

Smoky Mountain Reading Council

September 2009

A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS.....*Ruth Lindsey and Suzanne Worth*

Welcome back to the 2009-2010 school year and to the Smoky Mountain Reading Council (SMRC)! We anticipate an exciting year of programs and projects, and we look forward to YOUR involvement in all the activities of SMRC. Please take the time to mark your calendar now in order to attend as many SMRC programs and other activities as your schedule will allow. As part of the Tennessee Reading Association (TRA) and the International Reading Association (IRA), the programs and projects of Smoky Mountain Reading Council are designed to provide teachers, administrators, curriculum coaches and interns a greater understanding of the fields of reading and language arts. Our meetings also offer wonderful opportunities to share ideas, renew acquaintances, make new friends and earn 2 hours of in-service credit per meeting! We look forward to seeing you soon and wish you the very best for the school year.

Celebrate Literacy – Be sure to include a Celebrate Literacy project for your classroom this year. What better ways to celebrate students’ writing than by having them publish their stories for others to read? Dates and deadlines for the program are to be announced.

For the Love of Reading – Do you have a few minutes to read a book to a group of children? Be on the lookout in the near future for information regarding this SMRC project which supports children with limited literacy experiences.

Read to Me – SMRC partners with local businesses to encourage and promote reading by providing each Knox County preschool student with his/her own book. This project is completed in February and supports the No Child Left Behind initiatives.

Programs for 2009-2010

October 8, 2009

Speaker – Dr. Deborah Wooten – Reading Professor at the University of Tennessee
Bearden Elementary

6:00 PM Refreshments and Registration

6:30 PM Meeting and Program

January 28, 2010

Reading and Writing Workshops

Cedar Bluff Elementary

6:00 PM Refreshments and Registration

6:30 PM Meeting and Workshops

April 22, 2010

Author and Speaker – Sam Venable
and “Honoring Young Authors”

Brickey-McCloud Elementary

6:00 PM Registration

6:15 PM Program/Refreshments Afterwards

KCS Teachers may register at Teacher U – Title: Smoky Mountain Reading Council
Participants will earn two hours of unscheduled in-service credit.

Please join or renew your membership today!

Membership forms can be found online at www.discoveret.org/smrc/

Send the completed membership form, along with \$15 dues via Knox County **school mail to Laurie Griffin, Sarah Moore Greene Magnet, Route 30** or via **regular mail to Jo Ann Guidry 3552 Navigator Pointe, Knoxville, TN 37922** or **bring it to our first meeting**. The \$15 pays for membership to SMRC and TRA. Thanks for your support! Programs are free for members. Below you will find a membership form.

**Tennessee Reading Association
and
Smoky Mountain Reading Council (47300)**

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| _____ SMRC new member | Dues: \$15 (Deadline: Postmark Feb. 8, 2010) |
| _____ SMRC renewal | Paying with cash: _____ |
| | Paying with check number _____ |
| | (Make check out to SMRC) |

_____ Are you a member of International Reading Association? Your number _____

Knox County Email: _____@k12tn.net

OR
Other email: _____

*Non-members pay \$7 per meeting.