

## **Center for Applied Second Language Studies (CASLS) InterCom Service**

InterCom is short for "intercultural communications." CASLS developed InterCom with the idea of providing a service for educators seeking specific information on certain areas/topics. After specifying the type of information being sought, InterCom searches its database on a weekly basis and sends only new information related to the initial request(s). [Click here to learn more about Intercom.](#)

## **Becoming Bilingual**

Acclaimed actress Rita Moreno hosts *Becoming Bilingual*, a wonderful 30-minute PBS program that examines the challenges of teaching children to read in a new language. This show visits schools and programs in six cities across the country to learn about the different ways schools are working to create bilingual readers. [Click here to listen to \*Becoming Bilingual\* online.](#)

## **National Online Early Language Learning Assessment (NOELLA)**

The Center for Applied Second Language Studies is currently conducting pilot NOELLA assessments in Spanish, Chinese, French and Japanese for grades 3 to 6 in volunteering schools. There will be a second pilot session in the spring of 2007. [Click here to learn more about \*volunteering for NOELLA's spring 2007 pilot.\*](#)

## **International Education**

The Goldman Sachs Foundation Elementary/Middle School Prize will recognize an elementary or middle school that engages all or most of its students in learning about other world regions, cultures, and languages. The deadline is January 12, 2007. [Click here to learn more about the \*Goldman Sachs Foundation Awards for International Education.\*](#)

## **Reminder! Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program**

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program provides U.S. primary and secondary school teachers and administrators with the opportunity to participate in three-week study visits to Japan and to return home with a follow-on plan designed to introduce Japanese culture to American students. Next year, up to 400 teachers and administrators, including participants from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, will be selected to participate in the JFMF program. The JFMF Program features an orientation to Japan followed by visits to primary and secondary schools, teacher training colleges, cultural sites, and industrial facilities.

## **NELL at ACTFL's Convention, November 16-19 2006**

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages is quickly approaching. Here is a list of NELL Sessions:

Thurs. 11/16 NELL Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 pm-6:00 pm

Fri. 11/17 NELL Regional Representatives Meeting: 10:45 am-12:00 pm

Fri. 11/17 Why Do Animals Migrate? A Thematic Unit: 1:45 pm-3:00 pm

Sat. 11/18 NELL Swap Shop Breakfast: 7:30 am-9:30 am

Sat. 11/18 NELL Annual Business Meeting & State Reps Networking Session: 5:45 pm-7:00 pm

Sun. 11/19 NELL Board of Directors Meeting: 8:00 am-11:00 am

**Join NELL!**

NELL needs your support to further early language learning advocacy efforts. [Become a member](#) today!

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