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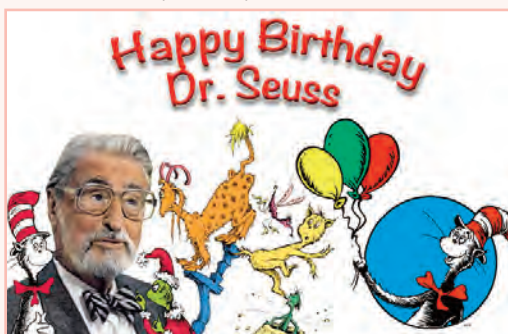
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Rhyming for Literacy With Dr. Seuss

Mar. 2 is Dr. Seuss's birthday. This year marks his 112th year. While he is no longer with us, his legacy lives on in the pages of his books. He forever changed the way children's books



were written and continues to inspire generations. This month celebrate with some Dr. Seuss books and some whimsical classroom activities. NEA's Read Across America has adopted Seuss's birthday to highlight its message that reading is an essential skill.

There are many activities that work nicely with Seuss's birthday. Here's one:

- Use the book *What Pet Should I Get?* to lead children on an exploration of the animal kingdom;
- Perhaps you might invite a veterinarian, nature center staff member, zookeeper or fish and wildlife specialist to read the book and talk about their job;
- Or you might invite a therapy animal to visit your classroom;
- Have everyone bring a special "reading hat" on the day of the event to get in the mood for literacy.

Find more ideas at www.seussville.com/Educators/educatorReadAcrossAmerica.php and at www.seussville.com/parents/themes/hats-off-to-dr-seuss-s-birthday.

Sign up for *The Seussville News* at www.seussville.com/Educators/educatorNewsletter.php.

Opening for CEA Staff Consultant

The Columbus Education Association is seeking a qualified staff consultant to assist with the delivery of the Association's programs and services to our members.

The person selected will provide assistance to members in professional issues, bargaining, securing legal rights, local operations, political action, program development, written communications, public relations, workshops and training and technical support.

Interested members should submit a cover letter, a resume and an article suitable for publication in *The CEA Voice* (600 words or less) on an issue that impacts the CEA membership. Application materials should be sent to CEA Vice President Phil Hayes at the CEA office, 929 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205. A job description can be found on the CEA website. The application period closes Wednesday, Mar. 16. Selective interviews will be conducted Mar. 21–24 and Apr. 18–22.

HS and MS Teacher Lunches are One Period Long

CEA members in some high schools have been contacting us about a rumor that their lunch period will be shortened next year. It appears that some principals are telling HS teachers that their lunch during the 2016–2017 school year will only be a half-hour long instead of a full period. Your Association has negotiated language that protects the length of HS and MS teacher lunches.

In effect since the 2009–2010 school year, the Memorandum of Agreement on the Eight-Period Day in High Schools and Middle Schools (page 173–174 in the *Master Agreement*) specifies:

- Middle and high schools will operate on an eight-period day
- HS and MS school teachers will have a one-period lunch as is normal
- Any changes in this agreed-to-schedule need approval from the Reform Panel

Changes to the length of a teacher's lunch at high or middle school currently on an eight-period day cannot be unilaterally implemented by your principal. Any high or middle school that is currently on an eight-period day that wants to change the length of teacher lunches for next school year must get approval from the Reform Panel prior to the end of this school year. If you have questions, please call CEA President Tracey D. Johnson at (614) 253-4731.

Help Support Our Students

Every teacher, counselor and administrator who seeks to make a difference in the lives of Columbus City Schools (CCS) students fuels the Spirit of Success. For I Know I Can (IKIC), the Spirit of Success means inspiring, enabling and supporting every student in pursuing and completing a college education. Together, IKIC and CCS continue to work to achieve our BOLD GOALS around improving postsecondary enrollment, first-year success and graduation rates of CCS students. As we move past the mid-point of the 2015–2016 academic year, here are some of our early accomplishments:

- Since October, over eight hundred CCS families were recruited to attend Blueprint College workshops held in various middle schools and at The Ohio State University.
- As of January, 75 percent of CCS seniors had submitted at least one application for postsecondary enrollment. Additionally, 89 percent of high school seniors with a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA had participated in at least two one-on-one advising sessions with their IKIC advisor in preparation for college.
- Lastly, working hand-in-hand with middle school

teachers and counselors, IKIC AmeriCorps College Guides worked with nearly nine thousand CCS students to explore options for life after high school through Naviance.

While these accomplishments are meaningful steps towards achieving our BOLD GOALS by 2020, significant work still lies ahead. Please join IKIC by investing in this work and our students at www.iknowican.org. Your support helps provide grants, scholarships and services for CCS students and families. By supporting IKIC, the Spirit of Success will live in the hearts and minds of our students throughout their educational journey and beyond.

Thank you for helping IKIC achieve our BOLD GOALS for the future. For questions, contact Sophia Fifner, I Know I Can Director of Development and Public Relations at sffifner@iknowican.org or (614) 233-9510.

CCS/OSU Outreach Courses for Summer 2016

The CCS/OSU Outreach Courses for Summer 2016 will be open for online pre-registration Feb. 29–Mar. 13.

Available courses are:

- Grades 4–5 Endorsement: Integrating Language Arts and Social Studies in the 4th and 5th Grades (EDUTL 5284)
- Grades 4–5 Endorsement: The Social Transitions of 4th and 5th Grade Students in School and at Home (EDUTL 5282)
- Health Licensure: AIDS Awareness (KNSFHP 3314)
- Health Licensure: Cancer Prevention (KNSFHP 2250)
- Health Licensure: Health Program Evaluation (KNHES 5704)
- Health Licensure: Human Sexuality (HDFS 3440)
- Health Licensure: Issues in Alcohol and Drug Use and Abuse (KNSFHP 3312)
- Reading Endorsement: Linguistics for Literacy Educators (EDUTL 5365)
- TESOL and Reading: Language Arts in the Bilingual/Multicultural Classroom (EDUTL 5610)
- TESOL: Second Language Acquisition (EDUTL 5620)

Ohio State is also offering some unique course opportunities specifically for Franklin County educators that can be taken using a fee waiver:

- Teaching Writing in the Secondary School: Teaching and Assessing Argumentative Writing
- Co-Planning and Co-Teaching: An Apprenticeship Model for Clinical Experiences
- Global Teacher Seminar: Water Security for the 21st Century
- Reading Complex Texts for Comprehension and Interpretation

For more information about these classes and to pre-register, go to <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/osu> (you may need to use Internet Explorer), click on “Summer 2016 Courses,” then read through the information pages to get to the list of courses.

Paying for College

Your high school senior may be eligible to receive a CEA scholarship. The deadline for submitting applications for CEA scholarships is Friday, Apr. 22, 5 p.m. Two of the scholarships available are the \$1,500 Christa McAuliffe Scholarship, awarded to a student pursuing a degree in education, and the \$1,000 CEA General Scholarship. Both are renewable for up to four years at a reduced level from the first-year award. Also, one-year scholarships are awarded by CEA-R and the Rhonda Johnson Scholarship Fund. A senior at South HS will be awarded the John E. Grossman Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be children of CEA or CEA-R members.

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or students already enrolled in an undergraduate program in a college or university.

The Christa McAuliffe Memorial Scholarship is granted each year to a student majoring in education unless no applicants indicate they are majoring in education. This scholarship will be one and one half times the amount of any other scholarships awarded.

Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above, which must be verified by an official high school or university transcript.

In addition, applicants must:

- Be full-time students while enrolled in college.
- Include a copy of the Student Aid Report form FAFSA.
- Indicate all financial aid (other than student loans) they expect to receive.

Along with each application, applicants must provide:

- A statement of his/her personal philosophy and goals.
- A personal reference from someone other than a family member.
- An academic reference.
- A verification of GPA by official transcript.

Visit <http://bit.ly/1mYfb3I> to download an application, or call the CEA office.

Special Notes

- ❑ The **CEA Book Drive** has ended, but you can still donate new books appropriate for children reading on the pre-primer through third-grade reading level. Your FR has a suggested book list. Donate three books or more and you will be eligible to receive one of five randomly drawn \$100 VISA gift cards. **Give books to your FR or building campaign chairperson**, and ask for an entry form for every three books you donate. Completed forms go to **Teri Mullins** at the CEA office (Rt. #1) **no later than Friday, Mar. 4.**
- ❑ The district’s **UNCF campaign** ended Feb. 26. We want to thank everyone who gave. Fifty percent of every dollar we raise is designated for scholarships for Columbus City School students. If you have not returned your completed pledge card to your FR, please do so as soon as possible.
- ❑ **The deadline to apply for a continuing contract for the 2016–2017 school year is Mar. 5.** Find the form on the CCS Intranet under Human Resources/HR Administration/Mira Wright, or download it at www.ccs.oh.us/HRAdministration.aspx under licensing/Contract. CEA recommends you hand deliver to Human Resources and request a time-stamped receipt.
- ❑ Ballots for the 2016 CEA Election arrive in buildings on Tuesday, Mar. 1. **Campaigning is under way through Mar. 14.** Candidates are running for President and High School Governor At-Large, NEA Local Delegates and NEA State At-Large Delegates. Members will vote from Mar. 1–14, with **votes tabulated on Mar. 15.** SrFRs need to have ballots ready for pick-up first thing in the morning on Tuesday, Mar. 15. For questions, contact CEA Elections Committee Chair Neil Moore at (614) 264-2188.
- ❑ By now, each building should now have an **Article 211 Interview Panel** composed of its administrator, Senior FR an elected ABC member and two community members. Buildings wishing to convene **alternate panels** should already have **submitted their requests to CEA President Tracey D. Johnson, signed by both the Senior FR and the administrator.** The following schools/units have approved Alternate Panels: Buckeye MS, Champion MS, CHIP, Curriculum TOSAs, Clinton ES, Cols. Gifted Academy, Cols. City Prep. for Girls, Dominion MS, Duxberry Park ES, Eastgate ES, East Linden ES, Fairmoor ES, Gifted and Talented, Huy ES, Johnson Park MS, Mifflin MS, North Linden ES, Ohio Avenue ES, Parkmoor ES, School Psychologists, Special Ed Coordonators, St. Vincent, Trevitt ES, Testing and Program Evalaution, Windsor STEM Academy PreK–6, Woodcrest ES and Yorktown MS.