# <u>August-September 2013 E-NEWSletter</u> Kansas Family and Consumer Sciences Education

"Great teaching can change a child's life. That kind of teaching is a remarkable combination of things: art, science, inspiration, talent, gift, and — always — incredibly hard work. It requires relationship building, subject expertise and a deep understanding of the craft. Our celebrated athletes and performers have nothing on our best teachers."

Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, May7, 2013 E-bulletin

Before we begin, please reread the quote above. I truly believe this quote. Each one of you is exceptional or you would not have been hired for this most important job. What is so phenomenal about working with FCS teachers is the caring and passion for the field. It's not easy having such a wide content range. It's not easy to address social issues which might open the "window" for a student to share personal tragedies or current concerns. It's not easy to add onto that all the demands our public schools require of teachers. That is why I provide this E-NEWSletter series, to help you the classroom teacher make your job easier and to promote being the best teacher you can be. Do not hesitate to share with me what you need in technical assistance, professional development, marketing help or whatever. I may not be able to help with everything, but I can point you in a direction for your next step. So, with all that said, let's get down to business...we have some teachin' to do!

Welcome Back! I am not sure where June and July went, but here we are at the beginning of the 2013-14 school year. Many things have happened in late Spring and over the Summer. For example, approximately 35 Culinary teachers added the lst Culinary Academy in Wichita, Kansas has 25 new teachers in our FCS classrooms and KSU and PSU have planned Fall events to promote FCS careers and FCS education specifically. As always, only the top 21 items of interest is being included in this back to school E-NEWSletter. Some items will not apply to you, but all are important to someone on our FCS list serv.

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#### E-NEWSletter:

# 1. 2012-13 End of School FCS Survey Monkey Results.

For the last three years, I've asked each of you to complete a survey regarding your classrooms, your responsibilities, your need for technical assistance and your views about different CTE and FCS issues. I had 228 (95% were classroom teachers, the rest CTE coordinators or department chairs) complete it for the 2012-13 school year. Here are some of the results.

- -Over 50% of the respondents were from schools with 400+ students and 53% teach only senior high school
- --46% worked in schools as 1 fulltime FCS teacher--10 (4%) had only 1 part time teacher—the remaining were from schools with 2 or more FCS teachers.
  - --79.6% had four or more preps (1 in 3 had 6 or more preps)
- --90% have traditional FCS education degrees –other 10% were through the FCS praxis or alternative licensures
  - -The biggest concern is lack of planning time (56%), followed by lack of FCS teachers to replace those who leave (45%) and future of program due to budget cuts (45%). Another 10% did say their biggest concern was expanding the FCS department--22 respondents said this.
  - -Overwhelmingly, a better understanding of the New Science standards (63%) is needed, followed by STEM (57%); math (31%) standards, the Kansas wellness policy (31%), literacy standards (30%) and Carl Perkins Federal Mandates (30%)
  - --Professional Development desired (webinars preferred) was overwhelmingly about addressing the Common Core, technology use/ipads in the FCS classroom and pathway/credential updates.
  - --Almost 7,000 middle level students and 28,000 senior high students were taught, and another 45,000 people were reached outside the classroom. (FCS Ed reached 80,000 Kansans last year—*How Impressive is That*?)

# 2. Calling All Teachers Who Are Teaching Via the FCS Praxis Test or Alternative Degrees.

We have a number of teachers in Kansas who do not have formal FCS education degree training but are teaching in today's FCS classrooms It has come to my attention, many of you are feeling the need for specialized professional development, particularly in the area of student leadership development, lab management, the teaching of the foundational life courses which require problem-based instruction and a full understanding of how to teach the eight process skills. For that reason, I am trying to develop opportunities help you address these issues.

My first step is to locate where you are and then to explore further what professional development you need. If you are one of those teachers, please reply to me by September 12<sup>th</sup> so that I can begin to meet your needs this school year.

# 3. CTE Drive-In Workshop 2013

Five CTE Drive In workshops provide KSDE-CTE updates and assistance for strengthening CTE programs/classes! Teachers, counselors and administrators will learn how integrating academics and CTE benefits ALL students! All workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with check-in at 8:30 a.m. Please note a MINIMUM OF participants is required at each location for the day to be held. Only on-line registration is allowed and registration for the CTE Drive-In Workshop 2013 is now open at: <a href="http://events.ksde.org/default.aspx?tabid=474">http://events.ksde.org/default.aspx?tabid=474</a>

#### PLEASE SEND CHECKS OR PURCHASE ORDERS TO

KSDE/CTE; Attention: Jessie Cornejo': 120 SE 10th Avenue; Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dates and Details (Workshop Fee is \$30, lunch is included).

#### September 5, 2013

Greenbush Education Service Center 947 W 47 Highway Girard, KS 66743

#### **September 12, 2013**

Clarion Hotel 1911 E Kansas Avenue Garden City, KS 67846

#### **September 18, 2013**

Ramada Inn Downtown 420 E 6th Street Topeka, KS 66607

# **September 24, 2013**

Fort Hays State Memorial Union 700 College Drive Hays, KS 67601

# October 1, 2013

Hutchinson Career and Technical Education Academy 800 15<sup>th</sup> Circle Hutchinson, KS

# 4. Safe, Healthy and Prepared Schools Conference—Sept 16-17, 2013 (On line registrations only) Manhattan, KS

Registration is now open for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe, Healthy and Prepared Schools Conference! The registration link and agenda are located at <a href="http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=467">http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=467</a>. Registration fee is only \$25!! This year the keynote speakers are Dr. Horatio Sanchez (brain science and resiliency) and Sharon Watson, Public Affairs Director, Dept. of the Kansas Adjutant General

The nineteen breakout session topics include a variety of topics from media violence and suicide prevention to human trafficking and public health partnerships.

There are pre-conference and post-conference strands addressing topics ranging from family engagement to tackling bullying in schools and will include actual schools presenting their methods in addressing each. See the registration link for details.

#### 5. Red Ribbon Week—October 23-31, 2013

Red Ribbon Week is quickly approaching and the Kansas Family Partnership has many resources. Brochures are available for order and DVDs/VHS tapes are available for check-out from the RADAR Lending Library. Order early so to receive materials on time for Red Ribbon Week activities planned. The annual KS Red Ribbon Booklet will be posted on-line on KFP's website, <a href="www.kansasfamily.com">www.kansasfamily.com</a>, in September. Be sure to enter Red Ribbon Week activities to be judged for a Red Ribbon Award. The nomination form for an award is located in the 2013 Red Ribbon Booklet

# 6. Harvard Video Concerning the Role of Parenting/Care Giving Skills

No words are really necessary as the video speaks for itself, however I do think it is an indicator from a non-FCS professional, of the role our Pre-Parenting Education courses can have on preparing youth for their role in their children's' development. (Source: DEVELOPINGCHILD.HARVARD.EDU/FOI)

http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/multimedia/videos/theory\_of\_change/

#### 7. NESTING/DOUBLE UP of COURSES:

# (Link: <a href="http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kH19wv3Bj3Q%3d&tabid=166">http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kH19wv3Bj3Q%3d&tabid=166</a> 0&mid=5193&forcedownload=true)

# **Nesting Of Courses Request Deadline: October 15, 2013**

Nesting of CTE courses is not recommended but case-by-case exceptions may be made by the pathway consultant. To gain approval for nesting, a school must contact the pathway consultant who oversees the pathway where the nesting is to occur and secure written approval for nesting courses. For FCS, this will require the name of the district and number, school, the courses by name and KCCMS code, and why this is deemed the best situation for the pathway. In addition, the decision to nest is to consider the input of the advisory committee and teacher to ensure it is the best situation for the students involved before a decision is made. The deadline to secure written approval for **nesting** CTE courses is **October 15, 2013**, not December 15, 2013, as was initially listed in CTE publications. Our state auditors begin auditing schools on October 15 each year so the documentation would need to be on file and available for our auditors by that date.

# **Double Up of Courses:**

There is no longer a cap on the number of students enrolled in an approved double-up. Previously, some pathways had a cap of 19 students that would be funded in a doubled-up course. We have removed the cap but schools are to be cognizant of the quality of instruction and the safety of the classroom when making decisions on the number of students allowed in a doubled-up CTE course. Laboratory courses are difficult to double up and are not recommended. This is especially true of culinary courses and others in which a progression of skill development is vital to the instruction and content of the course and earning of certifications and/or credentials.

#### 8. Facilities Guidelines for CTE Labs

This guide will provide KSDE's stance on classroom space needed per student. It is posted on the CTE Forms & Documents page of the KSDE website. Here is the link: <a href="http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=u">http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=u</a> PjhRlqJ2c%3d&tabid=1660&mid=5193 &forcedownload=true .

# 9. Food Lab Guidelines from the Kansas Hospitality and Restaurant Association

I asked Neely Carlson, KHRA about safety guidelines and facility issues that industry uses when determining appropriate space and rules for the food related FCS classroom. Here is what she shared with me:

"I know this doesn't answer the space issue, but here are some good safety guidelines from my safety staff to

include: http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/youth/restaurant/equipment\_foodprep.html

We all know that kitchens can be very tight in some restaurants, so limiting the number of people in the area will vary depending on the space available. I don't know of any

written standards from a safety standpoint, but I would think a good rule of thumb would be at least 1 ½ to2 feet of counter and floor space in any direction for each person in the cooking/food prep area. "

# 10 KSU and PSU FCS Related Events—October 11th (KSU) and October 29<sup>th</sup> (PSU)

Kansas State University has developed a FCS Education webpage linked through the College of Human Ecology website as well as an informational document related to a new event –"Wild About FCS Education"—set for October 11<sup>th</sup> to promote FCS Education. Access both through this link: <a href="http://www.he.k-state.edu/departments/fcsed">http://www.he.k-state.edu/departments/fcsed</a>

Pittsburg State University Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is also planning an event to promote all FCS career, including FCS Education. Their October 29<sup>th</sup> event-- "FACS and FURIOUS 13" --can be accessed here: http://www.pittstate.edu/department/family/news.dot

# 11. September 10<sup>th</sup> FCS Update (Adobe Connect) Webinar—(No pre-registrations needed)

On September 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00 p.m., a FCS Update Adobe Connect Meeting will be held. These meetings are similar to webinars, but allow you to log in using only your computer, which means you can watch it anywhere. From 3:30-4:00 p.m., Kent Reed, KSDE Counseling Consultant will be a guest presenter and will walk you through the new Social, Emotional and Character Development (SECD) Standards that were adopted in Kansas a year ago and now is gaining national attention. These standards promote the need for whole child development which is the same focus as our foundational course philosophy. Please don't miss Kent's presentation. If you attended the KSDE FCS update at K-ACTE, the remainder of the webinar will be a repeat. Please note anything new will be included right after Kent and I will tell you when the repeated information begins to allow you to disconnect if desired. We plan to archive it for viewing later, but that has not been confirmed.

Main agenda items will include: SECD Standard Review, Career Clusters Update for FCS, FCS teaching resources piloting and 2013-14 dates.

#### 12. CDA 2.0 Rolled Out in June

The Child Development Associates 2.0 credential was rolled out this summer. It will be the discussion at several of my Fall early child related organization meetings. I will share more information when I receive it regarding changes.

# 13. 2013 Women and Money Series Now Accessible by Webinar!

Get help with your financial decisions at this series of classes developed by women for women. Learn about budgeting, banking and credit building from Housing and Credit Counseling Inc. Investments, retirement planning, and wills are presented by area

experts and the Kansas Securities Commission. Enrollment is open to women (and others) 15 years and up. This series is offered live in Topeka, but available by webinar elsewhere. Participants enrolled may access the webinar (Sept 5 through Oct 31) by going to <a href="www.hcci-ks.org">www.hcci-ks.org</a> and clicking on the link for Women & Money. All handouts for the webinar classes are downloadable and participants will also have access to a chat room for Q/A and a Women & Money blog. To register:

Live Classes at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library: Registration Form

By live or recorded webinar: Registration Site

#### 14. CTE RESOURCES UPDATED

Please note, the 2014-15 career cluster guidance handbook has been updated and posted on the KSDE website and should be referred to for the career pathways (CPPSA) updates. A one-page fact sheet identifies changes from the 2013-14 edition. Both can be accessed below (Remember, all approved pathways are required to be updated and resubmitted between November 15 and March 15<sup>th</sup> annually) Here are the links:

Handbook - <a href="http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Career%20and%20Tech%20Ed/2014-2015%20Cluster%20Handbook.pdf">http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Career%20and%20Tech%20Ed/2014-2015%20Cluster%20Handbook.pdf</a>

#### AND

Fact Sheet of CTE Changes - <a href="http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Fact%20Sheet%2014-15%20pathway%20changes.pdf">http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Fact%20Sheet%2014-15%20pathway%20changes.pdf</a>

# 15. FCCLA Receives Recognition from the Governor of Kansas

Many of you may not know that our Family, Career and Community Leaders of America advisors and members have received recognition from Governor Brownback for their 2012-13 school year accomplishments. Kansas brought home 86 Gold (the highest award), 43 Silver and 1 Bronze medals for their competitive events, but also many other awards were awarded to Kansas. Schools named as first or second place national award winners were Jefferson West Middle, Wabaunsee High, Tonganoxie Middle, Mission Valley High, Campus High and Jefferson West High. Advisor/Teachers who earned awards were Sara Short, Goodland (she won two!), Merrita Combs, West Franklin, Connie Braun, Victoria and Marian Cordill, Buhler. Three students earned top recognition as well and includes SE of Saline's Andrew Peuchen, who was selected as a national officer, and Dalton Noakes, Chanute and Payton Wilson, Marmaton Valley, who won national scholarships. Congratulations to all competitors!

# 16. Two FCS Kansans Selected for National Recognition

Beth Ireland, formerly of Fredonia, was selected to serve on a panel of FCS experts to identify the New FCS praxis settings. She will join other representatives from across the nation in Princeton to review the draft praxis for national adoption.

Renea Spangler, FCS Teacher/FCCLA Advisor, Wichita was awarded the American Baking Association 2013 Educator Award for her outstanding baking education program. Click on this link to learn more about baking education resources: <a href="http://www.homebaking.org/foreducators/index.html">http://www.homebaking.org/foreducators/index.html</a>

Congratulations to Beth and Renea!

# 17. SB155 and State-Wide Articulation Agreements Overview

There are two manners in which students can earn college credit—state-wide articulation agreements and SB155. Here is a summary of each: State-wide Articulation Agreements

- All approved CTE pathways identify a minimum of one to offer students.
- KS has over 55 state-wide agreements in place across the state.
- Free college credit is received when students arrive at that school.
- No fees or book costs charged
- Instruction is tied to approved secondary CTE program.
- District earns weighted funding dollars.

#### SB155

- Students must be enrolled in the postsecondary school.
- Limited to geographic location for the most part.
- College credit is earned immediately.
- Tuition is paid for, but entrance costs, books and student fees are not paid for.
- Transportation is paid.
- Only tiered CTE post-secondary programs are eligible.
- Not tied with secondary CTE program.
- Districts do not earn weighted funding.

# 18. Great Inspiration Video of Ashton Kutcher Speech

Earlier this week, Ashton Kutcher earned a Teen Choice Award. His 4 min acceptance speech really hit the mark. He talked about the three keys to success. It might be appropriate for classroom viewing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjZVzF0bxfQ

# 19. USDA CTE Waiver for School Nutrition Regulations

Many of you may have been following the news about the USDA regulations regarding foods for sale within the school building on school days. This was a concern of FCS education due to nutrition and food science labs and culinary experiences. I understand the final decision was to allow schools to apply for and obtain waivers for these FCS related experiences. I have not seen the actual form, but will share more information as received.

# 20. SB155 Update for 2013-14

Two new documents concerning the 2013-14 SB 155 legislation have been posted to the KSDE Website. The **first** is the <u>revised 2013-14 list of certifications</u> that qualify for the \$1000 incentive payment. It is found at:

http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kKVRLzufrss%3d&tabid=249&mid=12875 &forcedownload=true

The **second** document is the <u>SB 155 Reference Materials Guide</u>. It contains the qualifying certification list, contact information for each certification, a FAQ section for SB 155, and individual Fact Sheets for each certification occupation. It is found at: <a href="http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=8ejuMlvqzB8%3d&tabid=249&mid=12875">http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=8ejuMlvqzB8%3d&tabid=249&mid=12875</a> &forcedownload=true

If you have questions please contact Jay Scott <u>iscott@ksde.org</u>, Peggy Torrens at <u>ptorrens@ksde.org</u>, or Kirk Haskins at <u>khaskins@ksde.org</u>.

21. Perkins Can Be Used for Professional Dues

According to Martin Hollman, KSDE Perkins Internal Co-Lead, the interpretation allows Perkins dollars can pay for professional dues (if your local district has determined that is an approved use of the funds). It reads: "Memberships—Professional Dues relevant to approved pathways/clusters". (page 5)

If you wish to review it yourself, here is the Perkins Document Link: <a href="http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=nLRKOuHu6KQ%3d&tabid=291&mid=137">http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=nLRKOuHu6KQ%3d&tabid=291&mid=137</a> 90&forcedownload=true

Until next time, have a great 2013-14 school year!

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