

# *PARAMUS LITERACY COACHING COURSE*

*FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
2019-2020*



# What is the Paramus Coaching Course?

The Paramus Coaching Course is a free network-type cohort for literacy and instructional coaches who want to deepen their understandings of Balanced Literacy and/or the coaching of teachers.

It meets 8 times a year, and is facilitated by Paramus principal Tom Marshall.



# When are the dates of meetings?

The Coaching Course meets 8 times a year.  
This year's dates are the following:

- Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
- \* Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- \* Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>
- \* Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>
- \* Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>



## When are the times of meetings?

The Coaching Course is broken into ½-day sessions during most months.

\*AM Sessions are held from 8:45 to 11:30, and are for coaches with a great deal of experience.

\*PM Sessions are held from 1:00 to 3:30, and are for coaches who are newer to this role or to Balanced Literacy.

\*If you're not sure which session you should attend, you should email Tom.

\*December and May meetings are full-day sessions for everyone, and are held from 8:45 to 3:00.





# What happens at sessions?

Our days primarily are broken into three parts.

\*We always visit a labsite, where we teach children and practice coaching one another. Depending on the size of our groups, we may have two labsites from which you can choose.

\*We hold ongoing study groups for three months at a time, where we unpack topics related to our work as teachers of literacy and as instructional coaches.

\*We spend some time together as a group learning about big picture topics around the world of coaching.



# How do I get involved?

Just email Tom at  
[tmarshall@paramus.k12.nj.us](mailto:tmarshall@paramus.k12.nj.us),  
and he will add you to the list. It's  
that simple!

If you have other questions, please  
call him at 201-261-7800,  
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