

We have a lot of news this week and quite a few attachments!

The following is a message from Kevin Smith, your FCTE PDI Facilities Chairman:

Dear FCTE Members,

We are excited to kick off the 2010 Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! project with an announcement of the 2010 Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! PSA Contest. Please share the attached memo, PSA contest information flyer, and PSA contest entry and release form with your schools. Please note that entries must be postmarked by December 18, 2009.

We truly enjoyed district and school participation in this contest last year and had some outstanding entries! We look forward to viewing even more creative entries this year! There will be prizes and recognition again for this year's winning entries.

Have a great day and thanks again for all that you do for your students, schools, and educators!

Sincerely,

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Central Florida teachers: Would you like to travel to Europe this summer on an amazing scholarship? If so, please consider applying for the English-Speaking Union Summer Study scholarship. This is an unbelievable experience to learn more about your content area in places such as London's Globe Theater, Oxford University, and the University of Edinburgh. Learn to be a better teacher from some of the world's best! Please see the attached application for more details.

The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) has awarded the 2009 NCTE Affiliate Leadership Development Award, supported by Pearson Education, to Jennifer Joy Campbell from McAlpin, Florida.

This award nurtures the development of new leaders within state/regional/provincial affiliates and NCTE. The award is given to early career teachers (1-5 years experience) who have never attended an NCTE Annual Convention and who have demonstrated a capacity for professional leadership as well as a willingness to join and participate in the affiliate during the upcoming academic year.

The program provides each winner (one recipient from each state, regional, and provincial affiliate of NCTE) \$500 to attend the 2009 NCTE Annual Convention.

At the 2009 NCTE Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA, the award winner will be publicly announced as a recipient of the NCTE Affiliate Leadership Development Award during the Affiliate Roundtable Breakfast on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

For more information about the NCTE Affiliate Leadership Development Award, see <http://www.ncte.org/affiliates/awards/leadership>.

Our new interactive website is still a work in progress. I'm working on the membership database so I can get your names uploaded and assigned to a login and password. Please bear with me as I diligently work to get the database updated. I'm getting closer!

Are you attending NCTE this year? Please let Susan Houser know houser-murphys@pcsb.org if you'd be willing to help with our FCTE booth in the exhibition hall. Also, several FCTE members will be presenting at NCTE this year in Philadelphia. If you're attending NCTE, be sure to check out their sessions!

- Megan Pankiewicz (FCTE President)
- Suzanne Skipper (FCTE Assistant Executive Secretary)
- Jane Feber (FCTE Immediate Past President)
- Diane Bondurant (FCTE Senior Executive Director)

- **Jan Graham (FCTE Nominations Committee Chair)**
- **Susan Harris (finalist for FCTE Teacher of the Year)**
- **Susan Houser (FCTE Second Vice-President)**

Are you attending NCTE in Orlando next year? If so, you might want to consider volunteering for one of the committees on the attached form. With enough volunteer hours, your NCTE registration could be free! This an excellent opportunity to attend a national conference with little cost to you! Please see the attached “NCTE Recruitment form” for details and contact information.

Do you have anything to brag about? Send me an email and I’ll be happy to send it out in the next Newsbox!

If you do not wish to receive the FCTE Newsbox, please let me know and I’ll remove your name from the list. Please know that removing your name means that you will not receive any FCTE email correspondence, including the newsletter and conference information.

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