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**In this edition: NYS Education News, NYSRA News, & Literacy News of Interest**

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a restful summer and got a chance to catch up with some summer reading. We are excited to be starting a new school year, and are looking forward to hearing any news that you would like to share for future issues. Sandi Kurbiel and Dawn Montague will continue as co-editors for 2011 and 2012. Many thanks to Liz Yanoff for her time and resources for NYSRA's ReAD newsletter last year!

[New NYSRA Website](#)

Let's give a cheer to the many people who worked hard to revamp NYSRA's official website. Check out the new format and many new interesting literacy resources at the above link. They did a fabulous job.

[Fall 2011 NYSRA Conference](#)

Mark your calendars for NYSRA's Fall Conference, *Literacy Connections*, in October! This year's conference will be held from Friday, October 23, to Sunday, October 25 at the Hilton Rye Town in Rye Brook, New York. This is a great opportunity to make connections with other literacy-minded educators, and to listen to many wonderful guest speakers. Hope to see you all there!

[NYSRA Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting](#)

This meeting will be held on Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express in Latham.

[Assembly of Delegates Meet](#)

The Assembly of Delegates meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 8:30-4:00, at the Holiday Inn Express in Latham.

### [NYSRA Charlotte Award Committee](#)

The 2012 NYSRA Charlotte Award Ballot has been announced and you can learn all about these great books at the [NYSRA Charlotte site](#) or the [Charlotte blog](#). Contact the committee Chair Judy Ehrensbeck at [judy@ehrensbeck.com](mailto:judy@ehrensbeck.com) for more information or to schedule a presentation at your council.

### **NYS Education News**

#### [Rubric Variance Application for Teacher and Principal Practice Rubrics](#)

The New York State Education Department strongly encourages local educational agencies to select teacher and principal practice rubrics from the recommended list. They will however approve a variance to others with this application. Look over the approved Teacher and principal practice rubrics.

#### [Race to the Top](#)

The final Scope for the Race to the Top has been published along with related materials.

### **Literacy News of Interest Links**

#### [What Works Clearinghouse](#)

This website from the U.S. Department of Education is a good source of information for educational programs that have been tested by research.

#### [Educational Research Newsletter and Webinars](#)

This is another interesting and informative website for evidence based-research, providing access to both webinars and research articles.

#### [Center on Instruction.org](#)

This is still yet another website with research on evidence-based instruction, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

#### [FunBrain.com](#)

Find fun learning games, teaching resources, homework help and other resources for parents and teachers.