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Reminder

Check www.kascd.org often for updates!

KASCD to Host Curriculum Leader Academies for Third Year! by Sherry Reed, Academy Co-Chair

Based on the evaluation feedback from this year's academies, we began looking at hosting the Academy I earlier in the year. I am co-chair for the academies this year, and my co-chair is Verneda Edwards from Blue Valley Schools. So far we now have scheduled ACADEMY I on Friday, October 3rd at the Smokey Hill Service Center in Salina!

ACADEMY II will be held **after** Academy I, and will be in a **virtual format**. Also, this will be the first year for the final ACADEMY III. So please check the KASCD website (www.kascd.org) frequently for the upcoming brochure with all the details! (shown is Dennis King from Blue Valley presenting at Academy II this year. Dennis is a trainer for Richard Dufour in Professional Learning Communities.)



KASCD Dates to Mark on Your Calendars for 08-09

10/16/08	Curriculum Conversation -Topeka
10/17/08	Curriculum Leaders -Topeka
11/4-5/08	Fall Institute -Wichita
11/4/08	General Membership Meeting -Wichita
1/22/09	Curriculum Conversation - Topeka
1/23/09	Curriculum Leaders -Topeka
1/29/09	KASCD/KNCA Luncheon at USA -Wichita
3/14-16/09	ASCD Annual Conference -Orlando, Florida
4/16/09	Curriculum Conversation -Topeka
4/17/09	Curriculum Leaders -Topeka

KASCD: The Premier Kansas Education Organization Focused on Teaching and Learning; Moving from Success to Significance by Judy Welter, 2008-2009 President

The title of this article defines KASCD as the organization continues to significantly impact teaching and learning. This impact is made by the support and effort of all members. The past year achievements of the organization include:



1. Curriculum Conversations-informal discussions held the evening before the KSDE Curriculum Leaders Meetings
2. KSDE Networking-one hour KASCD lead topic focused discussions that occur before the KSDE Curriculum Leaders Meetings
3. Curriculum Academy I and II leadership development for new and experienced curriculum leaders
4. KASCD Website-the development of an impressive website utilized for resources and just-in-time information
5. Fall Institute-annual institute held in collaboration with KSDC

At the June KASCD Board of Directors Retreat, board members talked about how to enhance these accomplishments for the 2008-2009 school term. Additional activities discussed included:

1. Applying for an Influence Grant from ASCD
2. Planning an influence/advocacy activity with state legislators
3. Recognizing an emerging leader for ASCD
4. Researching a pre-service teacher activity
5. Developing Curriculum Academy III
6. Applying for the Affiliate Excellence Award from ASCD

With the support of each KASCD member, these significant goals can be accomplished. In turn, this will contribute to KASCD continually being recognized by Kansas educators as impacting staff development, collaborating with other educational organizations, providing just-in-time information, influencing educational policy, and recognizing outstanding leaders. Remember, we ARE KASCD, a premier Kansas education organization focused on teaching and learning, and always moving from success to significance!

KASCD & KSDC Fall Conference to be November 4th & 5th by Jan Neufeld, KASCD Fall Institute Co-Chair

We are excited about the KSDC/KASCD Fall Institute **"Sit & Get Won't Grow Dendrites: 20 Professional Learning Strategies that Engage the Adult Brain"**. The featured speaker for this fall's conference will be Dr. Marcia Tate, an Educational Consultant who has presented to over 100,000 administrators, teachers, parents and community leaders. During her 30-year career with the DeKalb County School System, she was a classroom teacher, reading specialist, language arts coordinator, and staff development director. Dr. Tate received the 2001 Distinguished Staff Developer Award for

the State of Georgia and her department was chosen to receive the 2002 Exemplary Program Award for the state.

The second day of the conference will again be breakout sessions with many talented and knowledgeable educators from around the state sharing information and best practices. The Fall Institute is a unique jewel and will be a highlight for your fall learning and practice. A full day with Marcia will leave you with lots of energy and information, and day two will leave you with best practices to take back and share in your professional work setting.

The conference will once again be at the Wichita Airport Hilton, click [here](#) for the brochure to register today! We hope to see you all at the Fall Institute!

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