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# NCAEE Newsletter



## President's Message

Greetings NCAEE members and friends!

May I begin by expressing our thanks and appreciation to teachers, administrators, central office personnel and others supporting educators for your diligence and commitment to students in North Carolina.

Each of you is tremendously important and the collective passion that we share makes a difference for students. Our efforts to improve instruction, build character and instill a love for learning among students is urgent in today's America. Your expertise is to be applauded.

As educators and members of NCAEE, we are well aware that circumstances are in constant change. Budget cuts and tough economic times have impacted our schools, but the goal to provide a quality education to every student remains strong and constant.

Our organization's mission is to provide opportunities for teachers to grow professionally work collaboratively and build leaders at the classroom and school level. Regional directors are currently working in all regions of the state to provide such opportunities for elementary educators.

These regional meetings are our efforts to provide mini-staff development sessions to build expertise and share research-based strategies with little or no cost to participants.

Our winter and spring membership drive has also focused on increasing collaboration and participation in NCAEE.

Finally, our annual NCAEE conference held in October each year provides a wealth of great presenters and instructional ideas.

Preparations are currently in progress for this event to be held at the Raleigh Convention

Center. I hope you will make plans now to attend in 2010! Please visit the NCAEE website at [www.ncelementary.org](http://www.ncelementary.org) if you are interested in attending, presenting, or exhibiting educational products.

We solicit your participation and support to increasing our membership and gaining momentum as an action-oriented organization. Our NCAEE website has been updated and members should find it to be more user-friendly.

I wish each of you a successful remainder of the school year. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to [thead@columbus.k12.nc.us](mailto:thead@columbus.k12.nc.us) or to any member of the NCAEE Board of Directors. Your concerns, questions, or inquires are encouraged.

Tanya Head, President-NCAEE

## WE NEED YOU!



## JOIN TODAY!

[NCAEE MEMBERSHIP](#)



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Don't miss the GREAT lineup of keynote speakers at the annual [NCAEE Conference!](#)

October 24-26, 2010



## 2010 Conference Notes

Register early and pay for the conference with Reading First funds, Early Reading First funds or Title I funds! Guarantee your space at this year's conference by registering early and bringing a friend with you. This year's conference will be at the Raleigh Convention Center on October 24-26, 2010 and the hosting hotel is the Marriott! Wonderful accommodations will allow you to move from one building to the other without having to go outside!

Keynote speakers this year are former Miss North Carolina, Jeanie Robinson, and Mike Rutherford. Dr. Jeanne Feldman, Kathy Kennedy, Laura Candler, and Pat Calfee will present pre-conference sessions on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to check the [NCAEE website](#) for more Conference news!

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

## NCAEE Newsletter Focus

### **RtI: Response to Instruction/Intervention**

The International Reading Association (IRA) identifies **RtI** as one of the hottest topics in literacy for 2010. The IRA has identified six guiding principles regarding response to instruction/intervention. Those principles are:

#### **1. Instruction:**

Instruction that meets student needs will prevent language and literacy deficiencies.

#### **2. Responsive Teaching and Differentiation:**

The process requires increased differentiation and intense instruction or intervention for students encountering difficulties with language and literacy.

#### **3. Assessment:**

Formative assessments that inform instruction are essential in meeting student academic needs.

#### **4. Collaboration:**

RTI demands that professionals work with each other, parents and students.

#### **5. Systemic and Comprehensive Approaches:**

A systematic approach to language and literacy instruction and assessment should support all students and teachers pre-K through grade 12.

#### **6. Expertise:**

All students have the right to a teacher who is well-prepared for instruction and who is professionally up-to-date.

To learn more about **RtI** and the IRA **RtI** principles, visit the IRA website at [www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org).

## Show me the Money!

We are showing you the MONEY!

**NCAEE will award three \$1,000.00 scholarships**

NCAEE is currently accepting applications for its annual \$1,000 scholarship awards. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Applicant must be a [member](#) of NCAEE
- Applicant must be in pursuit of an advanced degree from an accredited college or university

**Scholarship winners for 2009:**

Debbie Albert  
Sheila Kowalski  
Melissa Taylor

Ask any of our winners and they will all tell you that it pays to be a [member](#) of NCAEE!

This year's winners will be announced at the [Annual NCAEE Conference](#) in October.

[Click here for a scholarship application.](#)



Apply for your scholarship TODAY!  
[Click here for an application.](#)

## Join YOUR Organization!

Becoming an active member of the North Carolina Elementary Educators is a wonderful opportunity for you and your profession. The organization provides a gateway for interaction and idea exchanges with elementary teachers across the nation and internationally.

Although only six years old, the organization is rapidly becoming known as one that supports teachers and provides them with the latest in research based knowledge on elementary topics as well as strategies for meeting the needs of all students.

The organization is rapidly growing and we need every

elementary teacher to become a part of **Your** organization.

Membership is a bargain and WE need YOU! Join us as we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century as advocates for children and teachers in the elementary school.

Check out the [NCAEE](#) website for more information on how you can be a part of our growing organization!

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*“Join NCAEE now and network with elementary educators in October!”*

**Plan now to attend NCAEE Conferences!**

Our future dates are:

2010-October 24-26

2011-October 9-11

2012-October 21-23

Future conferences will be held in the Raleigh Convention Center. This beautiful, new facility is a great place to meet, learn and grow!

We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues at all of these conference sessions! Go on line at: [www.ncelementary.org](http://www.ncelementary.org) and **register TODAY** for our 2010 conference!!



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**NCAEE Regions and Directors**

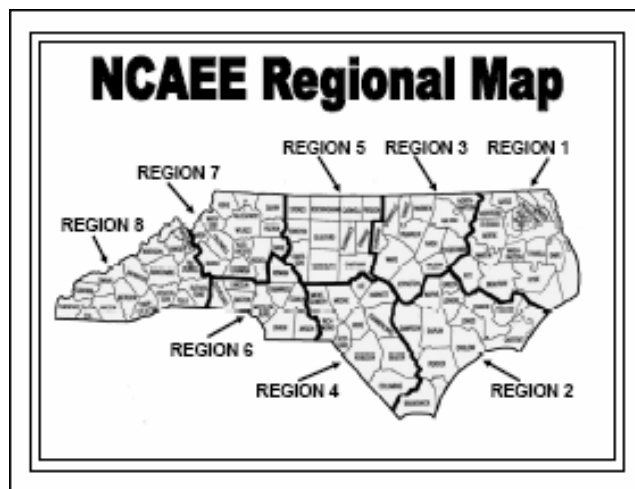
NCAEE membership is divided into eight regions that coincide with the eight educational regions of our state. Each region has an elected regional director who has the responsibility of acting as a liaison between the members of that region and the association. The Regional Director serves a three-year term. The current Regional Directors for NCAEE are:

- **Region 1:**  
Lavette Ford-Principal, Pitt County Schools
- **Region 2:**  
Kathy Drew-Teacher, Wayne County Schools
- **Region 3:**  
Angela Gurgainus-Central Office, Johnston County Schools
- **Region 4:**  
Dr. Valjeaner Ford-Professor, UNC Pembroke
- **Region 5:**  
Dr. Debbie Jenkins-Linville-Professor, High Point University

- **Region 6:**  
Wanda Stegall-Principal, Union County Schools
- **Region 7:**  
Michelle Shepherd-Principal Wilkes County Schools
- **Region 8:**  
Dr. Carol Bennett-Coordinator, Western Region Education Service Alliance (WRESA)

Regional directors plan and advertise regional meetings for the benefit of the membership. Once finalized, meeting dates, times and places will be announced through the NCAEE website. These meetings are held in places convenient to all members within a specific region.

Your [Regional Director](#) can also assist you and your colleagues with becoming a member. If you have questions or suggestions for regional meetings, please contact your [Regional Director](#) or click the map below and get connected!



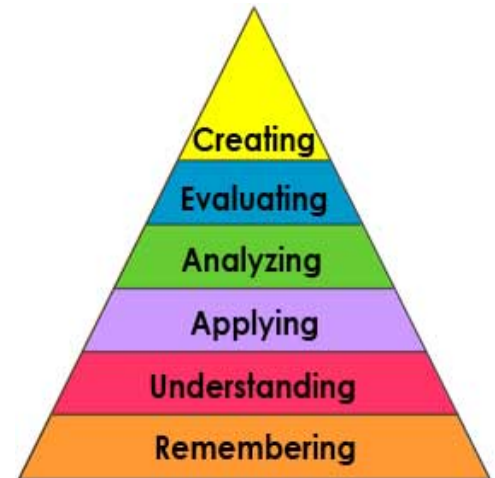
## Bloom's Revised Taxonomy

In 1956, Benjamin Bloom headed a group of educational psychologists who developed a classification of levels of intellectual behavior important in learning.

During the 1990's a new group of cognitive psychologist, lead by Lorin Anderson (a former student of Bloom's), updated the taxonomy reflecting relevance to 21st century work. The graphic is a representation of the NEW verbiage associated with the long familiar Bloom's Taxonomy.

Note the change from Nouns to Verbs to describe the different levels of the taxonomy.

*Note that the top two levels are essentially exchanged from the Old to the New version.*



The revised Taxonomy.

## Teaching Tip

Classroom management is essential for instructional success! Spend time at the beginning of your school year to make sure that rules, routines and behavior expectations are thoroughly embedded in your classroom and children know and follow them.

Sticking to a schedule, using hand signals, and enforcing classroom rules can save a mountain of time for deeper, meaningful instruction.

Students should help you formulate classroom rules and consequences. When they help create classroom rules then the rules become their rules, not teacher rules.

Hand signals for quiet, bathroom release, questioning, etc. help get routines taken care of without interrupting precious classroom instructional time!



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## Websites Worth Your Time

*Check out these websites guaranteed to give you additional tools for your teacher toolbox!*

[www.thevirtualvine.com](http://www.thevirtualvine.com)- Developed by a teacher for teachers. Great ideas to use in the classroom right now!

[www.flashcardexchange.com](http://www.flashcardexchange.com)-Great website to build flashcards!


[www.readinglady.com](http://www.readinglady.com)-Multiple ready-to-use resources for literacy

[www.lauracandler.com](http://www.lauracandler.com) -Terrific classroom activities ready to use and addresses all content areas! Check out the "File Cabinet"!





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## Regional Events

One of the goals of the NCAEE Executive Board of Directors is to make sure NCAEE is accessible and active across the state for the benefit of our members and those persons who are involved in elementary education but not yet a member. We are pleased to announce that this is happening.

Region 5, under the direction of Dr. Debbie Jenkins-Linville, recently held a well-attended event on the campus of High Point University.

### ***The Newbie Buzz...***

#### ***New teacher? Need help?***

*New teachers, please don't miss the opportunity to win money for your classroom! The Newbie support fund was founded in 2009 and is available again this year at the convention. All you have to do to participate is to join NCAEE and put your name and member number in the Newbie raffle box, which will be located on the membership table at the convention. Winners will be drawn on the last day of the convention and will receive \$100.00 each! The rules are simple:*

1. Join NCAEE (\$25.00 which will reduce your next year's conference registration fees!)
2. Register by dropping your name with your NCAEE membership number on it into the raffle box.

Region 8, under the direction of Dr. Carol Bennett, will hold a conference on June 16<sup>th</sup>. To sign up for "Getting Ready for Your Best Year Ever," visit [www.wresa.org](http://www.wresa.org).

Sign up for Facebook updates by clicking the link below!

*Find us on Facebook!*



3. Be present when names are drawn and announced on the last day of the 2010 conference.

NCAEE knows how important new teachers are to our future and the future of education in North Carolina. We also know how difficult it is to have additional resources for your classroom when you are just beginning a career.

We know the Newbie fund can help in a small way by providing an opportunity to get some of those resources without having their cost come out of your pocket.

We are pleased to make our Newbie Support fund a tradition, because we love our Newbies!

