

The FCTE Newsbox-October 30, 2011

Thank you for an outstanding FCTE Conference and we appreciate your participation in the sessions offered at our annual PDI conference!!!! Check out our Flyer for the 2012 PDI Conference that you won't want to miss!!!!

Florida English Journal is now available online! FCTE members have access at www.fcte.org. Click on the Journal link on the left-hand side of the homepage, and an access page will appear. The username is <member> and the password is <journal>. Check out the great articles, including exciting ideas for integrating technology in the classroom.

Right now, many teachers are preparing their students to participate in NaNoWriMo for November. Take this opportunity to start their story at a more intimate level—focus on dialogue. Where the novel often opens the door to in-depth detail on setting and narration, creating a small scene between just a few characters allows the students a chance at playwriting. This scene will show character development through speech rather than exposition, and you can concentrate on word choice and connotation. Continue this story line into the novel format if that is your goal, but remember to polish up the dialogue piece to enter in the **Dramatic Script** category this Spring! *Thank you, Kristin Pitts*

New books to review:

Student Engagement is FUNdamental written by Jane Feber was recently released by Maupin House Publishers (www.maupinhouse.com).

Building a classroom community of students who are engaged and ready to learn takes time and effort. So why not use hands-on activities to build academic skills-and student trust and rapport-at the same time? Jane's hands-on approach to learning gives you ready-to-go activities that engage all learners and add academic muscle to your curriculum. All activities are aligned to the Common Core Standards and fit easily into any teaching day and curriculum.

ATTENTION all 8th grade educators:

8th grade

The Promising Young Writers program represents NCTE's commitment to early and continuing work in the development of writing. The school-based writing program was established in 1985 to stimulate and recognize student's writing talents and to emphasize the importance of writing skills among eighth-grade students.

Students who are eighth-graders in the present academic school year are eligible to be nominated for the Promising Young Writers program. Students must be nominated by their

teachers. Home-schooled students may submit through a cooperating school.

2012 Brochure available in late October, 2011. Entry deadline [February 15, 2012](#). Send request for brochures to pyw@ncte.org. (Note: we only mail to school addresses.)

11th grade

Achievement Awards in Writing is a school-based writing program established in 1957 to encourage high school students in their writing and to recognize publicly some of the best student writers in the nation. The National Council of Teachers of English recognize students cited as excellent writers by judges. Only students who are JUNIORS in the academic year 2011-2012 may be nominated for 2012 awards.

Nomination Brochure

2012 Brochure available in late [October 2012](#). Send request for brochures to aa@ncte.org. (Note: we only mail to school addresses.)

Entry Deadline [February 15, 2012](#).

To request a brochure, email your school mailing address to aa@ncte.org.

Contact me for details regarding your membership and details related to the 2012 PDI Conference!!

Sincerely,
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