Theme:
Creativity in the Common Core: Teaching the Standards with Imagination and Joy

Keynote speaker Donalyn Miller has worked with a wide variety of upper elementary and middle school students and currently teaches fourth grade at O.A. Peterson Elementary in Fort Worth, Texas. In her popular book, The Book Whisperer, Donalyn reflects on her journey to become a reading teacher and describes how she inspires and motivates her middle school students to read 40 or more books a year. In her latest book, Reading in the Wild, Miller collects responses from 900 adult readers and uses this information to teach lifelong reading habits to her students. Miller currently facilitates the community blog, The Nerdy Book Club and co-writes a monthly column for Scholastic's Principal-to-Principal newsletter. Her articles about teaching and reading have appeared in publications such as The Reading Teacher, Educational Leadership and The Washington Post.

STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION
Theme: The Internal Fear
Number of Words 500-1,500
Submission by grade bands 4-5; 6-8; 9-12
3 finalists per level
Submission date - 10/10 by midnight
Conferees will vote conference day.

Registration opens June 1, 2014
$110 conference fee
$40 for full-time students at Kent State University, Cleveland State University, University of Akron and Youngstown State University.

Limited number of teacher conference scholarships are available, sponsored by Drs. Richard and JoAnne Vacca.

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