand up for play.

Participants will leave with a toolbox full of practice and research-based artillery that will help them educate parents and others of not only the importance of play but also how it IS the definition of developmentally appropriate practice. Participants will be filled with inspiration and power to be the advocate children need them to be and will leave with a plan to take action!

**CC: 2 hours Child Growth & Development; 2 hours Curriculum & Learning Environment; 1 hour Interactions
1 hour Ongoing Measurement of Child Progress**

Complementarity Lunch: (12:15 —1:15 pm) / more Vendor Shopping

This years lunch menu consists of:

Sub Sandwich (Your choice of **Turkey; Roast Beef or Ham** (please indicated your choice on the registration form) Assortment of Chips to choose from, fresh fruit & dessert!

We will have a beverage station with a choice of Water, Unsweetened Iced Tea (sugars will be available), and Strawberry Lemonade

****MUST indicate choice on registration form (no indication will imply no lunch) >>>>**

*** We are not able to meet any dietary restriction or accommodate Vegetarians.
You may bring a sack lunch if you prefer or visit a near by restaurant.***

FREE LUNCH



Denita Dinger—Early Childhood Specialist, Author & Founder of Play Counts!! www.playcounts.com

Play speaks for itself, and Denita Dinger speaks enthusiastically for play as well. She is passionate about providing positive, play-centered environments that promote self-exploration, imagination and all of the "the important stuff". Independent problem solving, confidence, self-control, owning discoveries, cooperating, sharing, asking for what we need, instigating, confidence, leading and listening are what Denita considers the "important stuff". The important stuff builds the base for which all learning can successfully build upon.

Firmly believing that following young children will produce the most amazing learning opportunities, Denita thrives on thinking outside the box, and is quick on her toes to enhance child-led, play-centered learning. She has been the owner and operator of Giggles and Grins, a family child care/preschool program in Sioux Falls, SD. She closed that business May of 2014 to open Kaleidoscope Play School to make more time for speaking and consulting. Denita uses her BS in Early Childhood Ed. to not only find clever ways for young children to learn through natural discovery and investigative play, but to also "sell" play to parents who are expecting "worksheet learning".

Denita's presentations are heartfelt, humorous, valuable and most importantly, REAL. She doesn't just throw out theory — she is all about practice. Denita actively lives what she talks about, it is her passion. More often than not, what happened during the past week turns up in Denita's presentations. Sharing fresh, successful learning moments she has experienced with young children is her pleasure. Her journey from saying: "We play for a bit before we get to the "important stuff". " to now, "Play IS the "important stuff". " will motivate all early childhood professionals to see play and the role of a teacher in a different way.

Denita has a special gift of inspiring others to give ownership of discovery to children, to see the value in play and spread the word that play counts! She believes strongly in not only freely giving fresh ideas during her presentations, but also empowering participants with the tools for creating their own amazing environments. You will leave her trainings with a fresh perspective on the necessity of play, oodles of out-of-the-box ideas and the confidence to utilize your own cleverness.

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