



## Weekly Newsletter

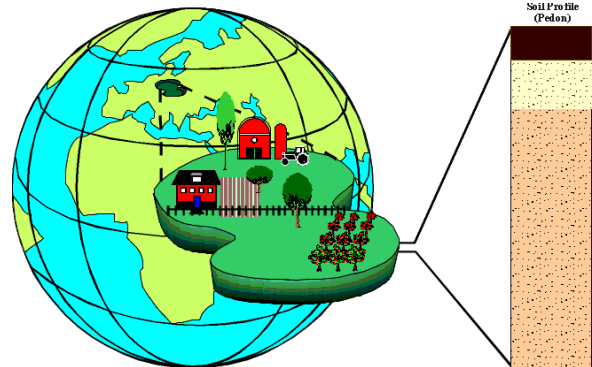
October 1, 2004

### Don't Forget the Monthly Meeting

The next monthly GK-12 meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in De Loach Hall at 4:45 pm. We will discuss plans for the NCSTA meeting in November. Some teachers have expressed an interest in sharing activities that they have successfully used or are planning to use in their classrooms. Please feel free to share!

### Re-inventing the Wheel

Fellows should be posting the activities that they are using in the classroom on the Sammy server. Most of you are working on the same concepts, so sharing these activities would benefit everyone.



### Sally Ride Science Festival

The festival will be held this Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-4:30 on the campus of N.C. State University. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Sally Ride. The festival's focus is to interest 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls in science.

### Fall Break

UNCW will be on fall break October 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, New Hanover County Schools do not have a fall break. Fellows, please inform your teacher if you will miss any days.

### Soil Connections with Nutrient Cycles and Energy

Nitrogen fixating bacteria and soil fertility

<http://www.scienceteacher.org/k12resources/lessons/lessonK29.htm>

Composting and soil enrichment

<http://www.uen.org/Lessonplan/preview.cgi?LPid=2233>

Soil fertility and the food web

<http://interactive.usask.ca/ski/agriculture/soils/soilliv/index.html>

The Dirt Merchants research project

<http://www.bhs.bboed.org/curricul/science/environment/>