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1. DEADLINES (*As always, feel free to submit any of the following earlier than the deadline!*)

a. Monday, August 11:

- Full draft of Lesson/Activity emailed to your Mentor (and cc'd to Mel)! Include your last name in the file.
- STF Travel Expense Voucher and Receipts postal mailed in the envelope we provided for you. Keep a photocopy!

b. Monday, August 25: Expect your Mentor to return your full draft with comments and suggestions.

c. Monday, September 8:

- Full draft of Lesson/Activity emailed to Mel (mlimson@the-aps.org). This draft should incorporate your Mentor's suggestions.
- Also, Mini-Grant Application.

d. Monday, September 15: "Summer of Science" 1-pager (Details to follow soon...)

2. RT PROGRAM NEWS

a. Last call for updating your address/contact info! If you needed to update or correct your contact information on the STF Participant List, please email Scarletta immediately at: swhitsett@the-aps.org.

b. Quick links to the 2008 RT Webpages and the PhUn Week 2008 website (optional):

Mini-Grants: http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/mini_grants.shtml

Homepage link: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/index.shtml>

PhUn Week 2008: <http://www.phunweek.org/>

3. RESOURCES

...for the Profession

- **Share a six-word story of your own teaching life (from *Teacher Magazine*)**

http://Ink.edweek.org/teachermagazine/index.html?url=/tm/articles/2008/07/09/40tln_norton.h19.html&tkn=SO5vze%2BUCBBimUjWeX2TgJ2d%2BWbaOLps

If you were writing a mini-memoir of your teaching life, what would your six words be? Your memoir might be funny, inspirational, profound, mundane, deeply true. Want to play? Mull it over, doodle with pen and napkin or your favorite digital tool, and post your memoir for all of us to read. **Share it on your 2008 RT listserv and add it to the virally growing comments on the *Teacher Magazine* article (may require free registration)!**

- **The Teacher Salary Project**

<http://theteachersalaryproject.org/index.html>

The first step in what will become a new kind of documentary film. Through your stories, your contributions, and your outreach efforts, we will change how the best teachers are valued in our society. Join Academy Award-winning filmmaker Vanessa Roth, co-founder of 826 National Ninive Calegari, and writer Dave Eggers in the making, shaping, and distributing of this historic work.

...for the Classroom

- **Neuroscience for Kids "Site of the Month" for August: "Bird Brains"**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/sciencenow/0304/01.html>

"Bird Brains" is a PBS Nova Science Now television program (aired on July 16, 2008) that discusses how the study of bird brains helps understand human language. You can watch the 13-minute show and download the program transcripts on the Bird Brains web site. The site also has a short video of a 1950s study showing that crows learn their calls and are not born knowing them. Teachers can also download viewing ideas to guide students before and after watching the program.

4. OPPORTUNITIES

- **NEW! 2008 Kids in Need Teacher Grants**, Deadline: Sept. 30

<http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/guidelines.php>

Provides funds for classroom teachers who have innovative, meritorious ideas.

- **NEW! Toshiba America Foundation K-6 Science and Math Education**, Deadline: Oct. 1

<http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>

The mission of Toshiba America Foundation is to promote quality science and mathematics education in U.S. schools. Grants are made for programs and activities that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The foundation focuses its grant making on inquiry-based projects designed by individual teachers, and small teams of teachers, for use in their own classrooms.

- **NEW! 2009 Best Buy Teach Awards**, Deadline: Oct. 12

<https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>

Awards the innovative use of technology in K-12 classrooms.

- **NSTA Technology Awards**, Deadline: Nov. 30

<http://www.vernier.com/grants/nsta.html>

The Vernier/NSTA Technology Awards promote the innovative use of data-collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or other handheld in the science classroom. Apply for one of seven \$3,000 awards. Each award will consist of \$1,000 in cash for the teacher, \$1,000 in Vernier Products, and up to \$1,000 toward expenses to attend the 2009 NSTA National Convention.

5. LISTSERV INFORMATION

- We hope you will use the 2008 RT listserv to share resources and ideas and to ask questions of your fellow RTs. Please take a minute to review the information about how this listserv works at the 2008 RT website: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/listserv.shtml>. Also listed on this page are your fellow RTs' email addresses, as well as each of these APS RT News in pdf form.

As always, feel free to directly contact Mel (mlimson@the-aps.org) in the APS Education Office with questions, suggestions or concerns.