

*“Every great movement has been started by a few earnest people;
a score of the right ones will do more effective work
than a great mass meeting.”*

Melvil Dewey, 1900 Opening Comments 2nd Lake Placid Conference on Home Economics

What a busy summer for KSDE CTE and FCS! We’ve had quite a few “earnest people “working for the betterment of Kansas CTE and Family and Consumer Sciences. This E-NEWSletter will include items that illustrate this work, and as always, some information will probably not apply to you, however realize there are a number of professionals who receive this, which is why the contents appear very broad. For those who are new, this E-NEWSletter will come monthly or bi-monthly as information is gathered. Only those items that are time-sensitive will be sent between them.

There are changes to the E-NEWSletter design due to some suggestions from the field. You will notice a table of contents and a limit of no more than 21 items for each. This will allow for time efficiency and retrieval of data if you archive them.

Welcome back to the beginning of the 2012-13 school year!

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1. 2012-13 Calendar of Events (Incomplete, but what I know at this time)

Aug 26-17—2012 FCCLA Take AIM Conference—Salina, KS

Contact: Pam Lamb, State FCCLA Advisor at plamb@ksde.org for more information.

Sept 18—KSDE-CTE Drive In Workshop #1—Garden City, KS (See # 2 below for more information)

Sept 24—“Celebrate Family Day—2012”—(See #16) This annual event happens on the last Monday of September.

Sept 24-25—“Safe Schools Conference”—Topeka, KS (See www.ksde.org for details.)

Oct 4—KSDE CTE Drive In Workshop #2—Wichita KS (See #2 below for more information.)

Oct 9—KSDE CTE Drive In Workshop #3—Olathe, KS (See #2 below for more information.)

Oct 10-12—Best Practices Conference—Oklahoma City, OK This conference will share numerous best practices that apply to many content areas.

www.acteonline.org/bestpractices12.aspx

Oct 15-17—Governor’s Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect—Wichita, KS. For registration and details https://www.kcsl.org/training_conference.aspx

Oct 24—KSDE CTE Final Drive In Workshop #4—Salina, KS (See #2 below for more information.)

Nov 6-7—KSDE Annual Conference—Wichita, KS For more information and registration: <http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=534>

Nov 15—Pathway Maintenance Submission window opens.

Nov 28-Dec 1—2012 ACTE Careertech Vision Conference—Atlanta, GA

This national conference will include topics that meet today’s CTE issues. A strong FCS connection will be included. www.acteonline.org/vision.aspx

2013:

Feb 5-6—February CTE Conference, Manhattan, KS

This conference will address CTE issues in Kansas. For more information, see

<http://www.smokyhill.org/vnews/display.v/ART/4c87b3ca37004> ***Call for presenters due October 15, 2012. Conference presenters will receive 50% off the registration cost, an \$80 savings. Those interested in presenting should submit the following information to marie.hall@greenbush.org .***

Mar 4-6—National Policy Seminar—Washington, DC

For information and details, see www.acteonline.org/nps.aspx

Mar 7-8—United Association Conference—Wichita, KS

Information is not released yet, but watch www.katfcs.org for details.

Mar 15—Pathway Maintenance Submission window ends.

2. Drive In Workshops—2012

Kansas **CTE Drive-In Workshop 2012** registration is now **OPEN!** WORKSHOP FEE: \$30.00 (lunch included). These workshops will give participants the necessary tools to build and maintain successful career clusters/pathways! **Topics include:** Best Practices, Assessments, Proficiency-based Credit, Articulation Agreements, Adding Pathways, and Rigorous Programs of Study (RPOS) Framework

Dates and Locations: (Registration closes 2 weeks before dates)

September 18 — [Clarion Inn](#) — Garden City, KS

October 4 — [Wichita Holiday Inn](#) — Wichita, KS
October 9 — [Olathe Instructional Resource Center](#) — Olathe, KS
October 24 — [Webster Conference Center](#) — Salina, KS

Please contact Jessie Cornejo at jcornejo@ksde.org or 785-296-3951 for further information. [Register Drive-In 2012!](#)

3. Legislative CTE Initiatives—From Jay Scott, Asst Director, CTE

Spring/Summer 2012 legislation has offered enhancements related to CTE. They include \$1000 incentive to schools related to certifications earned, tuition reimbursement when a student leaves to attend technical classes, and transportation reimbursement to get a student to and from the post-secondary location. Watch for more information regarding how this will be implemented in Kansas and in your school.

4. Common Career and Technical Core (CCTC)

The Common Career and Technical Core document was released in June at the 2012 Career Cluster Institute in Atlanta, GA and will set the stage for career cluster updates across the nation. This is welcome update to streamline the skills needed for success in each cluster field. For Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS), this is especially enlightening as many of the newly identified '*career ready practices*' are directly taught in our courses. Feel free to share this with your local administration and decision makers. Please refer to www.careertech.org to read them.

5. Kansas Career Pipeline

Kuder and KSDE are in partnership again for this school year to provide this web-based career development tool to Kansas schools for free. There are many updates which will be beneficial to your classroom experience and a number of trainings are available. Contact Theresa Steinlage, Kuder Field Trainer for those in your area. Her contact information is 515-822-4573 or steinlaget@kuder.com

6. Career Cluster Pathway Design Updates

As always, there are a number of updates and/or modifications to the Career Cluster Pathway Designs. These changes have been summarized on one page which is obtainable at the link below. These will take effect 2013-14, but will need to be reflected in this school years pathway maintenance. Here's the link: <http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Fact%20Sheet%2013-14%20pathway%20changes.pdf>

7. KSDE Policy Reminders/Review—*Double Up Policy*

REMINDER: Double ups are allowed for any technical and application level courses in the same pathway OR if they are application level courses across the human services which includes Career and Community Connection (22250), Early Child Applications(19098), Teaching Internship (19152) and/or Teaching Internship Workplace(19198).

8. KSDE Policy Reminder/Review—*Professional Learning Experiences (PLE)*

REMINDER: A PLE is expected in all pathways to connect the technical skills learned and applied in an authentic industry-related experience. This will usually happen in the application level course. A PLE can be work-based paid employment (called an internship), community-based (unpaid work but still industry experience) and/or school-based (in-school businesses or others within the school building).

BEGINNING in 2012-13, AUDITORS will ask for "work logs" or similar documents if students leave the school building to verify the experiences they are having. This would be in addition to what your local school requires for documenting their full time equivalency (FTE) attendance.

For the complete PLE toolkit, go to the KSDE website. Here is a link to the CTE Forms and Documents webpage. Click on it and then scroll down to the “Professional Learning Experiences” section. <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1660> There is also an archived webinar and accompanying power point that will discuss how this is different from the OJT of the VE2 program era.

9. KSDE Policy Reminder/Review—Pathway Maintenance—Nov 15-Mar 15

REMINDER: Any school with an approved pathway is required to complete pathway maintenance between Nov 15 and Mar 15 to retain the approval status for the following Fall. This maintenance requires a school to look at the pathway document already in place and make edits as needed.

There are **two** updates that are required annually. One (1) is an updated articulation agreement that reflects the year to come (which will be for the 2013-14 school year) and the other (2) is to hold two advisory committee meetings, take notes AND upload those to show industry input and pathway improvement plans.

Other items to change through the pathway maintenance document completion include pathway courses, course titles, advisory committee members, certifications and/or assessment changes.

To ensure you have your approval notification before you leave for the school year in the spring, complete and submit your pathway maintenance document as close to November 15 as possible. In 2012, about 1600 were submitted after March 1st. This means the time to review and return notification was greatly slowed and in many cases, after the form completer had left for the summer. Early submission means quicker review and notification.

10. KSDE Policy Reminder/Review—Advisory Committee Meetings

Two advisory committee meetings are required, but you can meet more if you wish to. The dates which are recognized are after March 16th one year through March 15th of the next year, however best practice is to have one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Refer to the KSDE website for more information regarding topics for discussion. The link is <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1660> . Look for “Advisory Committee” section for the handbook.

11. FCS SURVEY from 2011-12—Complete by SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 (if you haven’t already)

If you have not done so, **PLEASE** complete the survey about last school year’s achievements and issues. The compiled results is vital for the future assistance provided at the state and national level, and only about 140 teachers have completed it (which is half of last year and about 25% of all the FCS teachers in Kansas). REMIND OTHERS to complete it as well.

Here is the link for ALL middle level and/or secondary Family and Consumer Sciences teachers to use: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KansasFCSsurvey2011-12>

12. FCCLA Survey—Plea for National Data

This fall, each affiliated chapter advisor will receive a package of surveys via mail. This will be a thick envelope which will ask for your help in administering to your schools. Some of the questions relate to student plans after high school, but some will ask about FCS and FCCLA in Kansas. This data is vitally important to our work at the state and national levels. You are encouraged to complete the survey, but national groups realize you may have some qualms with the personal information requested. First of all, you can have all students enter the school e-mail and address if they are uncomfortable answering those questions. The students may also leave any questions they wish blank.

There is also a section for you. This is just as important. Also realize, no school name or individual is identified. It's all compiled into one large data base. You will have an option of receiving the results of your school if desired.

13. Kansas Developed Parenting Education Teaching Resource Coming!

Recently, KSDE and State of Kansas Office of Children and Families entered a partnership to bring to Kansas schools parenting education teaching resource for the FCS classroom. This resource is based upon the Balancing Work and Family curriculum of the past and the PAPA curriculum from Texas. The resource is in mid-development, but expect a webinar to discuss the pilot testing across the state in late fall. This will be called 'Building Healthy Families in Kansas' and will entail 10 multi-day lessons. More information is coming, but it is exciting to be able to bring this to you and your use. .

14. Kansas Targeting Life Skills Middle-Level FCS Teaching Resource Updated!

Also this summer, a number of middle-level FCS teachers met to update the Targeting Life Skills curriculum from the mid-1990s. This resource will be cross walked to the 21st century skills and organized into the four subject areas of consumerism, nutrition and wellness, human relations and employability. Further, the lessons will be cross walked to current issues of today so they can be selected to address issues of your school. The issues include obesity prevention, bullying prevention, beginning consumer habits and introduction to the FCS career clusters. Watch for a pilot testing period also late fall or early winter.

15. National Family and Consumer Sciences Education Work!

As some of you are aware, I serve on a number of national organizations and committees so am aware of recent workings (I am not involved, but on their communication lines). The following is a brief update of what has happened.

- White House "Let's Move Campaign"—FCS professionals have met and shared how FCS education and FCCLA is already addressing issues of nutrition and wellness. A partnership has been discussed.
- ESEA Reauthorization—FCS professionals have met with members of the Education committee to share the role FCS has in consumer and personal financial education and the development of the whole child. This is an ongoing relationship.
- Perkins Reauthorization—FCS representatives are in contact with the Education committee to share the relationship FCS has to all careers and workforce success. This is an ongoing relationship.
- SCED Code Update—FCS has stated the need to have our own codes rather than being lumped in as "miscellaneous". The initial efforts were positive and more work to come. This would mean our being on an equal playing field with others who have their own code assignment.
- White papers have been developed to promote the FCS education connection to current issues. These were used for many of the contacts listed here. The papers can be found at [this link](#).

16. KANSAS FAMILY DAY—September 24th

Plan to promote this day as a way to promote our belief in strong families but also your FCS program. Refer to the following link to obtain flyers, foldable wallet cards and stickers to name a few. Many schools last year used this and a way to involve their FCCLA chapters. This link will provide access to the materials you can obtain for your classroom/school use:

<http://www.kansasfamily.com/programs/familyday/english-materials/>

17. Selling FCS Education This Fall

You may not know that Northwestern University in Missouri (just over the Kansas border) lost their FCS department this summer due to lack of student enrollment. This is interesting in the fact that many Missouri schools as well as surrounding states have FCS openings every fall that go unfilled.

What are you doing to sell the profession to your students and your community? Develop a classroom display talking about the benefits of FCS education; start a career corner and begin with FCS Education, ask students to write what they like about FCS and publish them... the ideas are endless.

Points that might be helpful—FCS education are available in any state in the U.S. and many foreign countries; Guaranteed job placement; Provides personal development for own life; Makes a difference in the lives of youth; Community impact; Travel with students (as FCCLA advisor); Every day is different, Extended time off in summer months; Great communication and speaking skills; Sound background for a multitude of career (these are just examples)—personal financial planner, credit counselor, nutrition educator, test kitchen professional, grocery store nutritionist, retail manager in area related (kitchen store, children's to adult clothing, furniture), early child related positions, interior decorator, caterer, restaurant manager, school lunch program director, non-profit organization director...the list is endless!

18. MoneySkill—A Free On-line Personal Finance Course (FCS Designed)

MoneySkills is a great on-line course that can supplement your consumer education, personal and family finance course/unit. There are both a junior high/middle and secondary level course which address many of the consumer facets that other curriculums are missing including consumer rights, purchasing food and clothing and a life simulation. It is compatible with hand held devices and includes an electronic grade book. Suzie Irvine, Executive Director of MoneySkill has a Home Economics degree in Family Financial Planning. For more information go to www.moneyskill.org

19. Nutrition Education Resources and Mini Grants—Due August 31st

Don't miss out on the opportunity to apply for Kansas Team Nutrition Health Education Curriculum and mini-grant funds for School Year 2012-2013. **Applications are due August 31st so don't delay in applying!**

Power Panther Pals--Primary Level – Grades K-2/Intermediate Level – Grades 3-5

This 8-week health education program combines classroom lessons, physical activity, and cooking/tasting activities to teach students the benefits of making healthy choices. Mini-grant funding in the amount \$5 per student is available to help cover cooking/tasting activities. In addition, classrooms will receive a teacher implementation manual and student activity booklet for each student. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Program materials and mini-grant funds are expected to be distributed in October so schools can choose to utilize the materials in the fall or spring! Due to this the application due date is earlier than in years past. Another change, recipes have been updated allowing teachers to choose between two recipe choices for each of the lessons and all recipes are nut-free!

Power Up--Grades 6 -8

This 9-week health education program for middle school students includes nutrition education, cooking/tasting activities, physical activity and self-esteem builders. Classroom teachers will receive a teacher implementation manual, a student activity booklet for each student and mini-grant funding in the amount of \$5 per student to help cover cooking/tasting activities. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Program materials and mini-grant funds are expected to be distributed in October so schools can choose to utilize the materials in the fall or spring! Due to this change the application due date is earlier than in years past!

Contact Jill Ladd at jladd@ksde.org or visit www.kansasteamnutrition.org for a grant application or to receive additional information on these programs and/or grants. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete the application!

Jill Ladd RD, LD, Team Nutrition Project Director, 785-296-2790/Fax: 785-296-0232

20. KSDE *Open Education Resource and Digital Textbooks*

This webpage contains open access resources and digital textbooks that are available within the public domain. They are not copyrighted and may be customized, modified, or combined with other materials. It is our hope that this site provides educators with timely and useful resources that will assist in this process of digital learning. For assistance and feedback regarding this page, please contact Jackie Lakin: jlakin@ksde.org or Lue Ann Snider: lasnider@ksde.org

<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4995>

21. Teaching Resource—Living Wage Calculator

Here is an item you could use in your personal and family finance course and/or career life courses as you talk about budgeting and expenses. This link will take you to a “state selection” and then a “county” selection to determine average spending and etc. It would also be a great way to compare cost of living in differing parts of the nation. <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>

CLOSING THOUGHTS ~

I hope your summer was refreshing and you are ready to tackle the new school year that is upon us. Please contact me if you need technical assistance or have issues that you feel would be good to discuss for the betterment of Kansas Family and Consumer Sciences. Here is my contact information: Gayla Randel, Ed. Program Consultant; 785-296-4912; grandel@ksde.org .

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