

# Language Arts Newsletter: November 2018



## Welcome!

### Agency Update

October has been a great month with lots of professional learning, and I am excited to kick off another great month. This month, I will work with teachers to write items for our state assessment that will be given in 2020. I am also working with schools to improve their curriculum maps and further their focus on standards-based instruction. Natalie Nordby Chen will take part in our online collaborative conversations over using assessment data to guide instruction, so star November 8 and 29 in your calendars!

As always, the bottom of this newsletter will update you on many of the professional learning opportunities available. I am working to create relevant online professional learning for teachers in our state, so if there is a topic you would like to cover in the near future, please let me know.

Our elementary consultant, Cindy Hadicke, is offering a professional learning session over the

science of the reading. Use the link at the bottom of this page to get more information. Cindy and I also plan on creating a Reading Roadshow for secondary teachers to begin this summer. While many of our students enter middle and high school reading at a primary levels, secondary teachers are not as familiar with the reading foundation standards necessary for helping these students make progress in the general education classroom. Cindy and I would like to support secondary teachers in teaching reading foundation standards in their classrooms in order to better meet the needs of all students. Stay tuned for more details!

As always, please continue to check the ELA webpage for new resources. I will continue to use this newsletter to keep you all informed, but I encourage to use our website regularly.

-Sarah Perryman

### Professional Learning Opportunities

#### Online Learning: **November: Data-Driven Instruction and Assessment**

(url for course: <https://learning.ksde.org/course/view.php?id=143>) (key: NOV2018)

You can sign up **beginning** October 29

Online Collaborative Discussions (choose 1): November 8 or 29 3:30-4:45 pm

#### **November 9, 2018:** Dyslexia Training in Topeka- Register at <https://usakansas.wildapricot.org/event-3062273>

#### Online Learning: **December/January: Literacy Across the Curriculum**

(url for course: <https://learning.ksde.org/course/view.php?id=144>) (key: DEC2018)

You can sign up **beginning** December 10)

Online Collaborative Discussions (choose 1): December 17 or January 24 3:30-4:45 pm

#### **December and January:** Phonics (Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) Professional Development- learn more [here](#)

#### **January 30-31, 2019:** Learning Forward Kansas Conference in Wichita, KS

Learn more at <https://learningforwardkansas.org/conference-2018/>

#### **January 30-February 2, 2019:** National ESEA Conference in Kansas City, MO

Register at [www.eaneanetwork.org/conference](http://www.eaneanetwork.org/conference)

\*\*Have you ever wondered how your schools' resources measure up to the rest? Visit <http://www.edreports.org> to review their evaluations of the many instructional resources schools have available to them today.

\*\*Have you ever wondered what curricular resources were being used across the state? Greenbush recently surveyed curriculum leaders to find the answer to the popular question. You can access [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) results.

## Standards and Assessment News

In order to better support teachers, I would like to use this section to highlight not only new resources on the KSDE ELA page, but also, to highlight a teaching structure every month that could be beneficial to ELA practitioners across the state working with all grade levels.

**Structure of the Month:** [Tips for Engaging in Best Practice](#)

### ELA News:

**Agency News:** In order to improve how we keep our standards relevant to our field, KSDE has issued a new process for how standard review and revision will operate. Please review this [Standards Update](#) for more information. I would also like to acknowledge that we recently hired Nicole Primm to be our new Education Program Consultant for English Learners. She is excited to start supporting teachers as they work with our ELs in Kansas classrooms. Please reach out to her at [nprimm@ksde.org](mailto:nprimm@ksde.org) if you are in need of resources and/or support.

**Assessment News:** Please review the <http://www.ksassessments.org> site for resources regarding online demos of KITE, evaluation rubrics, and updates on the state interims and the reporting of student results. **The mini-assessments in KITE are open.** We hope that you took advantage of our first interim window during the month of October. If students take all three interims, their final predictive score should be on target. Thus, knowing how to analyze and use your data from these predictives is critical. Join me and Natalie on November 8<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> during our online conversation to learn about using your assessment data!

## Good Things

**The Kansas Masonic Foundation** – They offer scholarships to many Kansas Students wishing to attend two year or four year universities. Learn more about this opportunity for your Juniors and Seniors by going [here](#). They also sponsor a book club that offers incentives and recognition for students to improve their reading. You can learn more, and get involved, by clicking [here](#).

**Kansas Poetry Out Loud** is ready for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in participating in regional competitions, you must register by November 20. Click [here](#) to contact your regional rep for more information.

**KATE Conference-**

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