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1. DEADLINES

- **Wednesday, December 31:** WISE Assignment #5: Readings and Reflection; Spend Mini-Grant
- **Friday, January 2, 2009:** Final version of Lesson/Activity
- **Monday, January 26:** Mini-Grant Expenditure Report and Receipts

2. RT PROGRAM NEWS

a. Holiday Greetings from the APS Education Office! We wish you all a peaceful and meaningful holiday season as you welcome in the new year! Be aware that staff will be sporadically out of the office over the next two weeks. The weekly RT News updates will return on January 9, so please pay special attention to the following items...

b. Lesson/Activity Final Version: **DEADLINE DATE: Friday, January 2, 2009.**

c. Mini-Grant Awards: **Spend by December 31st and submit the expense report no later than January 26th: http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/mini_grants.shtml**

d. EB Hotel Info: Find roommates with your fellow RTs and reserve now:

<http://www.eb2009.org/HotelInformation.htm>.

You will be required to participate in the APS Education Programs beginning **Saturday, April 18, mid-afternoon (an Orientation Session) through Tuesday, April 21 at 2:00 pm**, the conclusion of the Awards Luncheon with your Research Host. More details will come in due time. Keep in mind that you may come earlier or stay later, but whatever the costs you incur, the maximum reimbursement for travel and lodging remains at \$1000. **More details to come in January.**

IMPORTANT: Please DO NOT register for the meeting! Our office takes care of this.

IMPORTANT: Please DO NOT make airline reservations yet...just WAIT. Thanks!

e. Quick links to the 2008 RT Webpages:

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

Assignments: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/assignment.shtml>

3. RESOURCES

...On Professional Development

- Design Your Own Professional Development

Click the following to join the: [Teacher Magazine Discussion Forum](#)

Teachers are often dissatisfied (to put it mildly) with school/district professional development offerings. If an administrator or policymaker asked you how professional development for teachers could be improved, what would be your advice? What do schools commonly do wrong in providing professional development? Alternatively, what sort of PD experiences have you had that really worked and benefited your instruction and that you would like to see more of? (*Moderated by Anthony Rebora of Teacher Magazine*). Share with the APS as well!

4. OPPORTUNITIES

- NEW! NEA Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants, Deadline: Feb. 1

<http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm>

Purpose of Grant: To improve learning in the nation's public schools, colleges and universities by providing opportunities for high-quality professional development.

Eligibility: Practicing U.S. public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions.

Amount: \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study.

- The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship, Deadline: Jan. 13

<http://www.trianglecoalition.org/ein.htm>

The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship is a paid fellowship for K-12 math, science, and technology teachers. Einstein Fellows spend a school year in Washington, DC serving in a federal agency or on Capitol Hill. To be considered for an Einstein Fellowship for the 2009-2010 school year, apply and submit three letters of recommendation online by January 13, 2009.

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.