

Heller to lead *Kappan*



Rafael Heller

A new team of editors will take the helm at *Kappan*, effective with the March issue of the magazine.

Rafael Heller, who has been managing editor/content, becomes *Kappan*'s newest editor-in-chief, and Teresa Preston replaces him as managing editor. Carol Bucheri remains at *Kappan* as managing editor/design and production.

Heller follows Joan Richardson, who had been *Kappan*'s editor-in-chief since 2008. Richardson remains with PDK and moves into a new position as director of the annual PDK Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools.

"PDK members are incredibly lucky to have had 10 years of Joan's extraordinary leadership at *Kappan*, and they're equally lucky to see the magazine pass into such capable hands. Rafael and Teresa each bring with them a great blend of practical experience, talent, creativity, and a passion for K-12 education. I'm excited to have them both on board and look forward to outstanding work from them for years to come," said Joshua P. Starr, CEO of PDK International.

Heller, a longtime educator, researcher, and writer based in Washington, D.C., joined the *Kappan* staff in December 2016. Previously, he had been principal policy analyst at Jobs for the Future. He is coeditor of *Rethinking Readiness: Deeper*

Learning for College, Work, and Life (Harvard Education Press, 2017).

Heller has a bachelor's degree in English from Oberlin College, a master's degree in teaching and curriculum from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a Ph.D. in English and education from the University of Michigan.

He becomes the publication's editor as the magazine prepares to celebrate its 100th year of publication in 2018. Among Heller's early plans for the magazine is a significant expansion of kappanonline.org, a change that readers can expect to see in the next several months.

Preston comes to PDK from the Association for Talent Development, where she had been managing editor for *TD at Work* and, earlier, managing editor for *The Public Manager*. Previously, she had been associate editor for *Educational Leadership* for 10 years and before that an editor for the *Music Educators Journal*, which is published by the National Association for Music Education, for several years. She has a bachelor's degree in English from the College of William and Mary. Since 2008, Preston has been blogging regularly about books at <http://shelflove.wordpress.com>



Teresa Preston



Join the PDK book club!

The March selection for the PDK Book Club is *Reach for Greatness: Personalizable Learning for All Children* by Yong Zhao (Corwin, 2018).

Zhao, who is foundation distinguished professor of education at the University of Kansas, has written numerous books and articles about globalization and learning, creativity, and educational reforms. His newest book explores how school leaders can translate big ideas about personalizing education into practice.

For an annual fee of \$39, PDK Book Club members receive three specially selected books published by Corwin Press. Books are mailed in March, July, and November.

To receive the March selection, you must join the book club by Feb. 28.

Join at: <http://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/book-club>

PDK Calendar

- Feb. 1:** Registration opens for the 2018 Educators Rising National Conference in Orlando, Fla.
- February:** Applications available now for PDK scholarships. pdkintl.org/scholarships
- March 1:** Deadline to apply to be a judge at the Educators Rising National Conference in June. bit.ly/EdRisingJudges
- March 15:** Deadline to register for PDK trip to Panama. pdkintl.org/Panama
- April 2:** Deadline to apply for PDK scholarships. pdkintl.org/scholarships
- April 2:** Deadline for having your donation to PLT Student Support Scholarship Program matched by an anonymous donor. pdkintl.org/donate

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Have you ever wanted to see the Panama Canal, visit an indigenous village, or work with scientists at a tropical research center? This summer, PDK will be traveling through Panama while learning about the country's unique history, agriculture, and ecosystem.

Travelers will depart the U.S. on July 13 and return July 21. The cost for the nine-day trip varies depending on the traveler's departure city, but all PDK members who register will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to subsidize travel expenses. As a PDK member, if you bring a friend, you'll receive an additional \$100 scholarship, and your travel companion will receive a \$900 scholarship plus a one-year digital PDK membership (which includes a subscription to *Kappan* magazine).

This is a unique opportunity to blend a once-in-a-lifetime travel experience with professional development alongside colleagues from around the country. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity and join us.

The deadline for registration is March 15, 2018.

Full details about the trip, including an itinerary and information about how to enroll, are available at www.pdkintl.org/Panama or by calling 571-335-0083.