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Sent: May 17, 2008  
Subject: FCTE Newsbox

Dear Members,

Please take a moment to read over the following tidbits of information. I've attached quite a few documents for you. First and foremost is the Institute for Professional Development information. I've attached the following forms regarding the institute:

- a "sneak peek" conference flyer
- a "call for proposals" form (due June 7)
- an institute registration form

**This year, FCTE will go electronic!** This is very exciting for us, as MANY of you have asked for this. Please bear with us as we implement this new process. The electronic registration will be **ONLY** for credit card payments. **If you're paying by check, you will still mail your form to the address on the registration form.** More information will come as we fine tune the online process.

In addition, we have "slashed" the cost for this year's institute. We realize the budget cuts will affect most of our counties. As a result, we have reduced the rate of this year's institute. This is a one-time deal, but we felt it was necessary to help our members attend this year.

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Congratulations to former FCTE President, Jean Lamar, for being one of the five finalists for the 2009 Macy's Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year! Go, Jean! You make us proud!

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Attached is a list of a few bills on interest to education and educators. You can check out each bill in more detail at the links provided at the end.

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The following is a note from Joanna Hapner, our 2004 FCTE Beginning Teacher of the Year Award Recipient.  
(The poems are attached)

I just returned from D.C. where two of my students were recognized and honored at the Library of Congress as finalists in the international River of Words contest. There were over 10,000 entries with 5 grand prize winners and 50 finalists. The honor was multiplied when the guest speaker, Ben Grumbles from the EPA Dept of Water recited my student's award winning poem from 2 years ago at the beginning

of his speech!

It is moments like this that exemplify what teaching is all about, it is not about knowing the answers that are in a book, but about arousing curiosity to the point that our students are compelled to ask questions then seek the answers through their own creative outlet.

Joanna Hapner

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**FCTE is sad to announce the passing of Grace Bultmann, former FCTE Board Secretary. Here's the information that has been passed to us from Connie Pryce:**

Just thought I'd let you know that former FCTE Board Secretary, Grace Bultmann, passed away this week of leukemia. She had been sick since 2006, but when I last saw her at the end of August she seemed to be doing better. Obviously it was temporary. She was 74 and had been retired for several years. She and I used to have lots of fun together traveling and rooming together at board meetings and conferences. She was really quite an amazing person and a wonderful teacher. After raising six kids who were born in five years, she went for her Master's in 1984 and taught until her retirement in about 1998. As to her many kids, the last two were twins, and she used to say, "When they started coming in twos, we decided to quit."

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