Winter, 2012 FACS E-NEWSLETTER

I combined January to March E-NEWSletters due to the time constraints at this time of year, both mine and yours. The end of the third 9 weeks is quickly approaching and the end of the school year can be seen. This E-NEWSletter will include some for the first time, and so to them…welcome! E-NEWSletters are developed to share upcoming events, resources, technical assistance and some things that are just good to know. This issue in particular has a number of items related to Summer 2012 events. We have many individuals on my list serv therefore not everything will pertain to you or your pathway/department. I ask that you just pass over the items that do not pertain to you. Also note that as time sensitive items come to my attention they will not be saved for an E-NEWSletter but sent with a "time sensitive" memo so you are aware of the timeliness of your review. Here are some items you may find useful.

NOTE: Time Sensitive items are #3, #5, #15 and #25. Please review these first.

1. **Upcoming Webinars**—All 3:30-5:00 p.m.

February 29—Current Issues and FCS—Marketing Resources, FCS licensure connections, State-wide Articulation Agreements, Culinary Arts & Fashion, Textiles VE2 to Pathway Transition , Common Q and A related to pathway maintenance.
March 28—Consumer Education and Personal Finance Update—Legal changes, resources, Money Smart Kansas--Special Presenter—Gigi Wolfe, Fed Res Bank of KC
April 25—TBD (this is saved for those items deemed important before the end of the year, may be cancelled)

2. **FCS Pathway Maintenance—**ALL PATHWAYS Applications AND Maintenance due MARCH 15, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year.

A lengthy message went out over the list serv February 17th with common questions and answers about the pathway maintenance procedure. If you did not receive it, please e-mail me and I can resend it to you.

3. ***NOTE: All Culinary Arts (10.0505) AND Fashion, Textiles and Interiors (10.0905) VE2 Programs MUST transition by March 15th to remain an approved program and thus continue Perkins and .5 weighted funding for 2012-2013.***

4. **State-Wide Articulation Agreements**—

There are close to 50 state-wide articulation agreements to select from as part of Section IV of the pathway application and/or maintenance. To learn what is offered, select the career cluster pathway webpage through the www.ksde.org website. State-wide agreements are

listed at the top of each career cluster webpage. Clicking on a link will open the agreement allowing a review of the articulation and thus how it aligns to local need.

Schools are not required to contact the post-secondary institution nor have any document uploaded as the agreement selected in section IV will be indicated on the application. DO ensure the following three things do happen however:

1. The post-secondary institution's name IS listed on the top of the program of study
2. The post-secondary institution courses are listed at year 13 on the program of study
3. The articulation course is indeed part of course offerings (section 3) and listed accurately on the program of study.

Of course, any school can arrange for an individualized articulation agreement and include it as part of the pathway. This is a local option as the main requirement is to have an agreement that aligns to the pathway, it is local decision to use a state-wide or a local individualized agreement to do so.

5. **United Associations Conference—March 8-9, 2012--Wichita, Kansas**

This conference is Family and Consumer Sciences content specific and will include middle-level through post-secondary, extension and administrative representatives. Key speakers will address a range of topics from health to tourism. Go to www.katfcs.org and click on the link in the left-hand side menu for details and registration details.

6. **Kansas Nutrition Council and Kansas Dietetic Association Spring Conferences—April 12-13, 2012**

These two conferences are planned back to back and are very nutrition specific, full of thought provoking speakers and plenty of time for networking with nutrition educators/dietitians across the State. Here is the link to the conference:

http://www.eatrightks.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=15:annual-conference&catid=41:annual-conference&Itemid=135

KNC is affiliated with the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior. For more information concerning the Kansas Nutrition Council, contact Toni Bryant at tjbryant@ksu.edu or 785-341-0505.

7. **Kansas Nutrition Month—March**

Share all you do to encourage healthy eating in your classroom and community to promote nutrition and your FCS department/FCCLA Chapter.

8. **<u>2012 Money Smarts Kansas Month</u>—April**

April is Money Smarts Month in Kansas. Many communities and entities will be planning events to promote positive personal and family finance habits. You might want to schedule something your Consumer and Personal Finance classes and/or FCCLA chapters could do to promote this as well. These are the celebrations I am aware of right now-- the City of Wichita has scheduled a celebration for April 23-28; the Kansas City area has identified the entire month of April, Salina has events planned for the first two weeks of the month, April 22nd is Children's "Save Day" and some have events around this day. Gigi Wolfe will share more about this month during the March 28th webinar. Also, see other E-NEWSletter items (#21) for information concerning events already planned.

9. **<u>Summer K-ACTE Conference</u>**—July 29-August 1--Wichita, KS

Save the dates of the summer K-ACTE conference where speakers will share knowledge and best practice with regards to Career and Technical Education. Monday, July 30 is sponsored by KSDE and will focus on the Rigorous Plans of Study. July 31 and August l are affiliate specific with a strong FCS program being planned. A new FCS teacher orientation will be taking place as part of the conference. Please let me know if you have anyone to place on the contact list for this orientation.

10. **<u>2012 Food Science Institute</u>**—First week of June—Kansas State University

The 2012 Food Science Institute is being planned. Watch for more information regarding this intensive 4-day training. College credit is available.

11. **<u>Targeting Life Skills</u>—Middle Level FCS Teaching Resource Update**—TBD

This teaching resource from the mid-1990's will be updated this summer to address the 21st century skills, align to the career movement and meet the needs of today's middle-level students. Dates will be set by those who are interested in taking part in this review and update. Once the review is completed and updated made, the resource will be available for teachers to utilize across Kansas. Teacher interested will determine format, edits, updates and dissemination goals. *Send your interest to me by including your name, current teaching appointment, and FCS teaching knowledge and skills you will bring to the team.*

12. **<u>RESOURCES FOR TEACHING ABOUT UNDERAGE DRINKING</u>**

The highest accident rate for teens is between Prom and Graduation, many due to drinking. The Kansas Family Partnership, Inc. group has materials which you could use. Go to

www.**kansasfamily**.com to see what they have to offer you as a classroom teacher about this topic.

13. **DID YOU KNOW…**

Here are some facts that support our Family Studies/Parenting courses as it connects parenting to assessment scores later on. Children entering kindergarten whose parents…

4. Participated in a parent education program such as parents as teachers for at least two years, had higher academic skill levels;
5. Talked with their children daily and read to them daily performed better on the third and fourth grade reading and math assessments.

(Source: KSDE, Special Education Services "School Success Starts in the Early Learning Years." Feb, 2011)

14. **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES CERTIFICATE TEMPLATE**

As you look at end of the year awards and recognitions, you might like to know that there is a certificate template available on the KSDE website. Also available is the FCS logos, both the Kansas version and the more generic logo provided on the Family and Consumer Sciences webpage (look on the FCS webpage and then under the resources section).

15. **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES and PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY CONNECTION**

Now is a great time to share the FCS education and personal financial literacy connection with your advisory committee and local decision makers. Information concerning this:

6. Consumer and Personal Finance, a FCS course is found under two pathways, Consumer Services and Family and Community Services
7. The course aligns to the National Jump$tart and Family and Consumer Sciences Standards for Personal and Family Finance.
8. AAFCS offers an assessment for students for this area as part of the pre-PAC which provides a credential in Personal and Family Finance.
9. AAFCS also offers a professional credential for educators in this content area. Both can be accessed through www.aafcs.org .
10. An updated FCS fact sheet that includes this focus is available on the KSDE website under Academic Standards—Family and Consumer Sciences. Here is the link to the webpage, scroll down to resources to locate it. http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4692

16. **Registration is now open for the Family Economics and Financial Education (FEFE) 2012 National Training--** June 25-28, 2012 --- Tucson, Arizona.

The Family Economics and Financial Education foundation has a number of classroom materials you can use as well as a great summer training which is accompanied with scholarships to cover the cost of the training and teaching curriculum. For more information classroom lessons plans and the summer training, go to **http://fefe.arizona.edu/**

17. **Kansas Center for Economic Education (KCEE) Competitions**

Do you teach personal finance or economics in your classes? If yes, sign up today to give your students a chance to demonstrate their knowledge in a fun and rewarding way at no cost to your school.

Personal Finance Challenge competitions are accepting teacher registrations now. There is no cost to participate and the preliminary level of competition is held online. Both programs lead to an in-person state competition and then on to a national level. National travel costs are provided by sponsors. Are results are kept confidential so this makes a great tool to help motivate your students and earn prizes.

Personal Finance Challenge has a middle school and a high school division. Teachers may have multiple teams of 3-5 students. Register as a teacher online now at www.financechallenge.org and let us know you are interested so we can send you more information. You can create your teams at a later date. Online tests for students are available anytime between March 21 to April 3. Team members individually answer a 30 question test. Team scores determine state qualification. Maximum of two teams per school will be invited to state if multiple teams qualify. State competition for the top online division teams will be held on Wednesday, April 18th in Wichita. All state level participants will receive t-shirts and prize drawings will be held throughout the day thanks to funding from Capitol Federal. Prizes will be provided for the top teams. State winners from the high school division will advance to a National in-person competition in St. Louis at the headquarters for Wells Fargo Advisors. Travel & lodging expenses provided. Need more resources to teach personal finance? Contact Angela at KCEE@wichita.edu with your request. VIEW DETAILS & REGISTER ONLINE: www.financechallenge.org

18. **GRANT Opportunities for STEM**—***Living Sciences***

Family and Consumer Sciences has a direct tie to the STEM—Living Sciences division and you might be interested in grants available for STEM. To learn more about how FCS is connected to the STEM-Living Sciences, explore this link through O'NET , a website by the

U.S. Department of Labor. Here is the link: http://www.onetonline.org/find/stem?t=2&g=Go. To explore the grants, here is the link: STEMGrants.com

19. **2012 Summer ServSafe Trainer Workshops**

The following link will provide you the dates and registration details for becoming certified to administer the ServSafe assessment to your students.
http://www.krha.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=16
It is sponsored by the Kansas Hospitality and Restaurant Association and Kansas Cooperative Extension Service. This training will allow the teacher to offer ServSafe certification testing which serves as the industry-recognized certificate for your students as part of the Restaurant and Event Management pathway. For additional information contact Neeley Carlson, KHRA V.P. of Education and Training at ncarlson@krha.org .

20. **Free Money to FACS Departments from Kansas Soybean Commission**—(Sent on behalf of Charlene Patton)

Greetings from the Kansas Soybean Commission! Our spring reimbursement program application for FACS is now available online (*http://www.kansassoybeans.org/pdf/spring12-facs-letter.pdf*). This program allows FACS departments to get a reimbursement for things you buy that have a connection to Soybeans. An extensive list available at this link may surprise you. Here is the link: **http://www.soystats.com/2011/edibleuses.htm**

21. **MONEY SMART EVENTS**—(sent on behalf of Gigi Wolf)
These events are planned in the KC area and are not limited to only KC teachers. For more information or to register, contact Gigi Wolfe, Fed Reserve Bank of KC at gigi.wolf@kc.frb.org or 816-881-2736

Event: Money Smart Day
Date: March 31, 2012
Time: 9 am - 5 pm
Location: American Century Investments, Kansas City, MO
Description: This event, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, brings together more than 25 financial education providers to share information on a variety of personal finance topics for consumers of all ages.

Event: Midwest Teacher Conference
Date: April 9, 2012
Time: 4-8 pm
Location: Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, MO
Description: K-12 teachers are invited to attend this professional development opportunity

focused on Using Technology to Teach Economics and Personal Finance. Multiple concurrent sessions will be offered, as well as free classroom resources.

22. **Kansas Jump$tart Winter Newsletter**
    The latest edition of the newsletter is now available on their website or through the link below. It highlights the work accomplished in 2011, as well as plans for 2012. Family and Consumer Sciences is highlighted under "State Update" on page 4.
    http://www.jumpstart.org/assets/State-Sites/KS/files/Winter%202011%20Jumpstart%20Newsletter.pdf

23. **Save the date: Midwest Economic Education Conference** --May 31 - June 1, 2012 –Denver, CO (Sent on behalf of Stacee Montague)
    The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City invites you to attend the 2012 Midwest Economic Education Conference (MEEC) from Thursday, May 31, through Friday, June 1, at our Denver Branch, 1020 16th Street, Denver, Colorado. The conference will provide an opportunity for economic education council and center staff, representatives from state departments of education, curriculum supervisors, influencers and staff of the Federal Reserve to share and discuss current initiatives and topics related to economic and financial education.

    This year's conference will feature a variety of sessions, educational resources and materials, and the opportunity to participate in guided discussions on how to apply this information in a classroom or instructional setting.

    Conference registration can be completed online by visiting: http://kansascityfed.org/events/eventdetail.cfm?event=2904AAC4C044139DE0193DDCE70563C6 before **May 18**.

    Hotel rooms are available at the Westin Downtown Denver for $149 plus tax per night for single and double accommodations until **May 11**. For reservations, please contact the hotel directly at: http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1111294158&key=D6203.

    Please contact Stacee Montague at (303) 572-2385 or stacee.montague@kc.frb.org with any questions.

24. **HEALTHY TEEN RELATIONSHIP RESOURCE**—(Sent on behalf of Dr. Richard Marks)

This resource originated from Dr. Curtiss, head of a large community marriage and family initiative in California. It is designed for teens. "My Paper Girlfriend or My Paper Boyfriend" link is http://www.stayteen.org/my-paper-girlfriend

25. **Middle School Healthy Kids Challenge Recipe Contest—(sent on behalf of Sharon Davis)—DEADLINE: March 2, 2012.**

Healthy Kids Challenge is a wonderful partner, and this contest could be a wonderful food skill development opportunity. The Stirring Up Health Recipe ***Contest ends March 2, 2012.***
For classroom ideas –
http://www.healthykidschallenge.com/content/2010-2011-classroom-ideas
For entry information--
http://www.healthykidschallenge.com/content/kids-healthy-recipe-contest

May "each one teach one" and greatly improve the health and well-being of Americans this year!

For more information contact: Sharon Davis, Family & Consumer Sciences Education, Home Baking Association, 785.539.7044, www.homebaking.org

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Until the next E-NEWSletter,
"In a world focused on things, we focus first on people".
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