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# **ACE-STEM NEWSLETTER**

### MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!



Saturday Workshop 8 will be held in-person on May 4th.



Our Cohort 1 teachers will be our presenters for this workshop.



The Workshop will be on the GMU Fairfax Campus at the Johnson Center Bistro.



60 parking spots will be available in Lot K on campus.



Come to support our Cohort 1 teachers and welcome Cohort 2!



#### **SATURDAY WORKSHOP 7**

The 7th Saturday workshop held virtually on February 24th was facilitated by **Dr. Laura Chávez-Moreno** of the UCLA César E. Chávez Department of Chicana/o & Central American Studies. Dr. Chávez-Moreno engaged with participants in discussions about teaching critical racial consciousness with multilingual learners in STEM and content classrooms. Using excerpts from her upcoming book, *How Schools Make Race*, participants considered how to integrate critical racial consciousness into teaching practice.



#### **MULTILINGUAL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

The ACE-STEM team joined a Multilingual Family Literacy Engagement held at **Unity Braxton Middle School.** Students and their families were invited to join in various activities together related to the book **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind.** Teachers from different subjects integrated the content of the book with their subject knowledge to help students develop interests in literacy and learn subject-specific knowledge.

## **COHORT 2 RECRUITMENT**

Thirty exceptional educators from Prince William County Schools were recruited to form **ACE-STEM Cohort 2** – a dynamic group with a diverse range of experience committed to advancing content-integrated education with a STEM focus for multilingual learners. Nearly half of the cohort boasts over 15 years of teaching experience. Language diversity is a distinctive feature of Cohort 2, with a significant number proficient in languages beyond English. This diversity promises a vibrant exchange of ideas and approaches, enriching the collaborative learning experience within ACE-STEM Cohort 2.