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NJDOE Professional Development for Educators of New Jersey

Front Page Items

**** NJPEP and Side-by-Side (Mentoring) **** newsletters are now found on the NJPEP Web site, on alternating months. Read them and/or print them! Do you have items you would like to include? Contact Vicki Duff, mentoring coordinator, at victoria.duff@doe.state.nj.us or 609-292-0189 if you have a Novice Teacher or Mentor Teacher Tip. Contact NJPEP with a Professional Development Pointer.

Summer Professional Development

1. **Cooking with Data:** How to use statewide assessment data (right down to the cluster level) to prioritize instruction. This is an intensive hands-on workshop. Bring data if you have it – or send it to us ahead of time.
2. **Testing Tips:** How to ensure that your students can think critically: distinguishing between competency and performance assessment.
3. **Calendaring the Curriculum:** Establishing prior knowledge and test data checking cross-curricular support, and working with a calendar. This is especially good for novice and alternate route teachers.
4. **World Languages:** Five-part workshop, beginning August 17, 2004, for teachers entering language teaching. For more information, see <http://www.nj.gov/njded/aps/cccs/wl>.
5. **Plan Your Own Summer Institute.** Use the Annenberg/CPB workshops and courses and free broadcasts as well as free support materials. Go to <http://www.learner.org/redirect/april/workshoplist6.html>

Fall Professional Development – *Plan it Now!*

1. Refining 6-12 **Mathematics** Curriculum and Instruction: *What We Have Learned from Student Performance on the HSPA* by Dr. Robert Riehs, Mathematics Specialist, NJDOE, September 28, 2004. Register at http://dimacs.rutgers.edu/grade-6-12-workshops/wsreg_6-12.html or call 732-445-4065.
2. **World Languages:** a) Five-part workshop beginning September 18, 2004 for modes of communication, the ACTFL K-12 Performance Guidelines, and the development of performance assessment tasks; and b) October 23, 2004 - Making Connections: Developing Content-Based Thematic World Language Curricula. For more information, see <http://www.nj.gov/njded/aps/cccs/wl>.

Data-Driven Decision-Making

1. **Expectations and Student Outcomes** by Kathleen Cotton. Find it on <http://www.nwrel.org/scpd/sirs/4/cu7.html>

Selected Resources for April

1. April is **National Garden Month** - <http://www.nationalgardenmonth.org>
2. **National Teach Children to Save Day** - <http://www.aba.com/Consumer+Connection/teachchildrentosave.htm>
3. **Earth Day** - <http://www.earthday.gov/kids.htm>
4. **National Poetry Month** - <http://www.poets.org/npm/>

Selected Resources for May

1. May is **National Physical Fitness Month** - http://www.educationworld.com/a_special/physical_fitness.shtml
2. **Teacher Appreciation Week** - <http://www.pta.org/parentinvolvement/teacher/>
3. **Memorial Day** - http://www.educationworld.com/holidays/archives/memorial_day.shtml
4. **Mother's Day** - http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson263.shtml

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