



Weekly Newsletter October 17, 2005

GK-12 Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, **October 18th at 4:00 pm** in the technology lab of the Watson School of Education (room 337). Dr. Mahnaz Moallem will host a distance conference with a team of teachers in New Zealand who are interested in forming a potential partnership to implement problem-based learning. During this initial conference we will share our middle school science curriculum. We will also be using a new technology for distance conferences called Wimba.



Daily Science News

If you have been looking for some interesting reading material for your science classrooms, you might want to check out **Science Daily**, an online news magazine: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/>

Many of the articles can be read easily by middle school students. The site also features daily science news video clips. Hey, have you heard about the new dinosaur discovered in Argentina?



Tips for Fellows

Although we hate to see them leave, the Fellows will eventually graduate and join the workforce. For some timely tips that might help with pursuing a career in science, check out these websites:

<http://www.phds.org/>
<http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/>
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?org=NSF&fund_type=2

Activities Catalog

The activities catalog (1st edition) is completed and will be made available to current Fellows and Teachers this week. Once the catalog is uploaded to the website, a link will be created for each activity, at which point a 2nd edition of the catalog (including the links) will be produced.

Fellow's "S.C.O.R.E." Posters

The current Fellows have created posters featuring themselves as scientists. Print out a copy and post it in your classroom to inspire students to follow a path that may lead them to a career in science!

Celebrate Science Literacy

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) **Science Literacy Project**. With anti-evolution advocates trying to insert "intelligent design" into science classrooms, a program aimed at improving science literacy and setting standards is now more important than ever. The science literacy project is part of **Project 2061** a long-term initiative to advance literacy in science, mathematics & technology.

www.project2061.org/default.htm