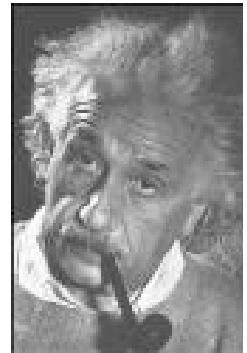




Weekly Newsletter January 6, 2005

Welcome to the New Year, 2005!

Besides being the Year of the Rooster in the Chinese calendar, 2005 has also been declared the **International Year of Physics** by the United Nations. One hundred years ago Einstein published three of his most famous papers concerning relativity. Fifty years ago Einstein died. Celebrate his many accomplishments, along with those of other famous physicists, by checking out **Einstein in the 21st Century** at the World Year of Physics 2005 website: <http://www.physics2005.org/>. You might also consider signing your students up to participate in the 2005 PhysicsQuest learning adventure to find out more about Einstein <http://www.physics2005.org/events/physicsquest/index.html>. Designed to encourage middle school students to tackle the scientific mysteries that surround them, this mystery is based on Einstein's will and puzzles that can only be solved by performing five experiments. What a way to celebrate the New Year!



GK-12 Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday the GK-12 Teachers met on campus to welcome two new teachers to the project. Barbara Hodges will be joining us at Trask and Leah Barnello will be joining us at Murray. Please extend a warm welcome to Barbara and Leah. Everyone will have a chance to meet them at next month's meeting which will take place on **Tuesday, February 1st at 4:30 p.m. in De Loach Hall 105.**

Star Lab Planetarium

The Star Lab planetarium is available to the GK-12 project from now until February 18th of this year. If you would like to reserve it for your school, please contact Dr. Kezios or Mr. Kawczynski ASAP. It is currently reserved on these dates:

Murray	January 18 th -21 st
Myrtle Grove	January 31 st -February 4 th
Noble	February 9 th -11 th
Roland Grise	February 16 th -18 th

Science Fair Judges Needed

Science fairs take place this month and our middle schools need judges. If you are available to judge, please let Dr. Kezios know ASAP. It would really help if each fellow could get two other graduate students to judge. These are the dates we have so far:

Virgo & Noble	January 25 th
Roland Grise	January 18 th -19 th
Myrtle Grove	*no fair this year