

NOTICES

Fund-raising and Grant Programs for Your School

The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Susan Castillo, and Oregon's Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury, are joining together to offer Oregon public schools, K-12, the opportunity to make some extra money!

Voter Registration Cards

- **The background:** Oregon is issuing a brand new voter registration card because new federal requirements make the old cards obsolete.
- **The problem:** We need to get the old voter registration cards, located in places like post offices, banks, government agencies, health and social services agencies, phonebooks, union halls, high schools and universities, etc., off the streets.
- **An opportunity:** The secretary of state will pay your school 1 cent for every "old" voter registration card that students collect and turn in to their school office. **Deadline is Feb. 28, 2006.**
- **An important tip:** It's important that your student collect only "old" cards. We'll pay only for old cards, not the new ones, and there may well be some new ones out there. How do you tell the difference? The new cards have a barcode above the section that the voter fills out.

Your principal has more information. If you have questions about this program, please call the Elections Division of the Secretary of State at 503-986-1518 or call your local county clerk.

CiviConnections

CiviConnections – linking history, civics, and service – is a national program for third- through 12th-grade teachers.

- Funding available: 33 grants of \$7,500 to teams of three teachers each
- Issue areas for 2006 applications: poverty, environment, health care, and discrimination
- **Application deadline: Feb. 24, 2006**

CiviConnections is a three-year third-through 12th-grade teacher grant program funded by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service and the National Council for the Social Studies.

From 2003-2006, CiviConnections will involve more than 297 teachers and 7,425 third- through 12th-grade students nationwide in linking local history inquiry with community service-learning activities.

A team of three teachers can apply for a \$7,500 grant to cover their costs for attending a summer workshop, implementing the program during the 2006-2007 school year, and attending the 2006 NCSS annual conference in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Rahima Wade, a professor at the University of Iowa, is the project director. Dr. Wade and Dr. Linda Levstik, a professor at the University of Kentucky, will co-facilitate the summer workshops.

For more information and to download the application, please visit www.civiconnections.org.

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Join the Sister Study; Help with Breast Cancer Research

American Indian and Alaska Native women are needed to join a landmark study to discover the causes of breast cancer. The Sister Study will enroll 50,000 women whose sister had breast cancer.

The study is conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, with additional funding from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Sisters share many things – early experiences, environment, and genes. By joining the Sister Study, you can help researchers learn how environment and genes may affect the chances of getting breast cancer.

American Indian and Alaska Native sisters have powerful information to share with the Sister Study. Breast cancer

is the second leading cause of cancer death among American Indian and Alaska Native women. In recent years, their rate of death from the disease has risen in certain areas of the U.S. and the five-year survival rate is lower than for white women. Yet scientists have very little information on cancer histories in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

You are eligible for the study if:

- Your sister (living or deceased), related to you by blood, had breast cancer
- You are between the ages of 35 and 74
- You have never had breast cancer yourself
- You live in the U.S.

For more details, call 1-877-4-SISTER (1-877-474-7837); deaf/hard of hearing: 1-866-TTY-4SIS; or visit the Web site www.sisterstudy.org.

Lillie Butler – 11/23/05-1/5/06

TC	Ind	Gmg	Tvl	
2.5	2.5	5		11/23&26 Packets
7.5	7.5			11/28-30 Packets
		10		12/1-2 Packets
4	4			12/5-6 Packets
3.25	3.25			12/7 Willamette Nat'l. Forest, packets
		7	2	12/8 Council gaming
2.75	2.75		7	12/9 Staff mtg., community mtg., Brookings
1.75	1.75		6	12/10 Community mtg., Brookings
		10		12/12-13 Packets
3.25	3.25		4.5	12/14 STBC
2.5	2.5			12/15 Packets
7.5	7.5	1		12/16-17 Regular TC
9.5	9.5	5		12/19-23 Packets
10	10	5		12/26-30 Packets
2.5	2.5			1/2 Packets
3.25	3.25	3.5		1/4-5 EPR wkshp., council, packets

Lorraine Y. Butler – 11/28/05-1/4/06

TC	Ind	Gmg	Tvl	
2	2			11/28-29 Read packet
			7	12/1 Travel to Warm Springs
2.25	2.25			12/2 Mtg. in Warm Springs
			8	12/3 Travel back from Warm Springs
2	2			12/6 Read packet
1	1			12/7 Read packet (gaming)
3	3		2	12/8 Gaming mtg.
1.25	1.25		13	12/10 Travel to Brookings, mtg. in Brookings
			2	12/13 Read packet
1.75	1.75		4	12/14 STBC – Salem, read packet
7.25	7.25		1	12/16-17 Regular TC
1	1			12/27 Special TC, EPR wkshp.
1	1			12/30 Read packet
1	1	3.5		1/2&4 Read packet

Aquarium Offers Marine Ecology for the Wet and Wild

Class Teaches Divers about Northwest Marine Life

NEWPORT, Ore. – The Oregon Coast Aquarium is offering a rare opportunity for intermediate SCUBA divers. *Marine Ecology for the Wet and Wild* is an extraordinary experience for divers to go into the waters of the aquarium's *Passages of the Deep* exhibit, home to hundreds of marine animals.

The class is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 4 and includes a review of the 13 major groups of invertebrates inhabiting Northwest waters. It's limited to six participants.

"We won't be in the Open Sea Exhibit with the sharks," says Vallorie Hodges, dive safety officer at the aquarium. "But we'll be right up close to many common – and some uncommon – Pacific Northwest fishes and invertebrates."

Hodges says this is the ideal place for divers to learn about marine life because you would have to log many hours diving in the open water of the Oregon Coast to find and identify the marine life you will see in one dive at the aquarium.

In this setting at the aquarium, divers learn in a more focused manner.

"You see the animals through the acrylic, learn about them in a classroom, and then dive into *Passages of the Deep* at the aquarium," Hodges says. "You really get to see them up close and walk away with a solid knowledge of what you see in Pacific Northwest waters."

Zoologist Richard Yost and Janna Nichols, a REEF (Reef Environmental Education Foundation) instructor will lead the class. Hodges says the popular class is fun, too.

"Richard and Janna have a great chemistry and they play off each other," she says. "Richard's humor and Janna's diving expertise make it as fun as it is informative."

Yost uses photos and video clips to highlight the characteristics of the animals and where to find them as well as habitat, behavior, and interrelationships. Nichols will focus on fish identification and show the class how to do a REEF fish survey.

"This is a prime Northwest diving experience ... seated entry with a tender to help gear up, no currents, and crystal clear water. And we guarantee you will see lots of animals," said Hodges.

To register or for more information, call Hodges at 541-867-3474, ext. 5302. Registration fee is \$140 per person.

The aquarium is a private, non-profit, aquatic and marine science educational facility offering a fun and interesting way to learn about Oregon's unique coastal ecosystem. It's dedicated to teaching marine wildlife and ocean conservation through responsible management and exhibition of marine life.

For more information, visit the aquarium's Web site at www.aquarium.org or call 541-867-FISH.