



Weekly Newsletter November 15, 2005

GK-12 Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting for November will be held on the 15th at Williston Middle School from 4:15 until 5:45 pm. Topics to be covered include an update on the problems-based learning project with New Zealand, a report on the 2005 NCSTA Professional Development Workshop, the promotion of science fair participation and a swap session on classroom activities and outcomes.



Congratulations!

Mr. William J. Kawczynski, assistant director of the Science and Mathematics Education Center at UNCW, was awarded a “**Distinguished Service Award in Administration and Supervision**” at the 2005 NCSTA meeting. Not only does Bill help to provide teachers with the finest professional development in Southeastern North Carolina, but he also coordinates the Regional Science Fair, offers technical support for the regional Science Olympiad competition, and supervises the Technology Loan Program, including Star Lab, for the Science and Mathematics Education Center at UNCW. Bill is also a current board member of the North Carolina Science Leadership Association working with the NCSLA Leadership Fellows program. GK-12 would like to thank the Bill for all the support he has provided to our Teachers and Fellows over the past three and a half years.

GK-12 Website News

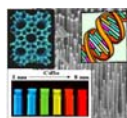
There have been several updates to the website. Our current “Meet a Scientist” is **Dr. Sridhar Varadarajan** from the department of Chemistry, and his poster is available on the S.C.O.R.E. page. The literature database has been updated and reformatted for easier reading. A new item on the homepage is the **F4** Column which features **Fun & Fascinating Faculty Feedback** from UNCW scientists. Our first columnist is **Dr. Jack Hall** from the department of Environmental Studies. He tackles the subject of global warming, climate change and wild weather! Check it out at: http://www.uncw.edu/smec/gk_fellows/index.htm

It's a Nano World

At the 2005 NCSTA Professional Development Institute **Dr. Dennis Kubasko**, Assistant Professor of Secondary Science for the Watson School of Education was among the presenters of a workshop on nanotechnology. Participants had the opportunity to explore activities related to scale, forensics, and technology. The presenters have provided these activities and more to all teachers interested in exploring nanotechnology in their classrooms:

<http://ced.ncsu.edu/nanoscale/index.htm>

<http://people.uncw.edu/kubaskod/>



Don't let the Flu spoil your Thanksgiving *read these articles on turkeys and the flu*

<http://www.thespoof.com/news/spoof.cfm?headline=s5i9632>

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/news/story/0,6260,1126054,00.html>

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20051106/hl_afp/healthfluusfood

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