



--- 2009 MEA-MFT Fall Educators' Conference in Billings ---

## Renewing and Revitalizing Today's World Language Teachers

Come spend a day at the MALT "spa" featuring four different treatments to inspire and restore you.

We will start by exploring the top 30 websites used in the world language classroom. Bring your syllabus/textbook so that you can note where you will incorporate these urls into your lesson plans. Bring your laptop so that you can visit these websites directly, and/or a flash drive so that you can save the other 400 websites that we won't have time to visit but that you may bring home with you.



Next, we will reflect on how changes in our society have impacted student behavior. We will build a bridge from where our students are to where they need to be in order to function in our classroom. We will learn how to use the ACT triangle to neutrally redirect student behavior and minimize classroom conflict. We will learn how to handle students' request for enabling exceptions in such a way that they keep their dignity and respect teacher authority!

For our third 'treatment' we will help teachers to interact better with today's parents, by discussing:

- Five recent changes in parenting.
- Five crucial steps to protect teachers' authority.
- Six common parental illusions.

Additional discussion will include managing electronic grades, e-mail contact with parents, requests for extra credit, attempts to avoid responsibility, requests for exceptions, and student cheating. We will practice T R I A L – the process for responding compassionately and appropriately with difficult parents, without teacher burn-out!

Finally, we will discuss how to motivate and organize our world language students. We will discuss four energizers, five activities for setting the behavior code in the classroom, five ideas for vocabulary and grammar and five tips for bringing closure to the class. We will also discuss reaching "emotionally-unavailable-to-learn" students and students with learning disabilities.

Enjoy the camaraderie of your colleagues as we stoke our passion for teaching world languages to today's students.