

The Reading Edge

The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council

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Duval County Reading Council 2007-2008 Meeting Calendar

General Membership Meetings

Thurs., Oct. 4

Candy Dawson-Boyd

Sponsor: Pearson-Scott Foresman

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., Nov. 8

Debra Frasier

Sponsor: Harcourt

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., Jan. 17

TBA

Sponsor: Options Publishing

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., April 10

TBA

Sponsor: TBA

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., May 8

Installation

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Special Events

May 4-8

International Reading Associations 53rd Annual Convention

Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. Candy Dawson-Boyd

Dr. Candy Dawson Boyd is a Professor in the School of Education at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California. Dr. Boyd holds a B.A. in Education from Northeastern Illinois University, a M.A. in Reading Education, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of California, Berkeley. While at Saint Mary's, Dr. Boyd directed both the Elementary Education Basic Credential Program and the Special Education Credential and Masters Programs. She founded, and currently directs, the Masters and Specialist Credential and Certificate Programs in Reading/Language Arts. Dr. Boyd has lectured nationwide as both an award-winning children's author and a K-12 reading educa-

tor, emphasizing literature and culturally diverse learners.

She has been a national keynote speaker for the California Reading Association, the International Reading Association, and the National Council of Teachers of English. Her award-winning books for young people include *Circle of Gold*, *Charlie Pippin*, and *Chevrolet Saturdays*.

Dr. Boyd specializes in working with low performing urban schools. As founder of Common Literacy Culture, she is dedicated to improving the teaching of reading and writing for urban children. Dr. Boyd has successfully worked with schools in crisis across the nation.



The Building Heart into Reading program with Habijax will continue this year. More information to come at our second meeting and on our website at duvalreadingcouncil.org. So don't hesitate to join in as an individual, class, or group.

Deb Dresbach,
Building Heart into Reading

"Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life."

Mortimer J. Adler



What's in Your Book Bag?



FRA Children's Book Award

Writing Essentials by Regie Routman
ISBN 0-325-00601-6
Heinemann

What does excellent writing instruction look and sound like? How do successful teachers of writing develop great writers who enjoy writing? These are just two of the many questions I often hear fellow educators attempting to answer. In *Writing Essentials*, Regie Routman offers insight on these topics and more. She gives the reader the knowledge, research, precise instructional language, and confidence he/she needs to succeed. Chapter titles include:

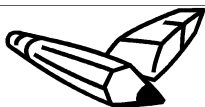
- Simplify the Teaching of Writing
- Start with Celebration
- Share Your Writing Life
- Raise Your Expectations
- Do More Shared Writing
- Capitalize on the Reading-Writing Connection
- Be Efficient and Integrate Basic Skills
- Organize for Daily Writing
- Conference with Students
- Make Assessment Count
- Build on Best Practice and Research
Make Every Minute Count

Writing Essentials also comes with a DVD with video clips from primary and intermediate classrooms that show Regie conferring with writers and celebrating their work as she teaches and assesses.

With Routman in hand, you'll not only have the inspiration to say, "I can do that too," but you'll have first-rate resources and strategies to answer your questions and help make great writing instruction happen in your classroom immediately.

Happy reading!

Michelle Stinson
2007 Duval County Teacher of The Year
Henry F. Kite Elementary



Florida Reading Association's Book Award encourages young children to become enthusiastic about books by soliciting their votes for the Children's Book Award. Once students have heard/read at least five of the eight Children's Book Award titles, they are eligible to vote for their favorite. Participating schools should register between Sept. 1st and Dec. 17th. Registration is online at www.flreads.org. (See children's book award section).

Presenting this year's collection.....

Carmine: A Little More Red
by Melissa Sweet

Fancy Nancy
by Jane O' Connor

The Gingerbread Girl
by Lisa Campbell Ernst

This Jazz Man
by Karen Ehrhardt

Mammoths on the Move
by Lisa Wheeler

Moose Tracks
by Karma Wilson

One More Sheep
by Mij Kelly and Russell Ayto

What a Day it Was at School
by Jack Prelutsky

Anne Draper,
FRA Children's Book Award



Holiday Bags for Hubbard House

It's that time of year again. Yes, it's time to support our children of Hubbard House. Remember that most of these children arrive with only the clothes on their backs. Due to those circumstances, they have no personal items to call their very own.

Last year you gave so much the staff at Hubbard House had a difficult time storing all of those little bags. For that reason, we are asking that this year you try to fill your bag with only the listed items. This will also keep the bags equitable.

By the way, the bags may be used at different times of the year, not just at the holidays. These children arrive all year long, even on their birthdays.

You can help them by purchasing a medium-sized gift bag and filling it with toiletry items, word puzzles, games, pens, pencils, a small stuffed toy and BEST of all, a book.

Just bring your bag to the **October 4th** or **November 8th** meetings. You are so giving and caring that I'm sure the Hubbard House children know that there are people who care for them from all over Jacksonville. **Thank-you for your help!!**

Candy Cole, Community Service Project



President's Message.....

Now that the school year is off and running, educators all over the district, state and nation are realizing exactly why we do what we do every day. The unopened "treasures" in our classes and schools are waiting to be discovered. It's up to each and every one of us to unlock their potential and nurture their growth. All we need is THE KIT: Time, Heart, Energy, Tools, Ingenuity, Knowledge. Yes, this is yet another acronym, but you don't have to remember this one! What we do need is the opportunity to participate in all the professional development that our schedules permit.

If you were able to attend the FRA Annual Conference in Orlando on Sept. 6-9, you know how stimulating it was to be immersed in the best educational professional development imaginable. (And the hotel was out of this world, too!) We emerged from each session and the Exhibitors Hall with "treasures" to share with all our students and faculties. It would pay to start planning to

attend next year's conference to be held Sept. 4-7, 2008 at the same location.

Can't go to Orlando? Duval County Reading Council provides a treasure trove of ideas at each of our General Meetings. You won't want to miss our meeting on October 4 with Dr. Candy Dawson-Boyd as the speaker. She'll unlock new ideas and challenge us to dig deeper to uncover the "treasures" in our classrooms and minds. See you there!

Lynette Weber
President

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Did you know you can access Reading Council newsletters and other council information on our website at duvalreadingcouncil.org? It's worth checking out.