

## GK-12 Weekly Newsletter

### January 16, 2004

Hope you all had a good break and are ready to dive into another fun semester of science!!!

- An update of fellows:
  - Unfortunately, Meghan's research cruise was cancelled. She will be joining Barbara at Trask starting next week.
  - Joseph has left graduate school, and consequently the GK-12 program to start a new job.
- The fellows' weekly meeting has changed to Tuesdays at 4pm.
- Congratulations to Janice Nartowicz for earning her Masters in Science Education!
- Sue is trying to organize her schedule so [please give her your days in the classroom and a set planning period time](#). Thank you!
- The fellows have developed research-based activities for your classrooms that will help the students to better understand them as scientist. These activities may be presented as introductory lessons, or saved for later in the semester when they make a better fit with one of the goals. All schools are welcome to try any of the lessons, even if they are not associated with your fellow. Have some fun!
- We have purchased a fantastic video titled "20 Chemistry Demos Guaranteed to Knock Your Socks Off!!!" and accompanying the manual. The fellows will be using it to develop their own chemistry show.
- The literature database submission form has been placed on our website, currently under Teacher Feature. We are still working on having the database itself loaded on the website. [Please keep those book entries coming!](#)
- The website has also been updated a new "Meet a Scientist", "Read a Good Book", and "Surf a Cool Site" links. [Check it out with your class!](#) Also, demonstrate the "Ask-a-Scientist" link and encourage your students to submit questions - but not about science fair projects or homework!
- The monthly meeting for January will be on Monday, Jan. 26 at 4:15pm in DeLoach 105 (where the summer workshops were).
  - Dr. Frankel will meet with everyone (teachers and fellows) for a formative assessment.
  - GIS workshops will be discussed and dates will be determined.

- A coastal geology workshop will be offered for teacher participation and discussed at this meeting. [Please fill out the following survey and return it to Karen Shafer:](#)

**SPRING 2004 GIS WORKSHOPS**

Teachers, we are looking at ways to improve the two GIS workshops to be offered this spring. We would also like to complete the GIS training by the middle March as schedules become much busier later during the school year. Dr. Halls has suggested that we could either have two Saturday workshops (as last fall), evening workshops or some combination. As each workshop must meet for six hours in order for you to receive renewal credit, an evening workshop would probably have to occur over two nights, say 3:45-6:45 or 4:00-7:00. Dr. Halls has indicated that Thursday evenings are open in her schedule but other evening may be available. We will take comments and determine what fits all schedules the best. We also plan to hold the GIS workshops in a technology classroom at one of the middle schools and involve teachers and Fellows who have made use of ARGWorld in their classroom.

**Please send an e-mail to [shaferk@uncw.edu](mailto:shaferk@uncw.edu) with your preferences and availability by Tuesday, January 20. NEXT TO EACH DATE** please indicate either A (available), AP (available and preferred) or N (not available). **THANK YOU!**

- Thursday, January 29 \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, January 31 \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday, February 5, \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, February 7, \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday, February 12, \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, February 14, \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday, February 19, \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, February 21, \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday, February 26, \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, February 28, \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday, March 4, \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, March 13, \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday, March 18, \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, March 20, \_\_\_\_\_

- The regional science fair will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Fellows will help judge at this event. Fellows can judge at their school-wide fair, however they will not be able to judge at the County science fair.
- Also, science Olympiad is March 20<sup>th</sup> at UNCW and the fellows will help out with this if they choose to be involved. Maybe you can get your fellow to arrange a tour of their lab for your school's team.
- AC will be out on medical leave until the week of Feb. 16.