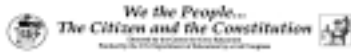


We the People Pennsylvania

The One Pager Newsletter



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Reminders:

- December 1 Deadline for We the People Competition Rosters.
- Contact Melissa Bell if you need overnight accommodations for the March 3 competition at the National Constitution Center.
- Project Citizen Agreements and Action Plans are Due for those District Coordinators who did not submit them yet..
- Project Citizen Fall Stipends were invoiced on 11/16/04. You should receive the stipend sometime in December.

Training News:

- James Doyle reports that the 7th Congressional District Teachers Gathering at the Penn State-Delaware County Campus was a success for his district and that his table awareness presence was productive.
- Dave Morris and William Simmons reported a successful study group presentation in their districts as well. Two more are planned. See the Professional Development Flyer enclosed for details of past and upcoming events. Should you have teachers interested in attending any of them, please contact the coordinators planning the event.

DECEMBER 1, 2004 DEADLINE FOR CLASS ENTRIES IN COMPETITION

The deadline to get your class rosters in for the We the People State Competition is December 1, 2004. Send completed rosters to Myron Yoder. A copy of the Roster form that needs to be filled out is enclosed with this newsletter.

The top six teams will compete at the National Constitution Center on March 3, 2005. Regional judging will take place sometime between December and January. David Trevaskis, State Competition Coordinator, will schedule the state-wide judging to select the top six teams. He will also coordinate the state competition in March as well as the Project Citizen Competition.



Pennsylvania Delegation at the Project Citizen Conference in St. Louis

All district coordinators are invited to attend the competition at the National Constitution Center and those attending will be enlisted (drafted) depending upon your frame of reference, to assist in the operations of the competition. Should you need overnight accommodations please inform Melissa Bell who will be coordinating the rooming and travel with CTA.

So far, only two rosters have been submitted. It is vital that we get the rosters on time since judging needs to be scheduled and completed by mid-January.

PROJECT CITIZEN COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5-12 AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER.



David Trevaskis presents the 2004 State Competition Trophy and awards to Ritter Elementary School in Allentown. Mayor Roy Afflerbach was in attendance as well.

The State Competition for Project Citizen will take place May 5-12, 2005 at the National Constitution Center. You will need to make arrangements for the competing portfolios to be sent to Stephanie McKissic at the National Constitution Center and they need to arrive by May 4, 2005.

The 2004 winning class from Ritter Elementary in Allentown was invited to present their Project Citizen portfolio to the Second Annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education in Washington DC on December 5, 2004. We wish them the best representing Pennsylvania at this national conference.

PROJECT CITIZEN SUMMER INSTITUTES ANNOUNCED

The Center for Civic Education has announced the dates for their summer institutes for next year. Applications should be available online sometime in January. Rita DeSousa announced the dates by email to the coordinators. Below is a copy of her correspondence for your review. This is a great opportunity for your teachers to gain greater depth into the program elements and implementation. Pass on the information now so that they can pencil it into their calendars. The We the People Institutes should be announced shortly.

Dear Coordinator,

Hope all is well with you. Below is information that you will need in order to recruit applicants for the 2005 **Project Citizen** Professional Development Institutes in your region. This information will be put on the Center for Civic Education website by the end of the week. You will receive a set of applications by the end of January that we hope you will distribute at any outreach that you do. Now would be a good time to think about those in your state/district that you would like to recruit for an institute.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Once again, thanks for the great job that you do to ensure the success of **Project Citizen!** :-)

Rita Anne

Western Region Institute

Date: July 9-15, 2005 Location: Boise State University, Boise, Idaho

Mountains/Plains Region Institute

Date: July 6-13, 2005 Location: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Central Region Institute

Date: July 8-13, 2005 Location: Chattanooga State University, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Director: Patsy Shields, State Coordinator, **We the People: Project Citizen**

Southeastern Region Institute

Date: July 15-22, 2005 Location: Florida State University and Florida Department of Education, Tallahassee, Florida

Northeastern Region Institute

Date: July 16-22, 2005 Location: Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island

Participating States: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

TRAINING NOTES

You may notice that many District Coordinators and the State Trainers are engaged in efforts at Colleges and Universities demonstrating We the People and Project Citizen as Best Practices for our future teachers to consider in their classrooms. Myron and Melissa present at PAC-TE (Pennsylvania Association of College Teacher Educators) yearly as well as at local colleges and universities. Betty Corcoran is working with Wilkes and Dave Morris is making the rounds at U of P. Dave T. has been actively engaged in this endeavor across the state for the past several years. (If we missed one of you on this please let us know so we can credit you as well.)

This form of training is attempting to reach teachers before they ever start their career by giving them a best practice approach to learning how to teach. Our hope is that in learning the strategies and use of the materials in the classroom they will then utilize them in the student teaching classroom or remember them when they start their careers and thus request materials at that time. Reports across the state are revealing several successes in this effort. We have student teachers requesting materials for use and then the cooperating teacher picking it up after they leave with the student teacher returning for the mock hearings and portfolio presentations after they graduated. Two for the price of one!

So don't forget the colleges and universities in your rounds. Books can be sent to professors and student teachers for use in their work as well. For further information about this effort feel free to contact Myron or Dave T.

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