



To Whom It May Concern:

During the weekend of March 9-10, 2012, we will join hundreds of teachers at the annual conference of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts (OCTELA) at the Doubletree Hotel in Worthington, Ohio. OCTELA is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1957 as the English Association of Ohio (EAO). OCTELA is composed of teachers of English and anyone interested in practicing and promoting English Language Arts. OCTELA is the only statewide affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) representing teachers of English language arts from pre-kindergarten through college.

The goal of this conference is to provide educators with cutting edge research and best practices to prepare students for the future. The theme of the conference this year is "The Future Is Now":

We are planning to have a raffle for all participants who in the past have won beautiful baskets of educational items from universities and colleges. We are asking for your support by donating a basket of materials that you know will be in the interest of our conference participants. We are asking for your donation of gift certificates, gift baskets, or any gift items that can be used as part of our prizes for OCTELA's conference. Last year, we raised \$1,000 for the organization thanks to generous donors like you!

We truly appreciate your help and please know that your donation supports teachers and students throughout Ohio and it is a effective way to showcase your school!

Please contact Virginia McCormac at 216-978.9501 or vcm@beachwoodschoools.org with any questions. Attached, please find the Registration Form as it will provide you with details of the event for your information. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Virginia McCormac and Alesha Trudell

Raffle Co-chair/Conference Team