

Stanislaus County Office of Education April 2008 Math and Science Newsletter

Stanislaus County Elementary Science Fair

Registration is now being accepted

online for this years County Science Fair for students in grades K-8. Registration is free, but all projects must be registered by the deadline of May 5, 2008 in order to be entered into the judging. Just go to the county web site at www.stancoe.org Click on the link at the top of the page called “**programs**” and then click on the link for “**science fair**”. You can then open up the *science fair registration* and begin entering in the information for your school and projects. Make sure to indicate the grade level for each project. In addition, for individual or small group projects, please enter in the names of the students. The science fair will be held the week of May 12-16, 2008 at the Salida Regional Library, located just off highway 99 in Salida. There is space for plenty of free parking, and it is easy to access from all parts of the county. **You can drop off science fair projects that have been registered on Monday, May 12 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Salida Regional Library. You must pre-register your school science fair projects before the deadline of May 5th.** All student projects will earn a ribbon, and the top student projects will earn a gold medal for science achievement.

For additional information about the science fair, contact Rick Bartkowski, Director of Math and Science, at rbartkowski@stancoe.org or contact Tricia Dunlap, our science consultant, at tdunlap@stancoe.org

FREE Saturday Math Conference

The Central California Math Project at

California State University Stanislaus (CSUS) is hosting a **one day math workshop** for interested teachers on **Saturday, April 19th, 2008 from 9:00 – 2:30 p.m.** This year’s theme is “Mathematical Moments”. The **conference is FREE for those who register by April 4th, 2008.** After that day, registration will cost \$ 30 dollars. Breakfast and lunch will be included in the day. You can register at <http://csmp.ucop.edu/cmp/region6/calendar>
For additional information, contact Diane McFarlin in the math grants department at dmcfar3886@aol.com.

California Subject Matter Projects conference

You are invited to attend the

2008 Educators Faire sponsored by the seven region Subject Matters Projects **on Saturday, April 12, 2008** at the San Joaquin County Office of Education. **The conference will be held from 8:30 – 1:00 p.m. and the cost is an amazing low price of only \$ 15 dollars.** Student teachers and teacher interns can attend FREE. There will be individual workshop sessions designed for a variety of content areas and grade spans. Some of these sessions will include: Strategies for Academic Success in English (grades 4-12); Differentiated Instruction strategies (grades K-8); a field trip to Sacramento to see resources for hands on science; Math games for grades 6-8; Mural Making for grades 9-12; Writing Fluidly (grades 3-12); and many others. I would encourage you to go to this web site to register. <http://csmp.ucop.edu/cmp/region6/> The deadline for registration is April 9, 2008. There will be free food, prizes, vendor displays, and information available from the Subject Matter Booths. The location of the Educators Faire is the San Joaquin County Office of Education located at 2707 Transworld Drive, just off Highway 99 near Arch Road in Stockton.

School Garden Workshop

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008, from 3:45 – 8:00 p.m. at the Modesto Junior College campus. During this workshop, participants will learn about the School Garden Network, how to find grants, organic gardening, composting, and crafts in the garden. The **\$ 25 dollar** registration fee covers educational materials, raffle prizes, dinner and refreshments. If you are interested in attending, contact Don Borges at 209-575-6449 at the MJC Agriculture Department. **Registration deadline is April 18, 2008.** This is also an excellent workshop for after school coordinators.

MAPS news (Modesto Area Partners in Science)

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 18th, 2008 for an evening with Jerold Lowenstein, on the topic **“Resurrecting Extinct Species”**. Jerold is a pioneer in the study of ancient molecules. He will discuss how new knowledge of ancient molecules is increasing the possibility that extinct species such as the mammoth might be restored to life on Earth. This is part of the free lecture series sponsored by the Modesto Area Partners in Science. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in Forum 110 on the Modesto Junior College East campus. For more information, visit their web site at <http://virtual.yosemite.cc.ca.us/MAPS/>

River of Words (ROW)

River of Words is a nature based science, art, and poetry program created to promote watershed awareness, literacy, and the arts. This workshop will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.** here at the Stanislaus County Office of Education. **Participants must register by April 25th and the cost is only \$ 25 dollars.** The registration fee covers lunch, materials, and instruction. This workshop is designed for **educators in grades K-12** and will provide ideas and inspiration for integrating natural exploration and the arts into core subject areas like science, math, social studies, and language arts. It is also a great workshop for after school coordinators looking for enrichment activities for their students. To register, go to the calendar page at www.creec.org/region6 or contact Anna Marie Facha at 209-238-1315 here at the county office.

Saturday Math Courses at CSUS

California State University at Stanislaus (CSUS) is offering a series of Saturday math courses for teachers. **The sessions are from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and include lunch.** Cost of the sessions is only \$ 30 dollars / session or \$ 300 for the entire series. Professional development units are also available at \$ 65 dollars per unit. **You may also combine your attendance at the Saturday math series with attendance at math workshops sponsored and hosted by SCOE in order to total up your 15 hours.** For more information or to sign up, visit their web site at <http://csmc.ucop.edu/cmp/region6/calendar/index.php> Or contact Rita Glynn in the math grants department at CSUS (667 – 3780).

- Saturday, April 12th 2008 **“Reviewing Tips for Upcoming Tests”**
for teachers in grades 5-9 with instructor Amy Chavkin
- Saturday, April 12th 2008 **“Literature and Mathematics Part 1”**
for teachers in grades 1-3 with instructor Judy Lewis
- Saturday, April 26th 2008 **“Literature and Mathematics Part 2”**
for teachers in grades 1-3 with instructor Judy Lewis