



**Florida Department of Education**

**September 2013**

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With great excitement, I welcome all of you back to what promises to be another fantastic school year! It was an honor to be present last month to witness many of you spending your \$250 debit cards that my initiatives provided. Over the past three years over two-billion dollars have been put into education through the legislative budget. You all work so hard every day and are so dedicated to your students, I delight in knowing that your legislators are listening and approved my call for a \$2500 raise. I will

continue to support Florida's educators in their efforts to increase student achievement and post-graduate academic pursuits. Together, we will make Florida the ideal educational model for college and career readiness. Thank you again for all that you do each day to guide and support our rising Florida students.

Governor Rick Scott

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## **Teacher Treasures**

### **September Giveaway**

Our September [Teacher Treasures](#) Giveaway will be four single-day tickets to [Wet 'n Wild](#). Be sure to take advantage of our current [Wet 'n Wild School Personnel](#) promotion.

### **FLDOE Social Media**

Connect with the Florida Department of Education through [social media](#), including Pinterest, Flickr, YouTube, Twitter and Facebook.

### **Corporate Shopping Employee Discounts**

Corporate Shopping Employee Discounts connects teachers to more than 250 top national retailers offering special employee discounts, including Target, Lands' End, Costco, Ralph Lauren, Orbitz, J.Crew, Brooks Brothers, Hotels.com, 1800Flowers, ProFlowers, Shoes.com, Avis, Hertz, Tickets Now, Restaurant.com and many more! Register now and enjoy incredible savings! It's easy, simply click on the link below and create a user profile. And, you can [access Corporateshopping.com](#) from both work and home. For questions about this program or assistance with registration, please email [info@corpshopping.com](mailto:info@corpshopping.com)

## Curriculum Corner

### **CPALMS**

[CPALMS](#) has developed many supportive resources that are available online to help Florida educators be successful with the new state content standards. Current CPALMS initiatives include lesson plan development, activities development, peer & subject area expert reviews, curriculum mapping, videos, and much more. In addition, the [iCPALMS](#) platform has 14 new web applications.

Common Core lesson samples from CPALMS:

#### **"Forget the Placebo Effect: It's the 'Care Effect' that Matters"**

This informational text resource is intended to support reading in the content area. This article published in *Wired* magazine explains how caring is an important variable when measuring the effects of different medical treatments on patients' well-being.

#### ***Related Benchmarks:***

[SC.912.N.1.3](#): Recognize that the strength or usefulness of a scientific claim is evaluated through scientific argumentation, which depends on critical and logical thinking, and the active consideration of alternative scientific explanations to explain the data presented.

[SC.912.N.1.4](#): Identify sources of information and assess their reliability according to the strict standards of scientific investigation.

[SC.912.N.1.6](#): Describe how scientific inferences are drawn from scientific observations and provide examples from the content being studied.

[LACC.910.RI.4.10](#): By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

[LACC.910.RST.4.10](#): By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

#### **"Giantburgers"**

Perform operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation to decide whether seven percent of Americans really do eat at giant burger every day.

#### ***Related Benchmarks:***

[MACC.8.EE.1.4](#): Perform operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation, including problems where both decimal and scientific notation are used. Use scientific notation and choose units of appropriate size for measurements of very large or very small quantities (e.g., use millimeters per year for seafloor spreading). Interpret scientific notation that has been generated by technology.

## Education News

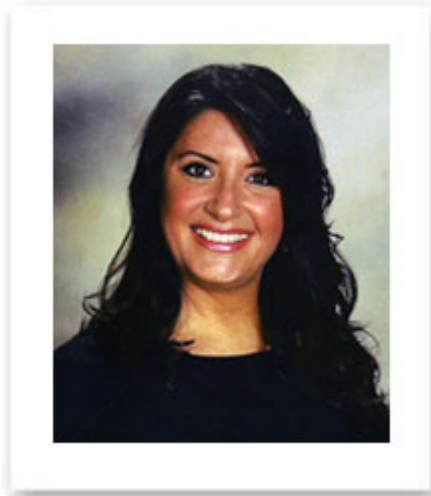
### **Common Core Tech Updates**

T.H.E. Journal recently launched a new [Common Core Tech Update monthly newsletter](#). This free newsletter will keep you on top of emerging technologies that will help you successfully implement Common Core. Learn more and sign up for this new resource today.

### **Florida Teacher Community**

Peruse, upload and post on the [Florida Teacher Community Today!](#) The website that was designed just for Florida teachers to share, collaborate and learn.

### **Congratulations to Dorina Sackman, the 2014 Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of the Year**



Dorina Sackman is an eighth-grade English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) language arts teacher at Westridge Middle School in Orange County. Ms. Sackman has been teaching ESOL students in Florida for the past 14 years, and has worn many hats to ensure her students from all over the world view her classroom as a safe haven. She treats her classroom as a stage for these children to celebrate their diverse backgrounds, while still learning English. Her proficiency in five languages helps her to communicate with parents to help facilitate involvement in their child's education.

Ms. Sackman faces the constant struggle of introducing students to concepts that are not only new, but in a different language. Ms. Sackman constantly looks for new and creative ways to intertwine a student's native culture and language into an English language learning experience. She often creates lesson plans where students can explain their culture to other students, all while learning key benchmarks such as chronological order, cause and effect, and text features.

Ms. Sackman has used Common Core State Standards to add depth to her lesson plans and often collaborates with other ESOL classrooms to help show students how each lesson relates outside the language arts subject. Collaborating with different subjects in her ESOL classroom allows her students to use a higher level of thinking and to communicate better to grasp concepts and apply classroom learning to the outside world.

## Thank You to Our TOY Sponsors

[Huddle Up for Breakfast](#) is designed to improve academic performance by increasing participation in the school breakfast program. This fall, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Dairy Council of Florida will distribute toolkits to extend K-12 schools' resources to increase student engagement and demand for school breakfast. The toolkit will provide valuable and turnkey tools, including dairy and breakfast-focused activities, cafeteria recipes, and communication pieces to help school foodservice, teachers and administrators grow breakfast participation and more importantly, to help students understand how breakfast can positively affect their body and brain.



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[Visual Learning Systems \(VLS\)](#) is an educational science publisher whose mission is to reignite a passion for teaching and learning science. Digital Science Online (DSO) is an easy-to-use annual subscription service that enables users to access VLS' media streamed over the web with a single click on their computers. DSO can be used with interactive whiteboards and iPads making lessons engaging for students. All programs feature live-action footage, animations, on-screen questions, vocabulary, visual cues and video assessments. Other products include *Core Ideas in Life Science* etextbook, Visual Learning Digital Bundles and DVDs with Teacher's Guides to support the K-14 science curriculum.



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[LEGOLAND, Florida](#), the largest LEGOLAND Park in the world, is a 150-acre interactive theme park with more than 50 rides, shows and attractions, restaurants, shopping, a breathtaking botanical garden and the LEGOLAND Water Park all geared to families with children ages two to 12. The World of Chima presented by Cartoon Network features an immersive family experience with an interactive water ride, including The Quest for CHI, a super-charged Speedorz™ Arena; Cragger's Swamp water play area; a new 4D movie experience and character meet-n-greet sessions. The theme park is located in Winter Haven - just 45 minutes from Orlando and Tampa.

