

'Environmental Health Science Education for Rural Youth' Newsletter 03/06 edition

Upcoming Dates:

Mar 24-25 Washington Environmental Education Association annual state conference in Spokane

Mar 31 Browning High School 9th grade science students visit UM campus. BHS science teacher, Leo Bird, offers lecture at 7:00P followed by a star viewing opportunity

Apr 01 Saturday Science Enrichment Program "Keeping Your Eyes on the Skies"

Apr 13 Submission deadline for our next newsletter

Apr 27-29 Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE) annual state conference in Polson

May 17 Air Tox Symposium at UM (western Montana high school students & SKC)

Presentations

Nancy Marra and Diana Vanek offered a power point presentation to 'spread the word about SEPA' at the Montana Environmental Education Association (MEEA) annual conference March 3rd in Bozeman. The two are also slated to present at the Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE) annual conference Apr 27th in Polson.

Dear Steering Committee and Collaborative Partners,

Greetings from CEHS! One of the charges our group faces is to guide our project's direction. The way our SEPA grant application proposed to meet this challenge was through bi-weekly meetings/conferences /communications. With that in mind, when it's not necessary to meet in person, we can keep the lines of communication open by using a rotation of newsletters, conference calls, and establishing a listserv.

This newsletter's mission then is to:

- inform of recent activities
- answer questions
- outline administrative procedures
- announce upcoming events



Please be sure to submit your news, questions, concerns, etc. to us here at CEHS so we can include in our next publication.

Regards,

Nancy Marra, Education Coordinator

Diana Vanek, Outreach Coordinator

It's always important to keep our goals in a conspicuous place so that they will remain forefront in our minds when designing curriculum, learning opportunities, and outreach efforts

SEPA's Four Aims

- ✓ **Enhance** K-12 environmental health science education by strengthening the partnership with CEHS, SKC, and area's education groups (thereby possibly increasing post-secondary science education enrollment, enhancing student academic performance, providing competent environmental health education, and decreasing health problems).
- ✓ **Develop** culturally appropriate strategies and materials (hands-on and inquiry-based) to address health related subjects
- ✓ **Disseminate** information on environmental health science by means of a mobile science center and multimedia programs.
- ✓ **Expand** public support for integrating environment health education in schools consistent with rural and socioeconomic character of Montana.

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