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Dates to remember:

- Sept 27 – 3:30 pm
ALL CTE at Benson
- Oct. 4 **OR 5** –
ALL DAY PD at Rice
- Oct. 25 - 3:30pm
ALL CTE Teachers at
Benson

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Dear CTE Colleagues,

Welcome back to the 2010-2011 school year. While we are all feeling the pinch of budget cuts, we can be grateful that we have Perkins funding to continue improvement and enhancement of our CTE Programs of Study. Many of you took advantage of professional development activities during the summer, and we will offer a number of additional opportunities during the school year. You will be able access all activities through the PPS Learning Campus. Please check dates and times listed in this newsletter.

This year seven CTE programs in the Industrial and Engineering Systems cluster will prepare **Program of Study Applications** with support sessions already scheduled both through the District and through PAVTEC. We will also see the implementation of **technical skill assessments** in all CTE programs. The IT staff is currently developing a system to collect and report TSA results electronically.

As you learned in the August CTE announcement, **Linda Littler** has undertaken the secretarial responsibilities for Perkins and CTE. She is highly skilled and committed to helping CTE programs operate smoothly and efficiently. The CTE phone and fax numbers have not changed. You will have a chance to welcome and get to know Linda at the **September 27 CTE meeting**.

I wish you a smooth opening to the school year. Please keep in mind that, even with challenges and uncertainties we are facing at this time, the best way to strengthen CTE is to continue your focus on building outstanding programs and to take advantage of every opportunity to share successes with others in your buildings, the district, and the community.

Have a great year!

My best,
Marybeth

Bringing Home the Bronze

CTE Broadcasting students Ebony Stewart and Brian Halvorson brought home “the bronze” from SkillsUSA national competition in June. Stewart and Halvorson received their awards for collaborating on the production of a 60-second news story on a World Cup viewing party in downtown Kansas City, Mo., where the national competition took place. The duo, both disc jockeys and producers on Benson KBPS, were selected out of 19 teams. Their video can be viewed at <http://www.mediafire.com/?644otpb9eppkit> .

Both Halvorson and Stewart received prizes of \$15,000 in scholarships to Boston University for their state and national awards.

In addition to the Broadcasting students, Benson sent CTE participants from the Electrical, Automotive, Manufacturing, Photo Video, Computers, Construction and Web Design areas to the competition.

SkillsUSA students financed their trip by soliciting donations from business partners and through various SkillsUSA student leadership fundraising activities.



Mark Your Calendars

There are several **CTE important dates** it is important that you enter on your calendars. More information will follow.

CTE teachers will be able to meet during the last Monday of the month district Job-alike meetings

Sept. 27, 3:30	ALL CTE TEACHERS at Benson (correction from earlier announcement)
Oct. 25, 3:30	ALL CTE TEACHERS at Benson
Nov. 29	CTE teachers meet in home buildings or with common programs in the district.
Jan. 24, 3:30	ALL District IES Teachers at Meek; other CTE teachers meet in home buildings or with common programs in the district.
Feb, 28, 3:30	ALL CTE TEACHERS at Benson
March 28	CTE teachers meet in home buildings or with common programs in the district.
April 25, 3:30	ALL CTE TEACHERS at Benson
May 23, 3:30	ALL CTE TEACHERS at Benson

CTE Professional Development full days

October 4 **OR** 5 CTE PD all day at Rice
 Dec. 7 **OR** 9 CTE PD all day at Rice

CTE Professional Development half day

March 30, 1/2 day CTE PD, either AM or PM

IMPORTANT

All professional development sessions including job-alikes must be scheduled through the **PPS Learning Campus**. Registration will allow you to receive email updates regarding changes or cancellations of events. If you are not registered for a class, your extended hours or substitute pay may not be covered.

*Deadline for class registrations in 2010/2011 will be **two** days before the scheduled event.*

CTE News Clips**CTE Handbook Updates**

Bring your **CTE Handbooks** to the **September 27th** Job-alike meeting. Teachers will receive updated contents important to CTE work for the year. Among the updates are new instruction sheets and forms for professional development, reimbursements, and hours worked beyond the school day. Revised copies of the handbook will also be provided for teachers to deliver to building administrators.

Professional Development - October 4 or 5

The professional development day in October (select either the 4th or the 5th) will take place at Rice from 8:00 until 3:30. "Talking Safety," a comprehensive and timely program for ALL CTE programs, will be featured. A number of you requested this when surveyed about PD for 2010-11. The other part of the day will address your personal professional development plans and integration of new materials, equipment, and program updates into your curriculum/lesson plans. There will be time to work, so bring a computer, course curriculum outlines, and planning templates is necessary. Please register using the District On-line Learning Campus.

Health Students Show Their POWER

POWER Health Science students on the Roosevelt Campus earned just under \$200,000 in scholarship money for Post secondary education. Eleven CTE Program of Study Completers shared a total of \$195,300 to advance their studies in health and other career choices.

Communication Tech Receives Grant

Benson Communications Technology teacher Jeanette Pelster applied for and was awarded a \$10,000 Harvest Foundation grant to purchase state-of-the-industry video equipment for Benson's CT Program of Study. The POS will acquire a Canon Single Lens Reflex camera with HD video capabilities, described as "the most advanced photography system in the world." Way to go, Jeanette!

Committee to Explore Portfolio Assessment

This year PPS Career and Technical Education teachers will have the opportunity to participate in the research and development of a portfolio-based technical skill assessment. A volunteer group of 3-5 teachers will be given time and support to work on this project. Additional information will be provided at the Sept. 27 meeting.

CTE Scholarship Goes to BizTech Student

BizTech student Amanda Etter received the James O'Gara Scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding CTE student from the Portland Public School District. The \$650 scholarship will help Etter continue her studies in Business Administration at the University of Oregon. James O'Gara was a long-time CTE teacher at Benson whose estate provides the scholarship.

Benson Students to Produce Videos

Benson High School Communications Technology students will produce three videos during the 2010-11 school year aimed at involving nontraditional populations in District CTE Programs of Study. The videos will be aired on public access Channel 28 and other outreach venues to be identified as a part of the production plan. In 2009-2010 CTE teachers explored a number of options for reaching out to nontraditional populations, and gave the videos top priority as a recruitment strategy. CTE Communications teacher Cathy Skach spent several weeks training in Seattle on professional-level production software the students will learn to operate as a part of their Program of Study.