

Touching Base: Cohort I

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Greetings. As we are wrapping up the final year of Reading First, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the hard work that you've put in these past 3 years. Teachers, coaches, and principals have all put in a tremendous amount of work and effort towards Reading First and teaching all kids to read. Thanks for all you do. We look forward to seeing your continued success!

BEAR Submission

- We'd like to thank every site for getting their BEAR data in to us in a timely manner. This is not always an easy process to navigate. If the person that submitted this data is not on this list serve, please pass along our thanks. Everyone was super to work with -- and that was greatly appreciated.

Wireless Generation

- Wireless Generation has offered Colorado Reading First schools a limited-time discount of \$13 per pupil on the mClass services (DIBELS on palm pilots), and this offer has been extended to Cohort 1 schools who may wish to continue their service or start this service. If you would like more information, there will be a webinar on June 5, 2006 at 1:00.
- RSVP to Teresa Kalber (kalber_t@cde.state.co.us) and she will forward the log-on information.

UNC Credit for Online Courses

- UNC credit will be available for the online courses soon. We are still working with UNC to finalize the syllabi, but as soon as those are approved, we will post them, along with the forms for requesting credit, on the Online Course website (<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/index.html>). Contact information will be provided in the finalized syllabi.
- To receive credit, you must complete a course project and the end-of-course assessment. Send your end-of-course assessment and project to UNC with the application form and fees (currently \$55.00 per credit). Your project will be scored by UNC and a pass/fail grade assigned for the course. Upon assignment of your grade, you can request a transcript from UNC.
- If you have already completed the end-of-course project and assessment, hang on to them. You will be able to submit them to UNC once the syllabus is posted.

CRF Information Clearinghouse

- All questions should be directed to Mariah Aldinger (aldinger_m@cde.state.co.us; 303/866-6756).

Online Courses

- The following online courses are available by clicking on these URLs:
- The Reading First Classroom: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/RFclassroom/welcome.htm>
- Phonemic Awareness: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/PhonemicAwareness/welcome.htm>
- Phonics: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/Phonics/welcome.htm>
- Fluency (Modules 1 and 2: Available by Tuesday, May 30.): <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/Fluency/welcome.htm>

Have a wonderful summer!