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ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mary Lose Co-Authors Article on Letters in Early Literacy

"As Easy as ABC? Teaching and Learning About Letters in Early Literacy," co-authored by Mary Lose, appears in the March/April 2019 issue of *The Reading Teacher*, 72(5), 599-610.

The authors, Kaye and Lose, state: "Letter learning is nuanced, complex and essential to the development of an effective literacy processing system. Forming and naming letters, rapidly differentiating between visually similar letters and recognizing their sound correspondences are foundational to becoming a reader and writer. Indeed, control over letters affects monitoring, searching and self-correcting in reading and writing."

The authors argue for (a) assessment that monitors evolving letter knowledge, (b) instruction that is focused and brief and capitalizes on students' unique strengths and ways of knowing, and (c) isolated letter work that is balanced with the use of authentic texts. Transcripts of teacher-student interactions during reading and writing and links to teacher resources illustrate how letter learning can be fostered in a variety of activity settings while ensuring student engagement and supporting literacy development."

The complete article is available to read [here](#).

Congratulations, Mary!



2019 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting

Last weekend, the American Educational Research Association (AERA) held their annual meeting in Toronto, Canada. Several SEHS faculty members presented their works and led sessions at the conference.

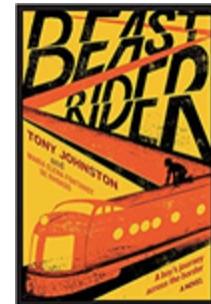
For a full list of presentations and presenters, [view the AERA flyer](#).

Congratulations to all involved!

IN THE NEWS

Weekly ERL Update

Beast Rider: A Boy's Journey Beyond the Border by Tony Johnston and Maria Elena Fontanot de Rhoads (Amulte Books, 2019) is a new young adult novel that will resonate with anyone paying attention to current news. Through Manuel's eyes, a 12-year-old boy, we learn about the difficult decisions and hazardous situations faced by those attempting to "ride the beast," a train which will take them to the U.S./Mexico Border and the possibility for life in the United States.



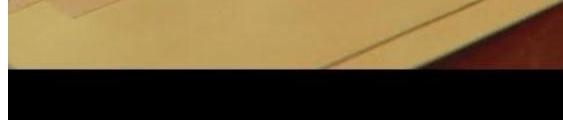
Chapters are short, and the swift-paced action carries readers along with Manuel, ever-forward, at a break-neck speed similar to that of the train that carries him. For some, the train leads to the realization of hopes and dreams. For others, it is a journey fraught with brutality and danger. For the reader, the rhythm of the tale and the train offer insight into the shared experience of the migrant travelers.

For reviews and more information about this book, check out the entries in [Children's Literature Comprehensive Database \(CLCD\)](#), accessible via the [ERL homepage](#). Just type in the title.

Robert Fink Appears on Grand Rapids TV Station to Discuss Late Telegram

Counseling Professor Robert Fink recently made international news headlines after receiving a telegram that was sent to him 50 years ago to congratulate him on his graduation from the University of Michigan. Last week, the story was featured on Grand Rapids' WZZM TV during their nightly news broadcast. The segment can be watched in full below:





UPCOMING EVENTS

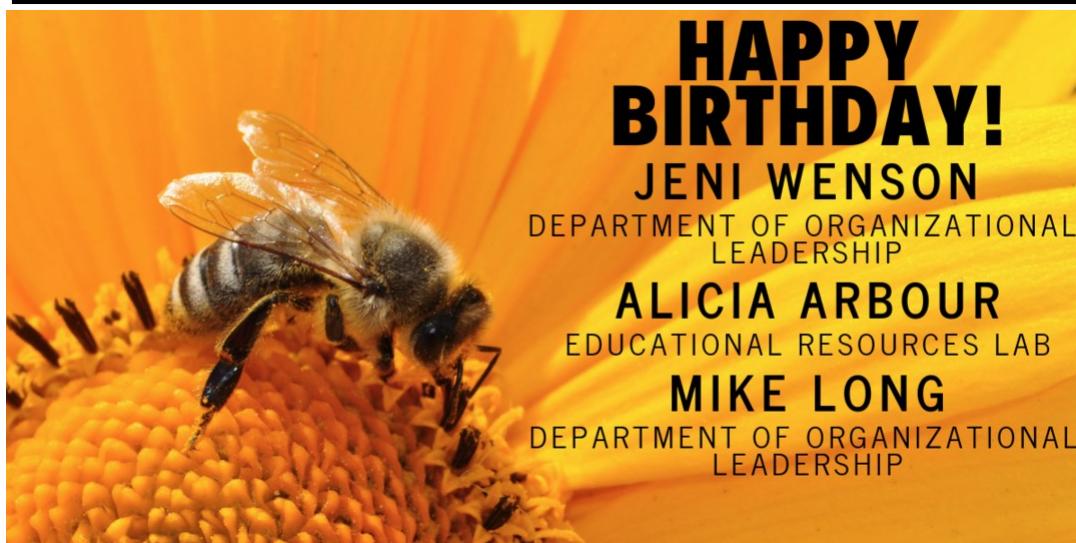
ERL's "Food for Fines" Canned Drive — April 11–24

The "Food for Fines" canned food drive will start on April 11 and run through April 24. Students with overdue fines will have \$1 forgiven for each non-perishable food or toiletry item they donate. We are also welcoming donations for those without any fines! Students, faculty and staff can drop off donations at both the ERL and Kresge Library. All items collected will be donated to the Golden Grizzlies' Food Pantry in Room 49G of the Oakland Center.

The Food Pantry says that the following types of items are the most desired:

- Microwavable meals (soups, mac and cheese, etc.)
- Spices
- Condiments
- Breakfast items
- Toiletries (toothbrushes, full-size toothpaste, etc.)

BIRTHDAYS



If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact [Trevor Tyle](#).

ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

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being submitted. Please put “SEHS Bulletin” in the subject line and email your information to:
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