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1. DEADLINES

- **Monday, Jan 26:** Mini-Grant Expenditure Report and Receipts
- **Monday, Feb 9:** WISE Assignment #6: Revise a "Cookbook" Lab

2. RT PROGRAM NEWS

A. New Orleans Hotel: Thanks for emailing your hotel information in New Orleans! However, Scarletta is still waiting to hear from Chandra, Mike, and Darrell! Email **Scarletta:** swhitsett@the-aps.org, your hotel information today! Review RT News.33 for details: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/pdfs/APS%202008%20RT%20News.33.pdf>

PLEASE WAIT:

1. Our schedule of events and more logistical details about EB 2009 are forthcoming. **The EB 2009 Travel Memo in pdf form will be directly emailed to you this coming week.**
2. **DO NOT book any flights just yet!** The APS Education Office will let you know once your Lesson/Activity Lesson has been reviewed **AND** you will be authorized to use our travel agency for booking a flight. **Please just wait to book your flight.** Airfares are also coming down!

DO NOT REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE! As part of our fellowship program, the APS Education Office takes care of registering you...so, don't worry about registering for EB 2009!

*If you have any **OTHER** questions or concerns related to EB 2009 at this point, please cc email Brooke (bbruthers@the-aps.org) and Mel (mhimson@the-aps.org).*

B. Assignments: By now you should have received WISE Assignment #6 package in the postal mail. The assignment is also available at: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/assignment.shtml>, and is due no later than February 9.

C. 2008 Tax Information: Grantees who received \$600 or more in taxable income (stipends) from the APS in 2008 should be receiving a 1099 MISC report from the APS Business Office in January. If you do not receive your 1099 MISC by the end of February 2009, please let Brooke know (bbruthers@the-aps.org). Please note that the APS does not offer any financial advice. Any questions about your stipends should be directed to your financial planner or the person who does your taxes.

3. RESOURCES

On Education News...

- **Stimulus bill includes \$142B for education**
<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=56769>

Some \$20 billion for school modernization and \$1 billion for educational technology are among nearly \$150 billion in funding targeted toward education in the House version of the new economic stimulus package, which lawmakers introduced Jan. 15.

4. OPPORTUNITIES

For Teachers...

- NEW! Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence (AASTE) Program, Deadline: Feb. 2

<http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/aaste.html>

The Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence (AASTE) is an annual awards program that recognizes extraordinary contributions by educators across the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada who are elevating the level of science literacy through creativity in the classroom and motivation of students. An independent panel of judges selects the winners based on the following criteria: creativity and effectiveness of teaching methods; the plan for the use of grant money to improve science education resources in their schools; and an innovative science lesson plan showcasing innovative methods in the classroom.

- NEW! The 21st Century Classroom, Deadline: May 1

<http://cdwg.discoveryeducation.com/1208/>

Think about how The 21st Century Classroom - interactive whiteboard, notebook computers, wireless cart, projector, printer and document camera - could extend your teaching power.

Enter once per day for your chance to win one of five Grand Prize packages including a 21st Century Classroom and a \$5000 digital media grant from Discovery Education. Plus, over 25 additional technology prizes!

- Outstanding Biology Teacher Award, Deadline: Feb. 1

<http://www.nabt.org/websites/institution/index.php?p=20>

Every year, the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award (OBTA) program attempts to recognize an outstanding biology educator (grades 7-12) in each of the 50 states; Washington, DC; Canada; Puerto Rico; and overseas territories. Candidates for this award do not have to be NABT members, but they must have at least three years public, private, or parochial school teaching experience. A major portion of the nominee's career must have been devoted to the teaching of biology/life science, and candidates are judged on their teaching ability and experience, cooperativeness in the school and community, inventiveness, initiative, and student-teacher relationships. OBTA recipients are honored at a special event during the NABT Professional Development Conference and receive binoculars from the award sponsor, Pearson Prentice Hall; microscopes from Leica Microsystems, Inc.; and certificates and a complimentary one-year membership from NABT.

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

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

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 Lowe's Outdoor Classroom Grant Program, Deadline: Feb. 13

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

<http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLoves/outdoor/index.html>

Lowe's Outdoor Classroom Grant Program provides hands-on science education to K-12 students. This school year, the program will award up to \$2,000 to at least 100 schools to build a new outdoor classroom or to enhance a current outdoor classroom at the school.

- Society for Science & the Public Fellows Program, Deadline: Feb. 15

<http://www.societyforscience.org/outreach/Index.asp>

Society for Science & the Public (SSP), with generous support from Intel, is pleased to announce the launch of its Fellows Program. The SSP Fellows Program provides funds and training to selected U.S. science and math teachers who serve under-resourced students, to enable interested and motivated students to perform high-quality independent scientific research.

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.