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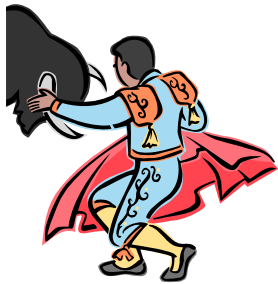
Don't Forget to Sign Up!

Sign Up to Meet Thrity Umrigar at the Henn Mansion



Ms. Umrigar is a professor of creative writing at Case Western University, an essayist and the author of *First Darling of the Morning*, *Bombay Time*, and *The Space Between Us*. Enjoy authentic Indian treats as she speaks about cultural aspects of gender and class in India and in the United States. Please join us at the Henn Mansion on the evening of March 9, 2007. Please RSVP to 216.261.7076 or info@neable.org as seating is limited.

New Resource: TAPAS!



TAPAS is the name of our new email community. This resource will provide small tidbits of ESOL information including updates and instructional resources for ESOL teachers to generate ideas and maintain communication with the field. This is a unique opportunity you don't want to miss! Registrations are currently being taken through the website or by emailing: tapas@neable.org. Interested teachers and staff must sign up to receive TAPAS.

OAAE



With the OAAE Conference quickly approaching, here is some important information you may need. The RCN recognizes the professional development opportunities provided at the OAAE Conference and provides financial support for eligible ABLE program staff to attend this year's Conference being held on April 20-21 at the Holiday Inn in Worthington.

Eligibility:

To receive financial support for the Conference, you must:

Work more than 7 hours per week paid by ABLE

Have been employed more than 12 months in an ABLE program

Have the OACE Conference as a professional development choice on your IPDP

Have received no financial support from the Resource Center for professional development activities attended or completed during this program year

Financial Support:

To attend the OACE Conference, the RCN will:

Pay your registration fee directly to OACE for Full Conference attendance (\$200.00) or One Day attendance (\$100.00).

Provide up to \$50.00 as a reimbursement for hotel accommodations (room only) incurred for OACE Conference attendance. Original receipts are required. Follow your regional resource center guidelines for reimbursement requests.

Pay the Conference registration fee at the OACE member rate only. If you are not a member, you will need to join the organization or pay the difference between member and nonmember registration fees. Those fees will be directly billed to you by OACE.

Pay the Conference registration fee prior to March 31. No support will be provided for late or on-sight registrations.

-OR-

Pay a \$70.00 stipend if you attend OACE as your second required PD activity for the year. The conference will be treated as a one day PD activity.

Registration fees and accommodation fees are paid by the attendee with no reimbursement offered by the RCN.

All OACE registrations will be done online at: www.oace.org. Choose the RCN Supported Registration Form. Complete all sections in a screen so that you can continue to the next page of the form. When you have completed all pages, you will see this statement in bold red on the third page: **You are NOT registered yet!!!** Please confirm your information and click the button below to complete the registration process.

Last Chance for BEST Plus Training

You only have two more opportunities for BEST Plus training this year. So, sign up today for one of the remaining sessions. The final sessions will be held on:

March 14, 2007 at the Columbus Literacy Council

April 19, 2007 preceding the OACE Conference

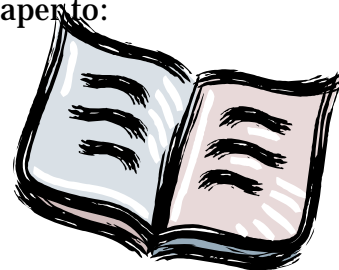
Sign up for these trainings on our calendar of events today.



Beginnings X

The OLRC has extended the deadline for art submissions. Artwork will be judged on originality, and how the piece best captures “the spirit of the 10th anniversary of Beginnings and the Ohio Writers’ Conference.” Pencil, ink, marker, or crayon creations must be submitted on an 8 ½ x 11” sheet of paper to:

Ohio Literacy Resource Center
Attn: Beginnings ART, Research One
1100 Summit Street
Kent State University
PO Box 5190
Kent, OH 44242



All artwork should be postmarked no later than March 16, 2007. A submission form must accompany each art entry. Submission forms can be downloaded from: <http://>



Bridges to Practice

Bridges to Practice is a research-based program developed by the National Institute for Literacy designed to enhance the services provided to adults with learning disabilities.

Educators have known for years that learning disabilities are among the major problems faced by literacy students and by the programs that serve them. Bridges to Practice is the culmination of a five-year investment by the National Institute for Literacy in developing useful, concrete tools related to learning disabilities in adults for literacy and other human resource practitioners. Registration will be limited to 35 people for each workshop. A team of trainers for this session represent three Ohio literacy programs and all are certified basic trainers in NIFL Bridges to Practice.

The remaining workshops will be held:

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Owens Community College
Findlay Branch
3200 Bright Road
Findlay, OH 45840
5:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Literacy Council of Greater Cincinnati
635 West 7th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45203
5:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday, May 31, 2007
Location To Be Determined
Cleveland, OH
5:00pm-9:00pm

ED-MEDIA Call for Proposals



Final call for proposals for the ED-MEDIA 2007 World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia, and Telecommunications. The conference will be held June 25-29 in Vancouver, BC Canada. The submission deadline is April 12, 2007. For more information visit: <http://www.aace.org/info.htm>



Meet Your Legislator Da

The Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education in partnership with the Ohio Literacy Network invites you to attend Meet Your Legislator Day on March 13th in Columbus, Ohio. Join OACE and OLN in an information and professional development day of activities focused on advocacy for adult literacy. Sign in begins at 8:30am on the 13th. Registration information is available on the OACE website. www.oace.org

Click "Advocacy"

The Resource Room



<http://www.eslcafe.com/idea/index.cgi?display:1090266933-1563.txt>

Can Your Peers Understand You?

Listening and speaking exercise using minimal pairs.

<http://esl.about.com/library/lessons/blbraingym.htm>

Brain Gym exercises to get students ready for learning.

<http://esl.about.com/library/lessons/blphrasalbuild.htm>

Introducing Phrasal Verbs to ESL Students

<http://www.eslcafe.com/idea/index.cgi?display:946585904-10697.txt>

Yakkety Yak
Using music to teach pronunciation

<http://www.themlc.org/compskills>

How can you begin developing a basic computer skills class for your ESL learners?

<http://www.english-4u.com/>

Ready-to-use ESL lesson plans for teaching adult learners

<http://www.eslflow.com>

Multi-level lesson plans, resources, tips, and materials

<http://tefl.net/esl-lesson-plans/index.htm>

ESL worksheet generator, games, activities and tips

<http://www.eslmania.com/teacher/teacher.htm>

Classroom materials, news to use, teacher talk, idioms, grammar, accent reduction,
business English, ESL books and much more

<http://www.comenius.com/landing.php?d=comenius.com>

For resources and information on vocabulary and English as a second language instruction

<http://eltnewsletter.com/>

Read weekly articles on topics of interest to ELT professionals, gather teaching tips
from the weekly articles, discuss thoughts on anything to do with ELT, find links to
other sites of interest, submit articles for weekly publication

Grant Opportunities



Show Me the Money: Tips and Resources for Successful Grant Writing
http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev039.shtml

“Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education”

The 2007 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education celebrates the theme of global awareness in the U.S. education and recognizes those behind educational programs that help students develop the knowledge and skills they need to function as workers,

citizens and fulfilled individuals in an increasingly interconnected world.

Maximum Award: \$25,000

Eligibility: policy makers, leaders in higher education, and school-based personnel.

Deadline: March 16, 2007.

http://www.mcgraw-hill.com/prize/about_history.shtml

Drop Everything and Read Bookshelf Awards

In celebration of National Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.) Day, the NEA Foundation and the National Education Association (NEA) offer the D.E.A.R. Bookshelf Awards.

Maximum Award: \$500

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a practicing preK-12 teacher, school librarian, or education support professional in a U.S. public school.
- The applicant must agree to serve as the contact person for the award and all related public relations activities.

Deadline: March 12, 2007

Applications must be submitted as an email attachment and sent to:

dearawards@nea.org

Thoughts on Leadership

Thoughts on Leadership is presented as an attachment to the Friday NewsBriefs.