



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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NYSED needs your input! Deadline extended to comment on the DRAFT ELA Standards

Please view the drafts and make comments by November 14, 2016: <http://nysed.gov/draft-standards-english-language-arts>

NYSED Glossary Updates

The Language RBERN continues to update glossaries on its website. Some of the recent updates include:

- Pre-calculus and the Calculus glossaries will be merged into one
- Curtailing the posting of Chinese Traditional glossaries in favor of Chinese Simplified.
- The following link contains the most up to date glossaries and resources:
http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/metrocenter/center/technical_assistance/program/language_rbern/resources/glossary

New York State Reading Association 2016 Conference: The Power of Literacy

This year's NYSRA Conference will take place on Sunday November 13, 2016 and Monday, November 14 at the Hyatt Regency in Rochester. This event will feature a variety of speakers and topics, including:

- Lucy Calkins, Ph.D - Passion, Purpose, Voice in Writing: Reclaiming What We May Have Lost in the Push for Higher Standards
- Kelly Gallagher – Teaching Practices That Position Students Closer to Reading and Writing Excellence
- Maureen Boyd, Ph.D – Classroom Talk Matters: Making a Case for Responsible Talk Practices
- Linda Sue Park – Reading Without Walls
- Carol St. George, Ph.D – Supporting Student Literacy Learning in Urban Settings
- Timothy Shanahan, Ph.D. – Teaching Close Reading
- Lynn Shafer-Willner - Scaffolding Academic Language Development of ELs with Specific Learning Disabilities
- Erik Sweet & Patrick Whipple - Update on New York State's English Language Arts Standards Review

For more information or to register, please refer to the attached flyer and registration form, or visit:

<http://www.nysreading.org/Conference/2016>.

First Annual English Language Learners/Multilingual Learners Literacy Conference: Developing Linguistically & Culturally Diverse Students

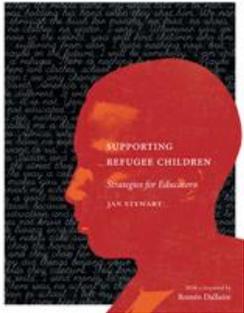
This event will be held on Wednesday, November 30th, 2016 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Please see attached flyer for more details. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/developing-linguisticallyand-culturallydiverse-students-tickets-27353193137> Questions? Please call (518)474-8775, (718)722-2445, or email OBEWL@NYSED.GOV.

Western NY Teachers' Institute: Teaching ELLs Across the Content

Please join us on Friday, December 9 from 7:30am -3:00pm at the Holiday Inn Syracuse.

For more information, please see attached flyer and registration form. Questions? Call Cindy Seeley at (315)433-2664 or email cseeley@ocmboces.org.

Resources for Supporting Refugees:



According to the August 20, 2016 Democrat & Chronicle article, the very first Syrian refugees settled in Monroe County in July 2015. More are arriving now, the beginning of a wave that eventually will add to the community's cultural fabric just as the Germans, Italians, Puerto Ricans, Vietnamese and Sudanese before them.

➤ *Refugees from SYRIA* resource guide from the Center for Applied Linguistics (attached). This backgrounder provides resettlement communities with basic information about Syrian refugees.

➤ Are you or someone in your school considering a topic for a collegial circle? Consider the book, *Supporting Refugee Children: Strategies for Educators*, by Jan Stewart. This text provides a holistic exploration of challenges war-affected children who migrate to other countries face and offers practical advice for teachers, social workers, and counselors, as well as suggestions for policy makers. The author relies heavily on the students' individual stories to portray their difficulties.

IN THE NEWS: Nine Ways to Teach Election 2016 in the ELL Classroom by Larry Ferlazzo

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/12/learning/lesson-plans/nine-ways-to-teach-election-2016-in-the-ell-classroom.html?_r=1

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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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