



Week ending: 10/8/04

To: Reading First Districts-Region IV and V
From: Gladys Frantz
Re: Communications and Reminders

OARS Training for Reading First

There will be an OARS Data Training on Friday, Oct. 15th for Round 3 Districts in Salinas USD (840 South Main Street, Salinas, CA93901- Ph: 831-784-2232). If you are a Round 2 District, you're also welcome to attend for a "refresher" course. Please register by calling Araceli Varela (510-670- 7772) or emailing her with the names and numbers of people attending from your district. Lunch will be provided.

Cohort 2 Coach Institute

The October 2004 Cohort 2 Coach Institute Registration page is now posted on the website: http://www.calread.net/coach_institutes. Please visit the site and click the appropriate link under the heading 2004-05 Institute Schedule to register. On the registration page, there will be detailed instructions on how to register your coaches for the Institutes.

To view your coaches' registration information, you will need to enter your Coordinator ID number and your last name. We look forward to seeing you in the October.

Assessments in Spanish

Thank you for your time and respectful feedback as we develop the Spanish assessments. The suggestions made by coaches and teachers will be carefully considered as we continue to refine this and future assessments. Attached is a form to facilitate the reporting of any errors or discrepancies you find on the test. Please call me if you have specific questions. I'd like to acknowledge the assessment development team for their work and dedication in responding to the needs expressed by the field as they have developed these assessments on a short timeline.

RTAC School Districts Visitation

We are making school district visits to observe the progress of the implementation of the reading program. RTAC will conduct at least three visits a year to do school walkthroughs. During these visits we ask to be accompanied by the principal, the coach, and the coach coordinator (or a district level person from the Leadership Team). There should be a time set aside for a debriefing and feedback with this same group of people. After the visit, we will send you a report summarizing the main points of the observations as well as the suggested points of focus recommended by the team. The principal and coach may share information with the teachers at a later time.

We have visited: Pajaro Valley USD, Salinas USD, King City USD, and Chualar Union District.

Scheduled visits this month: Mount Diablo USD, Hayward USD, San Jose USD, Luther Burbank USD.

Looking forward to visiting all your districts

Important:

Please forward this communication to those who may benefit from it. If you'd like others in your districts to receive these communications directly, please email me their names and their email addresses.