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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

UPDATE: EL/Civics

EL/Civics Grantees gathered for their annual meeting on Friday, February 23rd in Columbus. Updates included CCIP information for the FY08 grant cycle. Grantees will create civics lesson plans which will be housed and available to all on the NERC website.

The redesigned Citizenship test is being piloted nationwide. Teacher training is being discussed to help teachers better instruct students on the new history and government sections of the test. Gloria Gillette will present with Michael Jones of Homeland Security at the TESOL Convention in Seattle this month on instructional tips for citizenship preparation.

Starting in July EL/Civics classes will pilot the CASAS Reading for Citizenship test to determine the assessment's usefulness in Ohio's adult ed citizenship preparation classes.



Register to receive this resource by emailing tapas@neable.org or www.neable.org

RESOURCE: STAY CONNECTED VIDEO

Help your students apply for heat and telephone assistance programs.

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel has produced a 16 minute video which explains in an easy to understand style how to apply for HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program), E-HEAP (Emergency-HEAP), PIPP (Percentage Income Payment Program) and the Telephone Lifeline Program. These are available in English and Spanish by emailing Linda Walls Rominski, Manager of Community Outreach at rominski@occ.state.oh.us or by calling 1-877-742-5622. Copies are also available through the Northeast ABLE Resource Center Library at www.neable.org.

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Field Finds:

“Traffic Citation”
lesson created by
Carol Fleischman of
Washington Local

This lesson plan was presented as a poster session at the Ohio TESOL Conference last November. Carol designed the lessons to address teaching EL/Civics in a multilevel class. The lessons are attached to this document and can also be found on the website.

TRAINING: March 29, 4-6:30 or March 30, 1-3:30

“Repetition: 21 Activities Using One Reading Selection”

at

The Henn Mansion, Euclid, OH

Repetition is important in any learning situation, but repetition needs novelty to maintain student interest. Kathy Olson will share many creative activities derived from one reading passage to provide valuable repetition for all learner levels and in all skill areas. The session will include time for participants to create materials for use in their classrooms.*

This is part one of a two part training. The second part will be online where you will be able to post and share ideas on how you used activities presented in the training. A full day stipend will be paid upon completion of the online activities.

*Please bring several copies of a reading you plan to use in your classroom.

Register for this event on the training calendar at www.neable.org

CULTURE: Spotlight on Washington Local!

Congratulations to Washington Local's ESOL students and their proud teacher Najwa Badawi! Last Friday marked the 6th Annual International Women's Day Celebration, "Costumes and Customs: Celebrating Women Everywhere" that included an international fashion show. This event celebrates International Women's Day on Thursday. The event was widely attended including Ohio's First Lady Mrs. Ted Strickland who delivered a proclamation from the Governor.

Even Toledo Blade was there and published an article yesterday. The back article can be found at:

<http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070305/COLUMNIST10/70305018>



Ohio's First Lady Frances Strickland and chairman Najwa Badawi, sing 'Let There Be Peace on Earth.'
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