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National Day on Writing

America's writing will be front and center on October 20, 2009—[the National Day on Writing](#). On that day, writers from every walk of life will pause to share their work. Communities across the nation are planning events to celebrate local writing, and NCTE will open the virtual National Gallery of Writing for all to appreciate the rich variety of work on display. The National Gallery will continue to accept submissions until June 1, 2010 and will remain open to readers through June 30, 2010

Whether we call it texting, IMing, jotting a note, writing a letter, posting an email, blogging, making a video, building an electronic presentation, composing a memo, keeping a diary, or just pulling together a report, Americans are writing like never before. Recent research suggests that writing, in its many forms, has become a daily practice for millions of Americans. It may be the quintessential 21st century skill. By collecting a cross-section of everyday writing through a National Gallery of Writing, we will better understand what matters to writers today—and when writing really counts. Understanding who writes, when, how, to whom, and for what purposes will lead to production of improved resources for writers, better strategies to nurture and celebrate writers, and improved policy to support writing.

Local communities can set up their own **Local Partner Galleries** to include works from writers in a classroom, school, club, workplace, city, or other local entity. To form your local gallery go to http://galleryofwriting.org/about_national_gallery.php Check the bar at the top of the page and click on Start a Local Gallery. This is a great way to promote writing across the curriculum and across the district. The sites will exist at least until June 1, 2010. This is a great way for your students to publish. Let us at Clermont County ESC know if you have a local gallery.



Welcome!

The Curriculum Department at the Clermont County Educational Service Center welcomes you to the 2009-2010 school year. This edition of Curriculum Update marks a change for us in our communication to you. We will be bringing you the Update electronically in hopes that more people will have access to it. Send us suggestions for articles or other items that you would like to see appear.

This year started in high gear with our consultants giving training in several areas: K-2 teachers in DMA (Developmental Math Assessment) for several districts; Assessment for Learning initial and follow-up sessions at Hill Intermediate; helping gifted leaders throughout the county set up the programs for the year; preschool teacher training in literacy and DMA; science workshops; Ohio Improvement Process work and more. This is work we love doing and research shows that these models are effective in raising student achievement. Whatever professional development needs you have, give us a call and we will personalize the training to your context. Read on to see more of what is happening here and around the State.

More Information

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Ohio Resident Educator Transition Program

10-1-09 What We Know...

Any mentor who is mentoring a new “resident” teacher this academic year **MUST** attend a regional Instructional Mentoring Training. 20 regionally located State Trainers attended New Teacher Center Training on Sept. 8-11 in Columbus. Only after that training were their names released and the locations of regional trainings publicized. All regional mentor training must be completed by Nov. 12, 2009. The workshop consists of a one or two-day training that focuses on the tools and protocols of the formative assessment of residents and runs from 9-4 with lunch and materials provided. The cost of the training for each mentor is \$50, and is to be taken from district PD funds. Registration is through STARS and the fee is payable to the fiscal agent of each region. Upon completion of this training, the mentor’s name will be placed on an “**approved**” list of mentors who have been trained, and then that mentor’s signature on the resident’s licensure application will be valid.

The role of the mentor has changed substantially—mentors will now be performing formative assessments as they meet with their “resident”, and they will act in the capacity of “**assessor**”. For some of our mentors, this is a vastly different job description. Before they agree to mentor, they should be made aware of the changes. Because we have so many mentors to train by **Nov. 12**, ODE has asked that any coordinators or lead mentors who want to be trained, but don’t have residents this fall, WAIT until November to go through the training. There will be training offered for future mentors, or those who did not mentor this fall, in the spring and summer.

Mentors will also **sign off** on the resident’s **Professional Licensure** application, stating that the resident has completed the required formative assessments. The resident and the superintendent of the district will also be required to sign. This is not a recommendation for employment—merely a statement that the mentoring has taken place [Collaborative Assessment Log].

In the future [Fall 2011] the Resident Educator License and training will be a 4 year Residency program. It looks like 4 Licensure levels will be in use by that time:

Resident Educator- college grad. /Residency program

Professional Educator- completed Residency—5 year

Senior Professional Educator

Lead Professional Educator

Both the Senior Professional Educator/Lead Professional

Educator licenses require a Masters degree and may possibly be based upon completion of the Master Teacher work. The state board seems to recognize there is a need for mentoring principals, and that is in the works.

The process for registering residents remains the same: Register on **CORE** between **Sept. 1 and Nov. 15**. Mark O’Brien is still available to help and has been very responsive to people’s questions.

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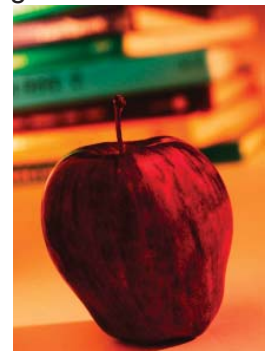
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Grades 5 And 8 Social Studies Assessments Suspended For Two Years

House Bill 1, signed by the Governor in July, suspended the 5th and 8th grade Ohio Achievement Test (OAT) in Social Studies for two school years (2009-10 and 2010-11). The cuts came as a result of cuts to the ODE assessment budget. The tests have not been permanently deleted from the state assessment program. It is important to continue implementing a rigorous standards-based social studies curriculum so as not to lose momentum when the assessments resume. Additionally, it is important to note that social studies assessment for the Ohio Graduation Test (OAT) has NOT been suspended and will continue as part of the accountability for graduation.



What's new in gifted? What's NOT new!

Last spring, House Bill 1 changed the way Ohio is funding education, including gifted education. The biggest shift in gifted funding is that now funding corresponds to *services* rather than *staffing*.

This is a good time for all teachers to review the services they provide to their gifted students. Research by Karen Rogers, shows that a daily challenge in a student's gifted area can generate an additional 1/3 to 1/2 year's academic growth. A math problem of the day, a challenging question in science, or a thought-provoking poem can go a long way when challenging our gifted students. Of course, these daily problems can be offered to other interested students as a challenge, too! This differentiation strategy is a quick easy method for encouraging gifted students to use critical thinking skills and creativity.

If you're looking for more strategies for serving gifted students, consider attending one of these fall events:

Ohio Association for Gifted Children Fall Conference Oct. 11-13 Columbus, OH

National Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference Nov. 5-8 St. Louis, MO

Clermont County Gifted Intervention Specialists Workshops Sept. 18, Nov. 13, Jan. 8, Mar. 12 & May 14

Several schools have incorporated Virtual TAG into their gifted programs. If your school would like to know more about on-line learning, or receiving training in virtual learning, contact Amy Bain at 735-8359 or bain_a@ccesc.org to arrange the right presentation for you.

“Is Class Over Yet?”

This brain-based learning workshop is scheduled for October 28 & 29 at Clermont County ESC, suite 100, 8:00-3:30. Cost is \$50 for registration with an additional \$25 if you need the book [Differentiation in the Regular classroom](#) by Diane Heacox. For more information and to register online go to www.ccesc.org/online_registration.htm . If you have questions, contact Meri Johnson 513-735-8316 or johnson_m@ccesc.org

2009 OKI Children's Literature Conference

Saturday, November 14, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Registration has begun for this year's Ohio Kentucky Indiana (OKI) Children's Literature Conference to be held at Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. Children's author/illustrator Paul Brett Johnson will be the featured speaker for this half-day event which will focus on creative expression including Reader's Theater.

For more information about the conference and registration, visit <http://oki.nku.edu/>

DMA (Developmental Math Assessments) Training

Training for Pre-K-3 and Intervention Specialists will be January 5-6, 8:30-4:00 at Clermont County ESC, suite 100. Follow-up is January 19 for grades K-1 and February 2 for grades 2-3. Cost is \$250 for in-county local districts (EVSD and out-of-county \$350). Deadline for registration is December 16. For more information contact Barb Weidus (Weidus_b@ccesc.org)

Ohio Council Teachers of Mathematics

The annual conference of OCTM will be held November 12-14, 2009, in Cincinnati. For information go to

http://www.ohioctm.org/conference_2009.htm
Registrations forms are available at

http://www.ohioctm.org/Documents/2009_OCTM_Regis_Form.pdf

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Our catalog is located at http://www.ccesc.org/ccesc2002/media/media_main.htm

The Clermont County Media Center also has over 400 digital videos that can be downloaded or streamed. Teachers may use any of the images in these videos in PowerPoint presentations, on interactive white boards or as classroom resources.

An order demo video and printable directions are available at our web site at http://www.ccesc.org/ccesc2002/media/media_main.htm.

This year we have a new catalog and everyone has a new account.

Account cards were sent to building principals in August. If you need an account, contact Ed Rutherford at 513-735-8300.

Directions for the new catalog

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