



Weekly Newsletter

March 18, 2004

National News

Dr. Harris, Mrs. Shafer, Janice Nartowicz and Jeff Marshall returned from the NSF meeting in D.C. full of information to share. They gained a new appreciation for the variety of projects that are being conducted at other institutions as part of GK-12. The good news is that we are doing a terrific job! They will be sharing information concerning the meeting at our next GIS workshop.

GIS Workshop

Our next workshop will be held on Monday, March 29th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Williston Middle School. Please remember to bring your binders for inserts.

Science Olympiad

Don't forget that this Saturday, March 20th is the regional competition at UNCW. We hope to see all of our middle schools represented. Tell your students to look for some of our Fellows who will be helping with Olympiad.

Science Fair

The regional Science Fair will be held at UNCW on Saturday, March 27th. The Fellows will be judging again this year. If possible, please wear a dark shirt, navy if possible, khaki pants and don't forget your GK-12 name badges. Check your emails for the meeting time and location from Bill Kawczynski.

Ask A Scientist

The questions have started pouring in from the schools. We will try to answer them promptly. Sometimes the answers may simply be directions to a website where the students can find the information for themselves.

Go Fly A Kite

Ever fly a tetrahedron? If not, this may be the month to try! Check out the March 2004 issue of Science Scope for a fun and scientific kite flying activity.

Student Corner Update

The student corner of our webpage will be updated by next week.

URLs:

The following websites contain wonderful activities that will introduce your students to tiny microscopic critters called Tardigrades, otherwise known as Water Bears or Moss Bears. You can find them living in lichens and mosses and they can be used as bio-indicators of air pollution.

<http://www.kancrn.org/so2/>

<http://tardigrade.acnatsci.org/index.html>

<http://pathfinderscience.net/tardigrades/cbackground.cfm>