



Florida Department of Education

June 2013

Florida teachers are the best in the nation! In July, we will be celebrating with each district's 2014 Teacher of the Year at our gala in Orlando. One of five finalists will be named the 2014 Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of the Year and hopefully joins our past four winners as a national finalist! Our five finalists are Nancy Smith from Citrus County, Apryl Shackelford from Duval County, Patricia Gair from Lee County, Dorina Sackman from Orange County, and Katrin Rudge from Sarasota County. I wish the best of luck to all of our finalists!

Kelly Seay

Educator Liaison

Teacher Treasures

Blue Man Group Promo

As a way of saying "Thanks for all you do!" Florida teachers can now enjoy big savings on [Blue Man Group tickets](#) at Universal Studios!

Also, the School House Rocks! Blue Man Group education matinees are available on select dates in spring and fall. Limited space is available - reserve your seats today! Call 407-224-3313 or [email Blue Man Group](#).

Curriculum Corner

Intel® Teach

The North East Florida Educational Consortium, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Education, Heartland Educational Consortium, and Panhandle Area Educational Consortium are proud to announce the **21st Century Educator** and **21st Century Educator Leader** Certificates in partnership with the Intel® Teach Affiliate program. This program provides 120 hours for educators and 140 hours for administrators. The certificate programs will address how to use technology to teach, assess, and monitor all students and how to meet Common Core State Standards. The **21st Century Educator Leader** Certificate includes an add-on component to help teachers and administrators lead technology initiatives within their schools.

[2012-2013 Schedule for Intel® Teach Elements Online Professional Learning Courses with Common Core Alignments](#)

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2013-2014 Online Professional Learning Course Offerings

Reading Endorsement – [Course Schedule](#)

Gifted Endorsement – [Course Schedule](#)

ESOL Endorsement for Category I Educators – [Course Schedule](#)

ESOL Training for Category II, III and IV Educators – [Course Schedule](#)

Next Generation Content Area Reading – Professional Development (NGCAR-PD) – [Course Flyer](#)

Please visit the [Course Listings](#) webpage to view course descriptions, course schedules or to register for any of the online courses.

Florida Teacher Community

Florida Teacher Community is a one-stop communication venue where you can join subject and grade level forums and groups, host live chats, catch up on DOE social media, and find loads of classroom resources - all for FREE! In addition, all of the [resources listed on the Apps page](#) are available to all educators.

Education News

Summer Reading List

DOE is encouraging parents to get involved in their children's reading activities this summer. Some tips to help children get excited about reading are to read aloud to young children, take children of all ages to the library and allow them to choose their own books, or to create light-hearted sibling rivalry by encouraging a competition to see who can read the most books over the summer months. Examples of great books to enjoy from the 2013 summer reading list include:

- Grades K-3: *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White
- Grades 4-5: *The Black Stallion*, Walter Farley
- Grades 6-8: *Old Yeller*, Fred Gipson
- Grades 9-12: *The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway

Visit the department's [Summer Reading List](#) or the *Just Read, Florida!* website at www.justreadflorida.com for more information.

Please share this newsletter with your colleagues and be sure to visit the

[Just For Teachers Website.](#)