



# Watch along the Kanawha

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## Enter WVEA's Read Across America Postcard Art Contest

Winners will receive prizes, trophies and statewide recognition!

NEA's (National Education Association) annual Read Across America is scheduled for Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. In conjunction with the nation's largest reading celebration, WVEA will once again sponsor the "Read Across West Virginia" postcard contest. The contest is open to **all classes and grade levels, not just art classes**. Contest entries should depict the theme "Reading Across West Virginia" in some way on the postcard.

**Winners will be selected in each of the following groups:**  
kindergarten–grade 2; grades 3-5; grades 6-8 and grades 9-12.

First Place Statewide Winners in each group will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond and a trophy. Winning entries will be published in WVEA TODAY. The Kanawha County winner will receive a gift certificate and county recognition.

Entries must be received by February 1, 2010. Send them to Dinah Adkins, KCEA President, 1558 Quarrier St., Charleston, WV 25311.

## Thinking about National Board Certification?

Call 1.800.22.TEACH or go online at the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards web site at [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org).

Applications, NBPTS standards, portfolio instructions, assessment center orientation and much more are available.

Remember—WVEA will assist you with the process and your initial class is available at a reduced cost as a WVEA member.

## Membership has its Benefits...

New Members receive \$15,000 Life Insurance the first year. WVEA members have \$1000 life insurance each year they are a member.

## Legislative Watch!

Several educational issues will be included in the 2010 Legislative Agenda. Stay up-to-date by viewing the [www.WVEA.org](http://www.WVEA.org) web site about legislative sessions concerning education.



### KCEA Works to Increase Stipend Pay

KCEA President, Dinah Adkins, spoke at the Dec. 17 KCS Board Meeting. She requested that Kanawha County increase the stipend paid to employees for training outside the school calendar. \$100 per day is not acceptable. KCEA's goal is "daily rate of pay", and we need to work TOWARD that by increasing the stipend this year.

***KCEA/WVEA "NEVER" represents an administrator against a teacher. Teachers take precedence!***



# YOUR RIGHTS & LESSON PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Many educators still have questions over what employees are required to have in their lesson plans. If you have questions about lesson plan requirements contact the WVEA Help Center at 1.866.568.WVEA (1.866.568.9832).

## W. Va CODE 18A-2-12 states, in pertinent part:

(i) Lesson plans are intended to serve as a daily guide for teachers and substitutes for the orderly presentation of the curriculum. Lesson plans may not be used as a substitute for observations by an administrator in the performance

### KCEA Recipe Book

Got a favorite recipe? Send it as a WORD document to KCEA President, Dinah Adkins, at [dhadkins@gmail.com](mailto:dhadkins@gmail.com). The recipes will be included in the new KCEA Cookbook for sale later this year. Also send in your suggestions for a title for the cookbook and the winner will be selected by the KCEA Executive Committee. (Your first thought will be—who has time to cook? But, you've got some great recipes hidden away that your colleagues would enjoy.) Please include your name and school.

evaluation process. A classroom teacher, as defined in section one, article one of this chapter, may not be required to post his or her lesson plans on the internet or otherwise make them available to students and parents or to include in his or her lesson plans any of the following:

- (1) Teach and re-teach strategies;
- (2) Write to learn activities;
- (3) Cultural diversity;
- (4) Color coding; or
- (5) Any other similar items which are not required to serve as a guide to the teacher and substitute for daily instruction; and

(j) The Legislature finds that classroom teachers must be free of unnecessary paper work so that they can focus their time on instruction...

While teachers' lessons are required to follow the CSO's, actual listing of the specific CSO's in their lesson plans is not. Lesson plans are "required to serve as a guide to the teacher or substitute, for daily instruction."

AWARD WINNING

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### WEB SITES YOU CAN USE!

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KCEA: <http://pages.suddenlink.net/kcea/>

<http://boe.kana.k12.wv.us/>

[www.wvea.org](http://www.wvea.org)

[www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)