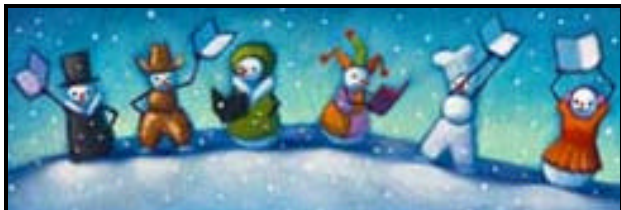




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## Reading Is Cool! Read Across America is March 2

The theme for Read Across America 2009 is *Reading is Cool!* Serving up some frosty fun for your reading delight are playful snow people created by award-winning illustrator Will Terry. Will Terry has illustrated 17 children's books. Book marks, brochures, certificates, and other materials are available at [cta.org](http://cta.org).

### L.A. Clippers Offer Teacher Appreciation Award

The Los Angeles Clippers are offering a Teacher Appreciation Program. Interested members may redeem complimentary and discount Clippers tickets by filling out a form available at [montbelloteachers.org](http://montbelloteachers.org). Tickets are distributed on a first come first serve basis. Questions may be directed to Brienne Bittel at [bbittel@clippers.com](mailto:bbittel@clippers.com).

Opening Hearing  
Tuesday, February 24  
LMI at 3:30 p.m.

### DonorsChoose.org Provides Connection Between Schools & Donors

Teachers can go directly to [DonorChoose.org](http://DonorChoose.org) and request funding for special projects. According to the website, Donor Choose works especially hard to secure the integrity of its program. This is how it works.

1. Public school teachers create student project proposals at [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org). This consists of writing a one page essay and listing the exact resources needed. [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org) volunteers screen each project proposal before posting to the website. Concerned individuals fund the student projects.
2. [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org) emails the school principal, alerting him/her to the funded project.
3. Within the next week, [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org) forwards the donor an "e-thank-you" from the teacher, which notes the date by which the donor can expect his/her full thank-you package.
4. [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org) purchases the student materials and ships items directly to the school.
5. Students experience the project that the donor made possible! The teacher photographs the students participating in the project and writes an impact letter to the donor. Students write their own thank-you notes which are then returned to [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org) headquarters.
6. [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org) ensures that photos and the teacher's impact letter are posted to the website, and sends student letters to the donor(s) who completed the project or made a partial contribution of \$100 or more.

### Voluntary Transfer Date Is April 15

If you are considering a voluntary transfer from one site to another, you must complete the forms from Human Resources. Applications for the 2009-2010 school year are due **Wednesday, April 15**. (Article XIII. D.1.a.) A tentative vacancy list should be available through Human Resources no later than April 6.

### Involuntary Reassignment Due Date Is May 15

*Whenever possible*, principals must announce involuntary reassignments no later than **Friday, May 15**. If you have not heard you have been reassigned by May 16 you can assume that you will remain in your current assignment. Changes that cannot be controlled by the principal such as fluctuations in enrollment and alterations in the educational program could cause reassignments later in the year. (Article XIII. C2.a.)

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