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**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, Business Managers, Charter School Administrators, Title I Directors, Special Education Directors, Testing Coordinators, Technology Coordinators and Public Information Officers

**FROM:** Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**RE:** Weekly E-Newsletter

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### **TWO IDAHO SCHOOLS RECEIVE BLUE RIBBON AWARD (GO TO TOP)**

The U.S. Department of Education announced this week that two Idaho public schools received the prestigious 2009 Blue Ribbon Award. Webster Elementary School in Lewiston and Camas County Elementary-Junior High School in Fairfield were recognized as 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools for dramatically improving student performance.

"Webster Elementary and Camas County Elementary-Junior High are two examples of the great work Idaho teachers and students are doing across Idaho," Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said. "I congratulate the staff in both these schools for earning the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award and am grateful for their hard work and continued dedication to raising student achievement."

The Blue Ribbon award honors public and private schools that are either academically superior, or have made dramatic gains in student achievement and helped close gaps in achievement among minority and disadvantaged students.

To earn the Blue Ribbon, Webster Elementary and Camas County Elementary-Junior High had to meet two major criteria: The students had to score in the top 10 percent statewide on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds had to demonstrate dramatic improvement of student performance on the ISAT. In addition, the schools had to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading and math.

The two Idaho schools were among 314 selected by the U.S. Department of Education to receive the 2009 Blue Ribbon recognition. The schools will be honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November.



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For more information on the Blue Ribbon program or to see a full list of awarded schools, please visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html>. The U.S. Department of Education's news release on the 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools is available online at <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/09/09152009.html>.

To learn more about the performance of these Idaho schools or others, please visit [www.sde.idaho.gov](http://www.sde.idaho.gov) and click on the "School Report Card" link to find student achievement results for a school, district or the state.

### **DEPARTMENT, MICRON FOUNDATION TO DONATE FAMILY MATH NIGHT KITS (GO TO TOP)**

The State Department of Education has once again partnered with the Micron Technology Foundation as part of the Idaho Math Initiative to offer local schools and districts the opportunity to engage parents in their child's math education through Family Math Night kits. The kits are based on the Micron Foundation's *Math Fun d'Mentals* kit. With this kit, your local school or district can host a Family Math Night and invite parents and students for a night of fun with mathematics.

This fall, the State Department of Education is making an additional 45 *Math Fun d'Mentals* kits available to Idaho school districts for free. Each kit consists of seven boxes full of activities and two portfolios. All you need to do is sign up for one! The Micron Foundation developed the *Math Fun d'Mentals* kit for elementary students. The kits contain everything you will need to host a Family Math Night at your local school -- except the volunteers and the parents.

To get a free *Math Fun d'Mentals* kit for your local school district, please visit [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/math/math\\_initiative.htm](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/math/math_initiative.htm) to download a request form. They will be distributed one per school district on a first-come basis. If your district has already received a kit, you will not be eligible for this distribution. For more information, please contact Katie Walker at (208) 332-6933 or [kwalker@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:kwalker@sde.idaho.gov).

### **REGISTER NOW FOR FALL CONFERENCES (GO TO TOP)**

*The following is a list of many of the 2009 fall in-service conferences scheduled across Idaho. Please let us know about other upcoming fall in-service conferences. We will update this list in future newsletters. If you or your organization is hosting a conference during the fall in-service days, please e-mail the information to Melissa McGrath at [mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov). Please include the title of the conference, dates, times, locations, cost, information on how to register, and contact information in case people have questions. We will post all fall in-service conferences on our web site and in upcoming newsletters.*

#### **Idaho Council of Teachers of English (ICTE) and Idaho Council of the International Reading Association (ICIRA)**

Title: "A Change of Season: The Art of Literacy"

Date/Location: Mountain View High School, Meridian, ID on October 1-2, 2009.

Contact: Maggie Chase, [maggiemcgrath@boisestate.edu](mailto:maggiemcgrath@boisestate.edu)

#### **Idaho Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) and Idaho Science Teachers Association (ISTA)**

Title: "Technology in Math and Science for a Changing World"



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Dates/Location: Borah High School, Boise, ID on October 1-2, 2009.

Contact: Kim Zeydel, [kzeydel@idahoctm.org](mailto:kzeydel@idahoctm.org) or <http://www.idahoctm.org/FallConference.html>

### **Idaho Council for History Education (ICHE)**

Title: "Empires Gained, Empires Lost"

Date/Location: Boise High School, Boise, ID on October 1-2, 2009

Contact: Russ Heller, [russ.heller@boiseschools.org](mailto:russ.heller@boiseschools.org)

### **Boise School District, Boise State University, Serve Idaho, and community members (open to all educators)**

Title: "The Complete Guide to Service Learning"

Date/Location: October 1, 2009 at the Boise School District

Contact: Gayl Loutzenheiser, [gayl@cableone.net](mailto:gayl@cableone.net)

### **Idaho Falls School District (open to all educators)**

Title: "2009 Whole Child, Whole Teacher"

Date/Location: Thursday, Oct. 1 at Skyline High School.

Contact: For more information, go to [www.d91.k12.id.us](http://www.d91.k12.id.us)

### **Speech and Theatre Teachers**

Date/Location: October 1-2, 2009 at Hemingway Elementary in Ketchum

Contact: For more information, contact [Harrison.TracyJ@meridianschools.org](mailto:Harrison.TracyJ@meridianschools.org)

### **Idaho Art Educator's Association**

Title: "Art is Essential"

Date/Location: Oct 1-2 at Wood River Middle School, Hailey

Contact: [http://www.idahoarted.org/files/IAEA\\_2009\\_April\\_Newsletter.doc](http://www.idahoarted.org/files/IAEA_2009_April_Newsletter.doc) or  
Karen Fothergill, [karen.fothergill@filer.k12.id.us](mailto:karen.fothergill@filer.k12.id.us)

### **Idaho Orff-Schulwerk Association**

Title: 2009 Fall Mini-Conference

Date/Location: Oct 1-2, 2009 at Fremont H. Teed Elementary, Kuna

Contact: Anita Edwards, [aedward@kunaschools.org](mailto:aedward@kunaschools.org) or visit  
<http://www.idahoorff.org/Documents/IdahoOrffConferenceNewsletter2009.pdf>.

### **Idaho Association Teachers of Language and Culture**

Title: "50 Golden Years and Moving Forward"

Date/Location: Oct 1-2, 2009 at South Junior High School, Boise

Contact: Dennis Ohrtman, [dwohrtman@aol.com](mailto:dwohrtman@aol.com) or visit [www.iatlc.org](http://www.iatlc.org)

### **American Choral Director's Association of Idaho**

Date/Location: Oct 1-2, 2009 at Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum

Contact: President Quinn Van Paepeguem at [vanpaepeguem.quinn@meridianschools.org](mailto:vanpaepeguem.quinn@meridianschools.org) or visit  
<http://idacda.org/>



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### **Idaho Library Association**

Date/Location: September 30-October 30, 2009 at Best Western in Burley

Contact: Rena Ferguson at [rferguson@ifpl.org](mailto:rferguson@ifpl.org) or visit <http://www.2009ila.blogspot.com/>

### **Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) Orientation and Refresher Training**

Date/Location: Regional trainings starting September 16 through September 25, 2009.

To see a full schedule or to register, visit <http://itcnew.idahotc.com>

### **Rachel's Challenge**

Title: "Touch the Heart, Change the Student"

Date/Location: October 1-2, 2009 in Boise and Pocatello

Contact: Visit [www.rachelschallenge.org/PD/](http://www.rachelschallenge.org/PD/) or call (877) 895-7060

### **Idaho Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (IAHPERD)**

Title: "Breaking Loose on the Palouse"

Date/Location: October 1-2, 2009 at University of Idaho, Moscow

Contact: Karla Harmon, 208-883-1465 or [harmank@sd281.k12.id.us](mailto:harmank@sd281.k12.id.us) or visit <http://www.idaho-ahperd.org/>

### **Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)**

Title: "Professionals: Working for Kids Today and Education Tomorrow!!"

Date/Location: October 1-3, 2009 in Sun Valley

Contact: Visit <http://www.idahocec.org/>

### **Idaho School Counselor Association**

Title: "Bridging the Achievement Gap"

Date/Location: October 1-2, 2009 at the Nampa Civic Center, Nampa

Contact: Chris McNaught, [mcnaught.chris@gmail.com](mailto:mcnaught.chris@gmail.com)

### **Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs**

Title: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Youth Summit

Date/Location: October 30, 2009 at the Nampa Civic Center, Nampa

Contact: Register at visit [www2.state.id.us/icha](http://www2.state.id.us/icha) or contact Juan Saldaña at [juan.saldana@icha.idaho.gov](mailto:juan.saldana@icha.idaho.gov) or at (208) 334-3776

### **Idaho State Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs**

Child Nutrition Programs is hosting a series of workshops throughout September and October, including the following:

- CACFP New Center
- Cooking with Whole Grains
- Healthy Edge
- Menu Planning for New Nutrition Standards
- Personal Management
- Serving It Safe

Contact: Visit <http://www.databasesdoneright.com/nutrition/> for full details



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### SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE (GO TO TOP)

- Superintendent Luna will speak to the Diesel Advisory Board at the Dehryl Dennis Center at 6:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 17 in Boise.
- Superintendent Luna will mark Constitution Day by speaking to a high school government class from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 17 at Boise High School in Boise.
- Superintendent Luna will attend the Idaho State Historical Society Annual Esto Perpetua Awards Luncheon at noon on Thursday, September 17 in Boise and help recognize the two Idaho students who won the National History Day Contest.
- Superintendent Luna will speak at the Children's and Young Adult Literature Conference at noon on Saturday, September 19 at the BYU-Idaho campus in Rexburg.
- Superintendent Luna will give opening remarks at the 2009 Federal Program Directors Meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22 in Boise.
- Superintendent Luna is visiting the Salmon School District at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23 in Salmon.
- Superintendent Luna is attending a Career Fair for students from Salmon, Mackay, Dubois, Leadore and Challis from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23 at the Lemhi County Fairgrounds.
- Superintendent Luna is attending the grand opening of South Fork Elementary School at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23 in Rigby.
- Superintendent Luna will appear on "Idaho Up Close with Mike Adams" show on 590 KID at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 24 in Idaho Falls.
- Superintendent Luna is attending the Idaho Bureau of Educational Services the Deaf and the Blind at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 25 in Gooding.

### WHAT'S NEW (GO TO TOP)

- **Qwest Foundation for Education Grant** -- Apply now for the Qwest Foundation for Education grant, which is awarded to Idaho K-12 public school classroom educators who demonstrate innovative uses of technology in the classroom. The purposes of this grant are to recognize Idaho K-12 public school teachers who are using technology in innovative ways in the classroom to improve student performance and increase the use of technology in the classroom by sharing proven methods of how teachers are using technology to improve student performance. Grant proposals may be written for up to \$10,000. Visit [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech\\_services/grants\\_contracts.htm](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech_services/grants_contracts.htm)



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for more information. The deadline to apply is **November 20, 2009**. If you have questions, please contact Jimmy Takata at [jtakata@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:jtakata@sde.idaho.gov) or (208) 332-6937.

- **INL 60th Celebration Student Video Contest** -- Idaho National laboratory will celebrate 60 years of energy innovation with a contest that includes several \$500 cash prizes for winning middle- and high-school classrooms. Idaho middle and high school students are encouraged to prepare a two- to five-minute video or podcast on the topic: What 60 Years of INL's Energy Innovation Means to a New Generation of Energy Consumers. The purpose of this contest is to enhance students' research and fact-finding skills and to educate them on the types of energy we use today and INL's contributions to the evolution of our national energy landscape. More information is available at [https://inlportal.inl.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS\\_0\\_291\\_45875\\_0\\_0\\_18/60th%20Anniversary%20Contest.final.pdf](https://inlportal.inl.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_291_45875_0_0_18/60th%20Anniversary%20Contest.final.pdf).
- **Register for Charter Start workshop** -- The State Department of Education's Division of Innovation and Choice is hosting a *Charter Start! 101* Workshop on October 5, 2009 for parents, educators and other patrons interested in learning more about public charter schools and what it takes to start a school. The *Charter Start! 101* Workshop will provide hands-on technical assistance for all new charter developers and any individual or group interested in a public school conversion. The workshop will be held at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Boulevard in Boise. The deadline to register is **September 25, 2009**. To register, please complete the online registration form at [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/charter\\_schools/](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/charter_schools/). If you have questions about registration, please contact Lori Howard at [Ulahoward@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:Ulahoward@sde.idaho.gov).
- **Capitol Education Program Survey** -- The newly renovated and remodeled Idaho State Capitol will reopen to the public in January 2010. In addition to the changes to the building, the statehouse education program is being revamped to create a memorable experience for students and teachers with content and resources that link to your classroom curriculum. Attached is a link to a short survey that will give you an opportunity to advise program designers on the future education program. Please visit [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=krjIIKLfXzmrSXMKchxvAA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=krjIIKLfXzmrSXMKchxvAA_3d_3d) to complete the survey by **September 25, 2009**. It should only take a few minutes. For more information on the Capitol Education program please contact Robyn Lockett at (208) 334-4855 or [capitol tours@iso.idaho.gov](mailto:capitol tours@iso.idaho.gov).
- **FICA Match Reports due** -- Please remember it's time to complete and submit your FICA Match Report for the 2008-2009 school year. This covers July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The due date is **September 30, 2009**. The cover letter and the report form can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/statisticsFinance/>. The completed report should be faxed to me at (208) 334-2228. If you wish to e-mail the report, be sure it includes the required signature. If you have questions, please contact Ken Lang at (208) 332-6858 or [kplang@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:kplang@sde.idaho.gov).
- **Two copiers available** -- The Idaho State Department of Education is donating two Xerox CC35 Digital copiers on a first-come basis. Specifications can be found at the following link: <http://www.office.xerox.com/copiers/copiers-over-30ppm/copycentre-c35-digital-copier/spec-enus.html>. Both machines are in good working condition but no longer needed at the Department. Xerox can extend service contracts on the equipment for a monthly fee. The receiving school, district or charter will be responsible for moving the equipment. Please contact Brandon Phillips at (208) 332-6867 or [bcphillips@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:bcphillips@sde.idaho.gov) if you are interested.



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- **Program to support children with parents in National Guard and Reserve** -- The Idaho National Guard Family Programs Office will sponsor a *Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute* in February 2010. The Institute is a two-day professional development program designed for school counselors, administrators, other school personnel, and family support personnel of the National Guard and Reserves. The purpose of the training institute is to prepare school personnel to recognize and address issues that children face when a parent is deployed by the National Guard or Reserves. Those interested in attending are encouraged to contact Michael Judah, Joint Family Support Assistance Program (JFSAP) MOS Consultant, at (208)570-3746 or [michael.g.judah@militaryonesource.com](mailto:michael.g.judah@militaryonesource.com), or contact Annie Henna Estvold, State Youth Coordinator, at (208) 272-4387 or [annie.henna@id.ngb.army.mil](mailto:annie.henna@id.ngb.army.mil).

### REMINDERS (GO TO TOP)

- **Check out new School Report Card** -- The State Department of Education has created new online School Report Cards that provide an in-depth look at student achievement at the state, local and school levels with the click of a button. These reports are a great way for Idaho parents and citizens to see how Idaho schools are performing. The School Report Cards are available at [www.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard). Report cards should be linked to from the school and district websites no later than **November 2, 2009**.
- **Nominate a teacher for Idaho Teacher of the Year** -- Now is the time to nominate a teacher for Idaho Teacher of the Year! The Idaho Teacher of the Year Program, which began in 1959, is one of the most prestigious honors in the state for teachers. The Idaho Teacher of the Year is chosen from among the districts' nominees by a selection committee representing the state education leaders and lawmakers. Each school district and charter school may nominate one teacher. The Idaho Teacher of the Year also becomes a nominee for the National Teacher of the Year, a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers that is sponsored by Scholastic Inc. Applications are due **September 30, 2009**. Visit [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher\\_of\\_year/](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher_of_year/) to download the application. (The state application is the same as the national application.)
- **Department receives grant to help implement new nutrition standards** -- The State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) was awarded the federal 2009 Team Nutrition Grant to expand and enhance training programs and resources that will support the implementation of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans in meals and help create an environment for children and students that is conducive to healthy eating. The grant totals \$240,214 over two years. Through this grant, CNP will focus on implementing programs to support Idaho's New Nutrition Standards for School Meals and healthy learning environments, including providing schools with healthy breakfast and lunch menus, training school foodservice on culinary techniques, expanding Farm-to-School technical assistance and resources, offering healthy school environment workshops for school leaders, identifying best practices and successes in school wellness.
- **NSBA to host webinar on H1N1** -- The National School Boards Association is hosting a webinar on H1N1 flu for school policymakers/decision makers. Experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and US Department of Education will share guidance on how to prepare for what could be a challenging school year. The webinar will be held at 1 p.m. MT on Tuesday September 15, 2009. To register, visit <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/624304120>.



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- **Register for RTI Leadership Summit** -- The first of three RTI District Leadership Summits will be held in Lewiston on Thursday, September 24, 2009. The deadline to register is **September 11, 2009**. The two additional Summits will be held in Nampa on October 23, 2009 (deadline to register is October 2, 2009) and in Idaho Falls on November 19, 2009 (deadline to register is October 30, 2009). For more information, please visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/rti/>.
- **Online teacher evaluation training now available** -- The State Department of Education is offering all Idaho educators free online training for the new statewide standards for teacher performance evaluations based on the Charlotte Danielson Teaching Framework. The online program is jointly produced by Charlotte Danielson and Educational Impact Inc. to allow teachers and evaluators to see what the Danielson Framework components look like in real classrooms. For more information on the statewide framework or the Teacher Performance Evaluation Task Force, please visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacherEval/>. To obtain IDs and passwords to the Educational Impact training:
  - 1) Designate one person from your school district to act as the point of contact.
  - 2) Be prepared to provide the exact number of teachers and administrators in your school district.
  - 3) Contact Educational Impact's fulfillment director, Lu Mack at: 215-672-2093 ext 254 or at [lmack@educationalimpact.com](mailto:lmack@educationalimpact.com)
  - 4) Educational Impact will email you the appropriate number of IDs and passwords. Lu Mack will also include a one page "Getting Started" sheet that we recommend you distribute with the User IDs and passwords.If you have any questions, please contact Nick Smith at (208) 332-6959 or [NWSmith@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:NWSmith@sde.idaho.gov).
- **Idaho Online Professional Development** -- The State Department of Education and Idaho Digital Learning Academy are partnering to provide ongoing, high-quality professional development to all Idaho educators. The Fall 2009 term is scheduled for September 28 to November 15. There is a 25-participant maximum per workshop so please register as soon as possible. To learn more or to register, please visit [www.idahopd.org](http://www.idahopd.org).
- **Title II-A webinar series** -- The State Department of Education is hosting a series of IdahoLive webinars focused on Title II-A funds through January. Joe Burris, Title II-A Coordinator, will host each webinar. For more information, visit [www.idahodigitallearning.org](http://www.idahodigitallearning.org), click on the "IdahoLive" tab and then click the "Future Webinars" link. If you miss a webinar, the entire series will be archived online at: [http://www.idahopd.org/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab\\_tab\\_group\\_id=204\\_1](http://www.idahopd.org/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_tab_group_id=204_1).
- **H1N1 information for schools** -- The State Department of Education is working with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to update the H1N1 information webpage online at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/flu/>. Please check this page regularly for the most up-to-date information to help you prepare for potential Pandemic H1N1 2009 influenza cases in schools. If you have any questions, please contact the local health district in your area. For a full list of contacts, please visit <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/HealthDistricts/tabid/97/default.aspx>.
- **ASVAB** -- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) program is one way to help students identify a future career path. The ASVAB program is a comprehensive career exploration and planning program that includes a multiple-aptitude test battery, interest inventory and various career planning tools designed to help the student explore the world of work. The program is free of charge. Please consider using ASVAB in your school or school district. For more information, you can contact: David Hodson, at (208) 334-1450 ext. 213 or



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- **Upcoming grant writing workshop** -- The Idaho POST Academy and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Meridian on October 26-27, 2009. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend. Multi-enrollment discounts are available. Tuition is \$425 and includes class workbook and accompanying resource CD. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary. For more information, please visit <http://www.grantwritingusa.com/events/write/boid1009.html>.
- **Educator Training for alternative school staff** -- *Making Proud Choices!* is a curriculum that integrates teen pregnancy prevention along with HIV/STD prevention. *Making Proud Choices A Safer Sex Approach to STDs Teen Pregnancy and HIV/Prevention Curriculum* is a curriculum that provides young adolescents with the knowledge, confidence and skills necessary to reduce their risk of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), HIV and pregnancy. A training session will be held October 7-8, 2009. To learn more or to register, please visit [www.sde.idaho.gov/site/csh/](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/csh/). If you have questions, contact Lisa Kramer, HIV/Health Education Coordinator, at (208) 332-6947 or [lkramer@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:lkramer@sde.idaho.gov).
- **Attendance and Enrollment Training Workshops** -- Here are the dates and locations of the 2009 Attendance and Enrollment Training Workshops:
  - Boise: Friday, September 18, State Department of Education offices, Barbara Morgan Conference Room
  - Coeur d'Alene: Wednesday, September 23, Midtown Meeting Room, 1505 N 5th Street
  - Lewiston: Thursday, September 24, Lewiston District Office Board Room, 3317 12th Street
  - Blackfoot: Tuesday, September 29, Performing Arts Center, Blackfoot High School, 870 S Fisher Ave
  - Jerome: Wednesday, September 30, Jerome Middle School, 520 10th Ave. WestRegistration forms and other materials for the workshops are posted online at: [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/finance\\_tech/training.htm](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/finance_tech/training.htm). If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Greg Berg at [GDBerg@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:GDBerg@sde.idaho.gov).
- **Conference for Hispanic students and parents** -- The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs is hosting the "Emerging Hispanic Students and Parents in Education" conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 20-21, 2009 at the Best Western Caldwell Inn & Suites. The conference will focus on academic transitions, cultural awareness, cultural sensitivity, cultural competency and parental involvement. The conference is open to counselors, administrators, paraprofessionals, superintendents and anyone working directly with Hispanic students who would benefit from this training. For more information, contact Juan Saldana at (208) 334-2147 or [juan.saldana@icah.idaho.gov](mailto:juan.saldana@icah.idaho.gov).

### UPCOMING DEADLINES (GO TO TOP)

- **Sept. 30, 2009** -- The deadline to submit applications for Idaho Teacher of the Year Program. To learn more, visit [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher\\_of\\_year/](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher_of_year/) and download the application. If you have questions, please contact Melissa McGrath at (208) 332-6818 or [mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov).

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- **October 9, 2009** -- The deadline to apply for one of 52 sets of student response system technology that the State Department of Education is donating to Idaho schools. More commonly referred to as "clicker" technology, the student response systems help raise student achievement in the classroom by keeping students engaged and collecting immediate, accurate data. Visit [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech\\_services/grants\\_contracts.htm](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech_services/grants_contracts.htm) to download the 2009 Project BRAIN Grant Application and apply. If you have questions, please contact Jimmy Takata at [jtakata@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:jtakata@sde.idaho.gov) or (208) 332-6937.
- **October 15, 2009** -- The deadline for all secondary public schools serving grades 9-12 and elementary schools wishing to seek accreditation to submit the NAAS Annual Report. The annual reports can be accessed online at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/accreditation/annualReports.htm> and submitted electronically to [NAAS@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:NAAS@sde.idaho.gov). If you have questions, please contact Vikki Reynolds, IDSAC Executive Secretary, at (208) 830-1777 or [execsec@NorthwestAccreditation.org](mailto:execsec@NorthwestAccreditation.org).
- **October 15, 2009** -- The deadline to apply for the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, which provides opportunities for K-12 teachers to participate in direct one-to-one exchanges of positions with colleagues from other countries for a semester or academic year. To learn more, visit [www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org](http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org) for application forms. For questions, please contact [fulbrightcte@aed.org](mailto:fulbrightcte@aed.org).
- **October 30, 2009** -- The deadline to submit your application for the 2010 United States Senate Youth Program funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Principals in every high school were mailed a packet of information in August explaining the scholarship process, timelines for completion, and student eligibility requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Salazar at (208) 332-6974.
- **October 31, 2009** -- The deadline to apply for awards up to \$500 for Teacher Scholarships and Classroom Mini-Grants from Northwest Professional Educators. All educators are eligible for the awards. Each teacher must submit a short application describing the continuing education opportunity or class project, an itemized budget, and the academic benefit for students. Teachers may obtain applications by filling out a contact form on the NWPE website at [www.nwpe.org](http://www.nwpe.org). All awards are competitive.
- **December 31, 2009** -- The deadline to apply for \$250 New Classroom Start-Up Grants from Northwest Professional Educators. Teachers new to their district or grade level are eligible for the awards. Each teacher submits a short application describing their needs for setting up their classroom. Teachers may obtain applications by filling out a contact form on the NWPE website at [www.nwpe.org](http://www.nwpe.org). All awards are competitive.
- **September 30, 2009** -- The deadline to apply for the American Association of School Administrators National Superintendent of the Year Program, which pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead the nation's public schools. The maximum award is \$10,000. For more information, please visit <http://www.aasa.org/awards/content1.cfm?ItemNumber=890>.
- **November 20, 2009** -- The deadline to postmark an application for the 2009 Qwest Foundation for Education Grant, which is awarded to Idaho K-12 public school classroom educators who demonstrate innovative uses of technology in the classroom. Visit [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech\\_services/grants\\_contracts.htm](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech_services/grants_contracts.htm) to download



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- **January 15, 2010** -- The deadline to apply for the Fulbright Distinguished Awards Program, which offers fellowships to highly accomplished U.S. and international teachers to conduct research, take courses for professional development, lead master-level seminars, and engage in other activities such as in-service training for local teachers. During the program Distinguished Teachers will work towards the completion of a capstone project of their own design. To learn more, visit [www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org](http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org) for application forms. For questions, please contact [fulbrightdat@aed.org](mailto:fulbrightdat@aed.org).