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## NEW FROM THE NYS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### 2009 Twentieth National African American Read-In

To participate in the February 2009 National African-American Read-In, please see the following website for idea starters and a read-in packet. This event is sponsored by the Black Caucus of National Council of Teachers of English and the NCTE. <http://www.ncte.org/action/aari>

### Now Available, the Geometry Test Sampler for the Regents Examination in Mathematics

The State Education Department has posted the Regents Examination in Geometry Test Sampler and Scoring Guide at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/math-sample.htm>. This test sampler consists of examples of varied types of questions and formats that will be seen on the actual examination. The first administration of the Regents Examination in Geometry will be in June 2009.

### NASA Earth Observatory

The NASA Earth Observatory provides new satellite imagery and scientific information about Earth's climate and environmental change. It features stories about the atmosphere, oceans, land, life, heat and energy, and remote sensing. Visitors may build and view animations showing changes in population, vege-

tation, precipitation, and other phenomena. This site may be accessed at <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

**Health Advisory: Prevention of Methicillin Health Advisory: Prevention of Methicillin - Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) Infections in the School Setting** originally issued on October 25, 2007, has been recently updated. Updated sections are indicated by underlined text in this most recent advisory. You may view this new advisory from the NYS Department of Health and NYS Education Department at the following website (<http://schoolhealthservicesny.com>) in the A-Z Index, under "M" for MRSA.

**FAQ on the Physical Education website regarding required instruction.** This item has been added to the Physical Education FAQ's at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/peqa.html>

**OSC Audit Report on Physical Education Compliance has been issued** To review and download the report, click on the following link: [http://osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/swr/2008/physical\\_ed/physical\\_edfinal.pdf](http://osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/swr/2008/physical_ed/physical_edfinal.pdf)

### Urban Area Security Initia-

### tive Nonprofit Security Grant Program - 2009:

The website for the New York State Department of Homeland Security is [www.security.state.ny.us](http://www.security.state.ny.us). The applications in New York State have been released and are due on

**February 20, 2009.** Rochester, Syracuse, and Albany (including Schenectady and Rensselaer Counties) are New York State UASI-eligible areas. As in past years, the New York City area (which includes the five boroughs and Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties) and the Buffalo area (which includes Erie and Niagara Counties), continue to be eligible USAI areas. Orange and Rockland Counties are not included.

Please note that the applications will be available online only. If you have applied in the past, then you already have an account and an ID.

If you have never applied before or you can't find your existing account information, please visit [www.security.state.ny.us/Grant-Guidance/grantee\\_forms\\_NFP.htm](http://www.security.state.ny.us/Grant-Guidance/grantee_forms_NFP.htm) and scroll down to EGrants Registration Form to get an account and ID. Be sure to read the EGrants Tutorial.

### Prayer to Love God above all Things

God, my Father,  
may I love You in all things  
and above all things.  
May I reach the joy which  
You have prepared for me in  
Heaven.

Nothing is good that is  
against Your Will,  
and all that is good comes  
from Your Hand.  
Place in my heart a desire to  
please You  
and fill my mind with  
thoughts of Your Love,  
so that I may grow in Your  
Wisdom and enjoy Your  
Peace

Governor Paterson made a few changes to his budget and may restore the CAP program which means that funding, at a level to be determined, will continue in the foreseeable future. *Keep checking the website for updates.*

### DOING MORE WITH LESS...

In these difficult financial times professional development of our teachers may be lost or limited. Why not choose a program that can benefit your whole school community? The EIonline courses available through CSAANYS can be used to do turn-key training of your faculty. Sign up a teacher (or a few) and ask the teacher to educate his or her colleagues at the completion of the course. There are 31 courses available, all are self paced and can be done at home or school (or anywhere there is Internet access).

Log onto CSAANYS.org and download the course information sheet and registration form found under the workshops tab.

### CAPE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY UPDATE

#### Urge Congress to Support Equity in the Stimulus Package

The House and Senate will soon take up a massive economic stimulus package that is expected to include a substantial component relating to PK-12 education. At a time when so many religious and independent schools are feeling the effects of the economic downturn, CAPE has urged Congress to include private schools in the package. Please encourage Congress to provide equitable benefits to students and teachers in private schools in the stimulus plan. You can do so easily and quickly by visiting CAPE's [Legislative Action Center](#). And be sure to urge friends, families, and members of your community to do the same.

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