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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

Parma EL/Civics Students working in the Parma Ridge Library
Researching Information on President's Day



NEABLE Library.org!

Cultural Backgrounders from the Cultural Orientation Resource Center at the Center for Applied Linguistics on:

- Refugees from Iraq*, 2008;
- Refugees from Burma*, 2007
- Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal*, 2007
- The 1972 Burundians*, 2007
- The Kunama*, 2007
- The Banyamalenge Tutsi*, 2007

Of Beetles & Angels, Mawi Asgedom, 2002.

Understanding Your Refugee and Immigrant Students: An Educational, Cultural and Linguistic Guide, Jeffra Flaitz, Univ of Michigan, 2006.

Welcome to US: A Guidebook for Refugees, 2004

Did you know? June 20th is One World Day!

Resources:

- UNHRC - www.unhcr.org/pages/4bf4f2616.html
- Ohio Refugee Services - <http://jfs.ohio.gov/refugee/index.stm>
- Cultural Orientation Center Refugee Discussion - www.cal.org/co/email_discussion/2010_06_11.html
- English Central.com – Angelina Jolie video
- *Safe, Smart and Healthy: Keys to Success in Your New Home*, DVD from ODJFS, available in 18 languages –ABLE directors received a set of DVDs at the Director's meeting on May 24th; the NE ABLE RC has copies of the Middle East & Near East and Africa DVDs.

Events:

- Cleveland International Folk Festival – July 18th in Wade Oval, University Circle near Cleveland. See website at www.internationalfolkfestival.org or flyer for details.
- Voices Worth Hearing, Art Worth Sharing - June 17-19, Cleveland, <http://events.linkedin.com/Voices-Worth-Hearing-Art-Worth-Sharing/pub/334189>
- What Events are happening in your town? Submit to tapas@neable.org.

Web Resources

Takako's Greatest Adventures – ESOL series
<http://international.ouc.bc.ca/takako/>

We Are New York - ESOL series
www.nyc.gov/html/weareny/html/home/home.shtml

World Cup – Larry Ferlazzo's Best sites
<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2010/04/27/the-best-sites-for-learning-about-the-world-cup/>



Professional Development

TABE CLAS-E Training

August 10, 2010

Columbus, OH

Register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

Check the Calendar of Events in July for upcoming trainings scheduled for the FY11 school year.

Call for Proposals!

National Refugee and Immigrant Conference: Issues and Innovations will hold its sixth annual conference on Thursday and Friday, October 7-8, 2010 in Chicago, IL. Submit proposals at www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/refugee.html by **June 21st!**

Ohio TESOL Fall 2010 Conference

Present to your colleagues in Columbus! Submit a proposal by **June 25, 2010** online at www.ohiotesol.org. The annual fall conference will be held November 12-13, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency downtown Columbus – new location!

NCTN Effective Transitions Conference 2010

November 15-16, 2010

Submit proposals online at www.collegetransition.org/callforpresenters10.html by **June 30th!**

USCIS Proposes New Fees

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is seeking public comment on a proposed federal rule that would adjust fees for immigration benefit applications and petitions.

The proposed rule would establish three new fees for:

- Regional center designation under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program (EB-5);
- Individuals seeking civil surgeon designation; and
- Recovery of the cost of processing immigrant visas granted by the Department of State.

There is no proposed change in the fee for the N-400. See attached for more details and a list of fee changes.

Reflection...

As the year winds down, it's a good time to look back at what worked well and what needs to be modified for next year. Please share your reflections and instructional activities with everyone. Submit to tapas@neable.org.