



Weekly Newsletter

February 26, 2004

GIS Workshop

Thanks to everyone who participated in last week's workshops: Williston Middle School for allowing us to use their facilities; Beth and Barbara for sharing with us how they use ARG World in the classroom; Dr. Halls and Courtney for leading the workshop and creating the activities; and all the Teachers and Fellows who worked through the activities.

Next GIS Workshops:

Monday March 29th
4:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday April 3rd
8:30-11:30 a.m.

NSF Meeting in D.C.

Dr. Harris, Mrs. Shafer, Janice Nartowicz and Jeff Marshall will be attending the annual GK-12 meeting at the National Science Foundation in D.C. during spring break. They will be sharing information about our program and learning how other programs work.

Curriculum Update

Next year the new science curriculum will begin phasing into your classrooms. Grade 7 will be taking on Forces and Motion. The latest edition of the NSTA magazine Science & Children is devoted to this topic (March 2004, Vol. 41, No. 6).

Leap Year

Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November.
All the rest have thirty-one
Save February; she alone
Hath eight days and a score
Til leap year gives her
one day more.

Sunday is February 29th and you know what that means – leap year, but do you know why we have leap year or who “invented” it? Check out the websites below.

Math & Science Week

Join the nation in celebrating Excellence in Science, Technology and Mathematics Education Week, March 15th-20th. Check out the website below for lots of interesting activities and information.

Interesting Links:

Leap year

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/MathScienceCIOLeapYearDayWebsite48.htm>

<http://www.onlineconversion.com/leapyear.htm>

New 7th grade science curriculum

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/science/standard/068grade7.pdf>

Excellence in science, technology and mathematics education week

<http://www.estme.org>