

## MID-WEST RBERN WEEKLY NOTES

*A weekly roundup of news and information from the  
Mid-West Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network*

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### **RBERN Current PD Offerings**

Please see the attached flyers for details about our upcoming professional development sessions.

Visit [MyLearningPlan](http://MyLearningPlan) to register.

- **NEW!** Understanding Diversity: Chinese Language & Culture – 3/21
- NYSESLAT Training – 3/23
- Cultural Awareness Series: Judaism– 4/19



### **FROM NYSED: OBEWL Winter Newsletter**

<http://myemail.constantcontact.com/OBEWL-Winter-2018-Newsletter.html?soid=1110847617454&aid=P3dfGuARh14>



### **From the Language RBERN: New Resources Added**

- **English / Haitian Creole** Glossary of Cognates:  
[https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/scmsAdmin/media/users/atn293/english\\_haitian\\_cognates.pdf](https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/scmsAdmin/media/users/atn293/english_haitian_cognates.pdf)
- **17 new Malay** glossaries:  
<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/metrocenter/resources/glossaries>



### **From NYSED: Next Generation Learning Standards Conference March 28<sup>th</sup>**

The New York State Education Department is excited to present a one day\* professional learning opportunity to strengthen theoretical and practical knowledge to implement high quality, academically rigorous standards for all New York State students. This conference is very similar to the November conference in Saratoga Springs. For more information or to register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nys-next-generation-learning-standards-supporting-all-students-rochester-tickets-43617489084>

Webinar: Nurturing Culturally Responsive Teaching in Your District



### **From NEWSELA: Free Webinar -Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM**

This 30-minute live webinar is will cover:

- Historical origins of culturally responsive teaching
- Strategies for implementation
- A reflection activity for teachers
- Resources for culturally responsive teaching

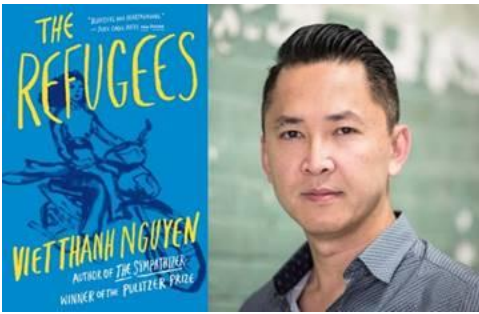
To register, visit: [https://go.newsela.com/WBN-2018-03-06CulturallyResponsiveTeachingCRT\\_LandingPage.html](https://go.newsela.com/WBN-2018-03-06CulturallyResponsiveTeachingCRT_LandingPage.html)

## **Supporting Students with Autism in Our ESL Classes**

A workshop for TESOL teachers working toward a more inclusive class environment

### **From Nazareth College: Supporting Students with Autism Workshop - Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00-12:00**

This workshop will introduce practical skills for working with ELL students with special needs. See the attached flyer for more information. To sign up or ask questions, please email: [ablyden1@mail.naz.edu](mailto:ablyden1@mail.naz.edu)



**Regional Event: Author Series in Buffalo March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Pulitzer Prize winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen came to the United States from Vietnam as a refugee at the age of four. Nguyen’s latest book, *The Refugees*, is a beautiful collection of short stories, which explores universal and urgent themes of love and family. Nguyen will be in Buffalo presenting on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 P.M. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit: <http://www.justbuffalo.org/event/babel-viet-thanh-nguyen-2018-03-23/>



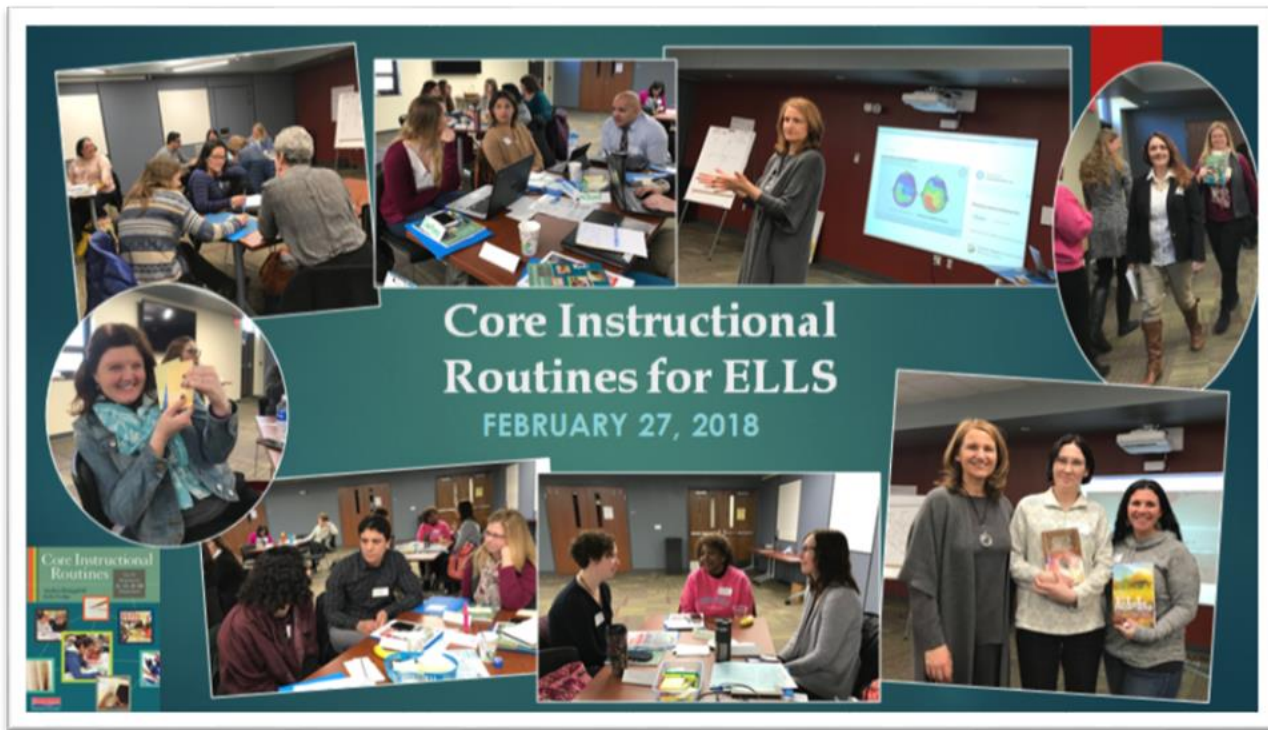
**RESOURCE: Word Analyzer Vocabulary Tool**

The Word Analyzer Tool identifies word forms that are most frequent in English texts. For the identified words, the tool groups them by frequency, provides definitions, English-Spanish cognate status and level of imagability. Click here to access this resource: <https://vocabularytool.airprojects.org/index.php?l=splashpage>



**IN THE NEWS: Small Town Schools Chief Bridges Cultures Through Language Learning**

The superintendent from Bellefonte Area School District in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, has a vision for using foreign-language learning as a lever to getting students and teachers alike to think about what global citizenship really means and the district’s role in promoting it: <https://leaders.edweek.org/profile/michelle-saylor-superintendent-global-education/?cmp=eml-enl-eu-news1-rm&M=58397668&U=1451409>



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*Our Goal at Mid-West RBERN:  
The Mid-West Regional Bilingual Resource Network is part of the NYS Education Department's network of support for schools.  
The goal of RBERN is to assist districts and schools in creating an educational environment for English Language Learners which engages everyone in meaningful teaching and learning.*

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