WELCOME BACK!

GK-12 Summer Workshop Participants

Welcome Back to Spring 2007! I hope that this newsletter finds each of you refreshed and ready to end this year on a high note. The fall semester was new for all of us but I am happy to report that in my opinion for the first run at making this program a success – WE DID GREAT! Yes, are there still issues and problems that arise that need to be fixed? Absolutely! But if we continue to work together and keep open our lines of communication I know that we will be acclaimed as one of the best GK-12 Programs in the NATION! As always, thank you for your continued work, effort, and support as we help one another make science and mathematics a reality for our students.

Best wishes for an awesome semester,

Florence Holland
GK-12 Project Coordinator

SPRING SEMESTER FOCUS

This spring we will primarily be focusing on evaluation. We will need to be sure that we accurately evaluate the program thus far so that improvements can be made as necessary as well as so we can document the wonderful successes the GK-12 Fellows and Teachers have had this semester. So things to come this semester?

STUDENT SURVEYS – We will be conducting pre- and post-student surveys in the various GK-12 classrooms. Ideally, we will also be able to conduct surveys with one additional classroom that is not being served by the GK-12 Teacher or Fellow. We will start with our very own classrooms this January with the pre-student surveys. The initial surveys will be conducted in Lee County until Macon County officials are notified. Permission has been granted from the Lee County Superintendent along with notification to all Lee County principals. The GK-12 Fellows will be responsible for the onsite administration of the surveys.

TEACHER SURVEYS – ALL GK-12 Teachers will be asked complete their post-survey towards the end of the semester. This will be a follow-up to the previous survey submitted by GK-12 teachers.

FELLOW OBSERVATIONS – This semester formal observations will be conducted of each fellow in their classroom. An onsite visit will be conducted by the GK-12 coordinator. A schedule of visitations will be forwarded once GK-12 Fellows submit their spring semester schedules.
Still have that one nagging question, “What am I supposed to be doing?”

**IMPORTANT: REMEMBER GK-12 Fellows are supposed to have primary focus with ONE to TWO groups/classes of students ONLY! The GK-12 Fellows should not be assisting every class of the GK-12 Teacher for research purposes.**

**GK-12 Teacher Responsibilities**

1. Commit to serving as mentor to a GK-12 Fellow,
2. Facilitate on-site assessments of GK-12 Fellows by project GK-12 PIs and senior personnel,
3. Prepare and submit reports evaluating the impact of the assigned GK-12 Fellow on instruction, student aptitude and performance, and student attitudes at the end of each term,
4. Maintain (along with the GK-12 Fellow) accurate bi-weekly timesheets, and
5. Attend summer professional development activities designed to enhance their understanding of mathematics and science concepts.

**GK-12 Fellow Responsibilities**

1. Provide direct assistance in mathematics and science classrooms, after-school tutoring, local school Drop-In Centers, and enrichment programs,
2. Serve as a resource person for the assigned GK-12 Teacher,
3. Assist in laboratories,
4. Develop curriculum modules,
5. Design academic activities and provide demonstrations,
6. Work one-on-one with students,
7. Assist in occasionally explaining difficult concepts to students,
8. Spend 10 and 5 hours per week at school and on preparation, respectively,
9. Assist at least once a term with the Saturday Academy on campus,
10. Serve as important role models to the students,
11. Keep an updated journal highlighting daily activities and experiences,
12. Meet every other week with the Project Coordinator during the academic year to analyze and evaluate problems and issues that develop in the classroom based on Fellows’ experiences and feedback from GK-12 Teachers, and
13. Meet with GK-12 Faculty (i.e., usually the Fellow’s Research Advisor) every other week during the academic year.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1) **PAYMENTS** – *(GK-12 Teachers)*: All teachers should have received consultation payments for the fall 2006 semester. If you have NOT, please contact the project coordinator, Dr. Florence Holland by phone or email.

2) **SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULES** – *(GK-12 Fellows & Teachers)*: Please be sure to forward the times and days the GK-12 Fellow reports to the school. These times will be used in order to schedule observations.

3) **GK-12 WEBSITE** – Please continue to look at our website for information. This website is linked to the National Science Foundation’s site for all GK-12 Programs in the United States. [http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/odma/gk12.html](http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/odma/gk12.html)

4) **COMING SOON! Mark your Calendars**
   - *Saturday Science in Motion Workshop for Science Teachers*
   - *End of the Year GK-12 Conference*
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