



# SPARKING CURIOSITY

A PLTW Launch Conference

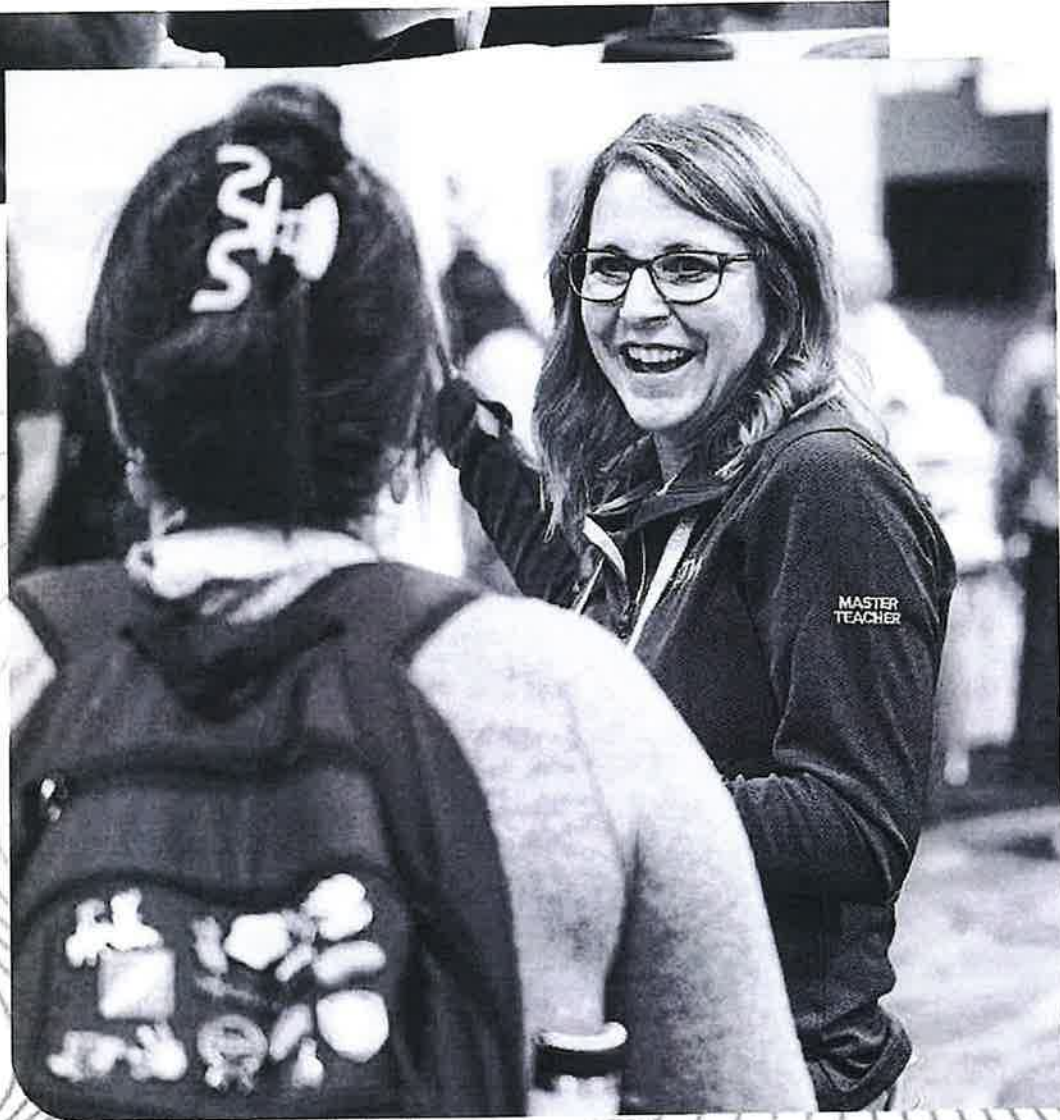
Jan. 29 - 31, 2024 | St. Louis, MO

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## **An Exceptional Event Exclusively for PreK-5 Teachers and Administrators**

We're thrilled to announce the event designed specifically for you, Sparking Curiosity: A PLTW Launch Conference! We've been listening to your needs and tracking your requests, so this event delivers what you need.

During this event you will:

### **Get Hands-on with Modules in the Exploratorium**

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We know that exploring the modules and getting to experience them is important to you. Visit the Exploratorium, the dedicated space where you can get active in the activities... of any module you choose.

## **Attend Sessions Focused on Your Focus**

We've built a line-up of sessions driven by the topics that matter most to you. Learn, discuss, and share about topics focused specifically on the needs of early STEM educators, including strategies for implementing the activity-, project-, and problem-based learning in your classroom.

## **Find and Fuel Your Network**

At Sparking Curiosity: A PLTW Launch Conference you will have opportunities to connect and innovate on ideas as well as share your feedback.

## **Need Help Making Your Case to Attend?**

This [Make Your Case template](#) is ready for you. Just add your info and submit it to your school leader.

## **Discover your Sparking Curiosity Sessions!**

Explore our catalog of sessions to find your best fit for your Sparking Curiosity experience!

### **Adding Spark to Your PLTW Launch Program**

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### **Bilingual Brilliance: Igniting STEM with PLTW Launch's Hands-On Teaching**

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- Include "Sparkling Curiosity Cancellation Request –Name of Registered Guest" in the subject line.
- Your hotel reservation does not automatically cancel when you cancel registration for Sparkling Curiosity. You are responsible for canceling your hotel reservation.
  - Use the links or instructions in your hotel confirmation email to cancel your reservation.

The following cancellation fees may apply if you don't receive pre-approval from PLTW to cancel your registration.

Cancellation Cutoff Dates	Credit or Refund
Before 5 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024	Full refund of registration
After 5 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024	No refund

Method of Payment	Refunds and Invoices
Credit card payments	PLTW will provide a refund of your paid registration fee.
Check payments received by PLTW	PLTW will mail a refund check for your paid registration fee within 30 days of the invoice date.
Check payments not received by PLTW	PLTW will issue an invoice for the amount due for your registration if within the cancellation cutoff dates. Payment is due within 30 days of the invoice date.

## Attendee Experience

Sparkling Curiosity attendees will participate in-person in St. Louis, Missouri at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch. The attendee experience includes access to general sessions, breakout sessions, the PLTW Exploratorium, networking, and meals. Attendees will have access to the event mobile app that provides a detailed agenda as well as networking opportunities with other attendees.

### Agenda:

- Monday, Jan. 29 (*Event kicks off at 1 p.m. CT*)
  - General session
  - Breakout sessions
  - PLTW Launch Exploratorium (Interactive space for vendors, partners, and guests)
  - Opening Celebration with live entertainment
  - Meals included: Afternoon snack and dinner
- Tuesday, Jan. 30
  - General session
  - Breakout sessions
  - PLTW Launch Exploratorium (Interactive space for vendors, partners, and guests)
  - Meals included: Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack
- Wednesday, Jan. 31 (*Event concludes at 1 p.m. CT*)
  - General session

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*\*The agenda is subject to change without notice. Additional details will be released closer to the event.*

## Air and Ground Transportation

You are responsible for any air and ground transportation arrangements and expenses for Sparking Curiosity.

Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL)	St. Louis – Gateway Amtrak Station
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 miles from the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch</li> <li>• Estimated one-way transportation cost:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Taxi: \$48 (20 minutes)</li> <li>○ UberX: \$41-45</li> <li>○ UberXL: \$57-63</li> <li>○ Lyft: \$30-35</li> <li>○ LyftXL: \$42-49</li> </ul> </li> <li>• View the STL transportation information page <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 miles from the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch</li> <li>• For transportation costs to St. Louis, view Amtrak's <a href="#">website</a></li> </ul>

## Driving and Parking

You are responsible for all driving and parking expenses. Parking charges will appear on your guestroom receipt unless otherwise shared by hotel agents.

Parking costs (subject to change):

- Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
  - Self-parking: \$36 per day, plus tax
  - Valet parking: \$38.40 per day, plus tax

View hotel parking and transportation information [here](#).

## Hotel Accommodations

Guests are responsible for all hotel related expenses. PLTW has reserved a hotel guestroom block for Sparking Curiosity. Availability is limited, and the hotel reserves rooms on a first-come, first-served basis. We can't

guarantee availability or rates beyond our contracted block. The room block closes on Jan. 10, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. CT. All guestroom rates include access to guestroom internet. You will make hotel reservations by selecting the link embedded in your registration overview directly after you complete your registration. You must provide a credit card to confirm your reservation.

You will receive a confirmation email from the hotel after you complete your reservation.

- The email will come from Hyatt, not PLTW. Please check your spam or junk folder if you don't receive the email within 30 minutes.
- The email includes links and instructions to modify or cancel your reservation.

### **Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch**

315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102

Hotel pricing includes the following charges and benefits:

- Guestroom Rate: \$169 plus tax
- Resort Fee: Hotel will not impose a mandatory Resort Fee on PLTW attendees.
- Included amenities:
  - Complimentary standard Wi Fi in guestrooms
  - Complimentary access to Hyatt's 24-hour StayFit Gym

### **Hyatt COVID-19 Protocols and Practices:**

Hyatt has released a full description of protocols and elevated practices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can access the information for the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch [here](#).

### **Hotel Check-in and Check-out Times:**

- Check-in time: 4 p.m. CT
- Check-out time: 11 a.m. CT

## **Meals**

Meals are provided for Standard Registration and Last Call Registration guests per the Sparking Curiosity conference agenda:

Day	Meals provided
Monday, Jan. 29	Afternoon snack Dinner at the Opening Celebration
Tuesday, Jan. 30	Breakfast Morning and afternoon snacks Lunch
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Breakfast Morning snack Lunch

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When and where is Sparking Curiosity: A PLTW Launch Conference?

Sparkling Curiosity takes place Jan. 29-31, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch located at 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102.

### What is Sparking Curiosity?

Sparkling Curiosity: A PLTW Launch Conference is a new conference designed specifically for PreK-5 teachers and administrators that provides a unique opportunity to network, gain new ideas, and learn from other PLTW teachers. Our PLTW Launch Exploratorium lets you get hands-on experience with PLTW Launch modules. Sessions will focus on the specific needs of early STEM educators, including strategies for implementing the activity-, project-, and problem-based learning in your classroom. This event will expand your strategies, spark new insights on the curriculum, and re-ignite your passion for teaching.

### Who Should Attend Sparking Curiosity?

- PreK-5 teachers, counselors, administrators, and other educators seeking increased confidence in implementing PLTW Launch modules in their classrooms.

### What is the agenda for Sparking Curiosity?

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