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Letter from the Editor

As we close out the school year, it is definitely a time to reflect. We all had successes and some challenges. The wonderful thing about teaching is that come August we get a brand new start. I hope that as you start planning for the new year, that you tap into the professional development opportunities offered by TFLA. The Summer Institute is sure to be a wonderful learning experience! We hope to see you there!

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Dear TFLA Members,

Spring is always a very busy time for teachers. We all try to wrap up the school year and we are already thinking about all the possibilities next year will bring!

State testing is taking place throughout our state and even though world language courses are not state evaluated, our teachers and their classroom instruction do support all content areas. AP and IB exams are also right around the corner for our secondary schools! We are BUSY!

During your well-deserved summer break, we hope you will take advantage of our TFLA Summer Institute at Texas State University in San Marcos, July 23-25. National presenter Laura Terrill will return to present about creating a proficiency-based learning environment at our three-day Summer Institute. Mark your calendars and register to attend this event! The Summer Institute is a great place for teachers to improve their craft, collaborate, network and share ideas with teachers from all around the state.

Of course, we will see you all at our Annual Fall Conference at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, in San Antonio, October 25-27: Performance toward Proficiency through Authentic Resources – WE CAN-DO IT! This conference already promises to be fun, interactive, informative, and another great success!

Come and learn with us this summer and fall as we continue to share our passion for world languages instruction and we inspire our students to continue on their journey of exploring languages and culture.

On behalf of the board members of the Texas Foreign Language Association, I would like to wish you all a wonderful conclusion of the 2017-18 school year and a restful summer!

Marie-Christine Douglass
TFLA President

2018 TFLA Fall Conference

October 25 - 27, 2018

Hyatt Regency—Riverwalk

San Antonio, Texas



mission: possible

Performance Toward Proficiency Through Authentic Resources

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Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, San Antonio, October 25-27, 2018

2018 TFLA Summer Institute

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Date: July 23-25, 2018

Location: Texas State University,
San Marcos, Texas
Reed-Parr Room, J.C. Kellam Building

Cost: \$156

Parking: Payment for a three-day parking pass is included in the registration, and allows parking in Lots P5 (Sessom and Peques, closest to J.C. Kellam), P9, and P14.



Conference Theme: Planning and Assessing for Learning

Day 1 - From Good to Great: Setting the Stage

- How do we create an environment for learning?
- How do we convey learning goals to our students?
- What are your **realistic** goals for innovation this year?

Day 2 - Integrated Performance Assessment: Measuring Learning

- How do we assess and provide feedback on unit goals?
- What performance summative assessment tasks will best measure the goals of the unit?

Day 3 - Lesson Design: Planning for Success

- How do we structure lessons to maximize student learning?
- How do we develop tasks for each mode of communication that prepare learners for the IPA ?

Conference Details

Packet Pick-up:

Packets may be picked up the first day of the institute on Monday, July 23, at Texas State University, Reed-Parr Room, J.C. Kellam Building. Packet pick-up will be from 7:30-8:30 am.

A link to print out the parking permit will be sent out by e-mail prior to the Institute.

Primary 2018 Summer Institute Hotel:

Wingate by Wyndham, 108 North Interstate 35,

San Marcos, TX. tel. 512-754-6621.

Special rate (ask for TFLA Summer Institute rate):

\$99 for a standard room with two queen-size beds.

Please book by June 22, 2018.

Alternate hotels:

Best Western--512-754-7557

Comfort Suites--512-392-1006

Hampton Inn--512-754-7707



TFLA Spring Workshops

This spring TFLA offered five exciting workshops! Wichita Falls, Waco, San Antonio, and Houston hosted these events. One workshop offered an overview of the proficiency methodology, while the other four addressed unit design. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for all. Thank you to the TFLA regional coordinators for presenting and thank you to all the educators that participated!

TFLA's eight regions are each represented by a regional coordinator (RC), who agrees to present at least one workshop every two years, as well as a session at the Annual Fall Conference. In order to provide professional development for the proficiency approach outlined in the new TEKS, the RCs have created a five-year plan for presentations. This year focused on unit design. Spring 2019 will be "Fostering Interpersonal Communication." TFLA's Regional Coordinators are working hard to bring TFLA high quality professional development.



TFLA Wants You!

Would you like to be more involved in leadership for your profession? Do you enjoy working with colleagues and sharing ideas? Do you enjoy the challenge of creating and organizing activities and meetings?

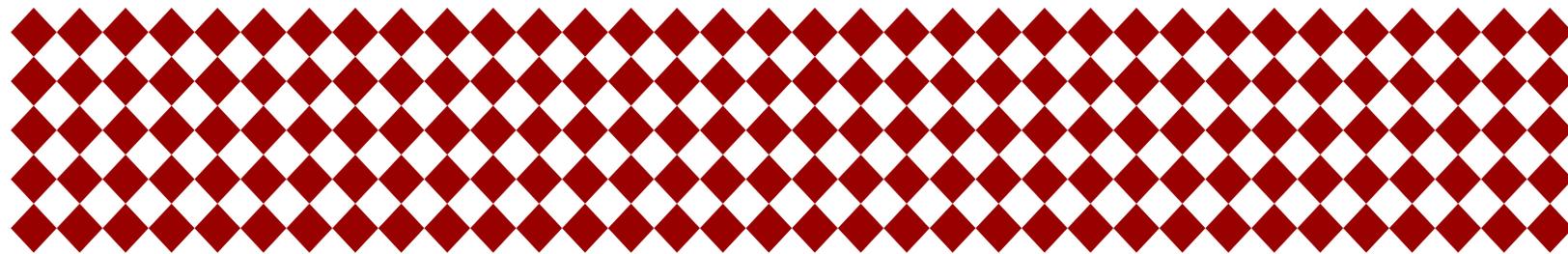
If so, consider becoming a regional coordinator for TFLA!

As part of its mission to serve the teachers of Texas, TFLA has established a network of regional coordinators to represent the teachers of each region, provide feedback about teacher needs, and help organize and direct a regional conference for local teachers within their area, so that all world language teachers can attend high-quality professional development.

There are 8 regions throughout the state. 6 of our regions are seeking regional coordinators to serve for the next two years: Big Bend (El Paso, Monahans, Alpine), Panhandle (Lubbock, Amarillo), Big Country (Wichita Falls, Arlington, Fort Worth), East Texas (Dallas, Longview), Central Texas (Austin, Waco), and South Texas (San Marcos, San Antonio).

Regional coordinators:

- serve a two year term.
- attend TFLA events.
- present at the TFLA annual conference.
- have experience presenting and speaking to a group.
- are able to use technology to share and communicate.
- help organize and direct a regional conference for local teachers least once during their term.
- are familiar with the newly adopted TEKS, ACTFL proficiency guidelines, and world readiness standards.



See Your Student's Work on the TFLA Journal Cover

We are looking for the best student art related to world language education to be the cover of our next TFLA Journal. Have your students submit their art via PDF to publications@tfla.info by **October 1, 2018**. We look forward to seeing the wonderful submissions!



Call for Journal Manuscripts

TFLA welcomes a variety of articles related to foreign language and second language acquisition. The audience of the TFLA Journal includes educators and administrators of all levels of foreign language education. Consider submitting your article related to foreign language teaching strategies or research in foreign language. Membership is not required for submission.

The following manuscript requirements should be followed for article submissions:

- **Formatting Guidelines** - Submissions must adhere to [APA](#) 6th edition guidelines.
- **Photographs** - Send photographs as separate files.
- **Language** - Articles should be written in English, but may include examples, words, and short statements written in other languages. Please include the English translation for these words.
- **Length** – Article length is limited to 5,000 words.
- **Publication** – The submission must not be published, in press, or under review anywhere else.
- **Submission** - Please submit articles electronically to publications@tfla.info

Please submit articles by **October 31, 2018** for the **Fall 2018 edition** .If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Snead, Director of Publications at publications@tfla.info.