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Dear Readers,
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Great Valley Writing Project

It seems that no matter where I go, I find teachers involved with the National Writing Project, and I immediately feel at home. It happened again in a September trip to CA, when I had the privilege of working with the Great Valley Writing Project-in this case, a group of highly committed and experienced secondary teachers. I was asked to speak on scaffolding, and I slipped in a little TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling), as I find it so exciting.

<http://www.joanwink.com/scheditems/GVWP-092212-flyer.pdf>

<http://www.joanwink.com/scheditems/GVWP-092212doc.pdf>

<http://www.joanwink.com/scheditems/GVWP-092212ppt.pdf>

Scaffolding, TPR, and TPRS

Ron, a student from Mallorca, who is now teaching in Cambodia, created the following image for use with TPRS. His work is based on work from Susan Gross (2007).

[Read](#)

Ron and a teacher, Jamie, from Hot Springs, SD, continue to experiment with TPRS, so I suspect I will eventually be sharing their discoveries.

Love Those Libraries

Underground New York Public Library

<http://undergroundnewyorkpubliclibrary.com/>

School Libraries Create Better Readers and Achievers

"When I read about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that American society has found one more way to destroy itself."

Isaac Asimov

The budget experts who want to cut school library funding ("No students among the shelves," Sept. 11) should consider the extraordinary amount of research showing that better libraries are related to better reading achievement. The reason for this is obvious: Children become better readers by reading more, and for many children, the library is only place they have access to books. In addition, several studies confirm that the presence of a credentialed school librarian makes an independent contribution to reading achievement. We keep complaining about children's low reading achievement, and we keep preventing them from improving by closing libraries.

Stephen Krashen

Published in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Sept 12, 2102

ZooBurst Craig Kapp

ZooBurst Augmented Reality ED Pop-Up Books

Last month, I had a little overview of ZooBurst, ([Read](#)) and this month, I'd like to add a bit more information.

[Read](#)

FVR (Free Voluntary Reading)

I Know Just What You Mean: The Power of Friendship in Women's Lives

by Ellen Goodman and Patricia O'Brien

[Click Here to Order](#)

Books For Teachers

Fires in the Ashes: Twenty-Five Years Among the Poorest Children in America

by Jonathan Kozol

[Click Here to Order](#)

Welcome to the World

Dwight James (NV), Ivy Arshalouis (CA), Lilyana Isabel (CA)

New Angels

Christine (CA), Federico (CA), Betty Lou (IA), Milo (SD), George (SD), and dear Bill Jay (SD)

Notes from the Real World

When I was in CA, I discovered a single *Cereus*, a night-blooming cactus.



The very next day, I discovered a whole bunch of single night-blooming cactus at the home of our friends, Sharon and Jan.



DEWdrops: A Blog by Dawn Wink

Veins of Turquoise: Migration and Immigration

<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/tesolbeis/issues/2012-07-11/1.html>

Writing Meadowlark

<https://dawnwink.wordpress.com/2012/09/06/writing-meadowlark/>

Raven's Time

<http://www.santafenewmexican.com/lavoz/090312RavensTimeArticle>

The Nest

<https://dawnwink.wordpress.com/2012/10/11/the-nest/>

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Dawn on a video YouTube with her students.

[Watch Video](#)

Prairie Pedagogy

I am inspired by our daughter, Dawn's, honest writing in her blog. She gave me the courage to share a little bit of mine.

Black Creek

The *South Dakota Board of Geographic Names* has been assigned the task of rethinking pejorative names used in our state. The first case for the panel happened to be the name used for a creek on our ranch, and Dean, my husband, was the lone person to arrive to speak to the Panel. After this hearing, the Panel issued a public statement about the possible renaming of what they referred to as "Negro Creek." This caused a great outcry in the state, as people asked how anything could possibly be wrong with the word, "negro?" I sent the following letter to the Panel. I have no idea if they read it, but maybe you will...

[Read Black Creek](#)

Joan and Frankie, Aug 2012



As some of you know, Frankie, is my dear 3 year-old horse. And, incidentally, Frankie listens to all of my honest thoughts. He is most unusual, as he is all white, pinkish skin, and blue eyes. He is either a *perlino*, a *cremello*, or maybe a *unicorn*.

<http://www.doubledilute.com/cremeexp.htm>

-Thank you to my friend, Connie, who sent me the following quote.

The Beasts of Never (1968) Georghess McHargue,
Discovery of the Unicorn

"In the midnight forest the dark oak trees are still under the stars. The pale wildflowers in the clearing have furled their petals for the night. Suddenly he appears, a milk white creature

with the proud form of a horse. You may not notice his cloven hoofs or curling beard, but you see the curved neck, the silver mane, the graceful tail. Then he moves his head, and the moonlight runs like sea water along the pearly spiral of his horn. There is no sound, but at the next heart-beat the clearing is once again empty of all but the night."

In what follows is a recent experience I had with Frankie, 'Ol Blue Eyes.

[Read "Hey I'm a Horse"](#)

Leading Ladies Marathon and Half Marathon, August 10, 2012

<http://www.leadingladiesmarathon.com/>

With 400 other women, I ran Spearfish Canyon in the half marathon. I loved the experience as there was a large group of women runners in their 60s and 70s. I came in 2nd in my age group, but I simply could not catch that women who was 81 years-old. It was a great experience, despite the fact that I hurt my ankle; only later did I learn that I had broken my fibula (smaller bone in the leg).



August 19
Ugly tennis shoes



Today

The boot



The Leading Mare painted by Sarah Rogers for the Leading Ladies Run.



Thank you to the artist, Sarah Rogers of Sundance WY for granting permission to share her work. More of her paintings can be found at:

<http://www.sarahrogersart.com/>

Custer State Park Buffalo Round-Up
Rapid City Journal

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/th-annual-buffalo-roundup/collection_e4757bc4-d436-5ae7-90b2-b8a43264c413.html

