

**BVSD Social Studies Update**  
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**Book Adoption Update**

*The curriculum library is filling up with boxes and boxes of books for you all to review. I know many of you are receiving samples, too.*

*The rumor mill is already spinning so I thought I would let you know what I do. First, the allotment for textbooks hasn't been raised (even for inflation) since our last adoption. Seven years ago we spent \$1.5 million over two years. Elective courses were funded in the second year. The prices of books have gone up 50% since then. We currently have access to \$700,000. You can immediately see the dilemma. I have requested additional funds, but even these probably won't cover the estimated 2.6 million that we need to fully cover the costs.*

*As departments, you might begin thinking about what is a priority now, what can we put off for a year, and what can we continue to reuse. Final allocations have not been set at this point.*

*The more we can come to consensus on the resources that we choose for our core courses the more money we will save in ordering.*

*If you have questions or ideas about how we should manage the shortfall, I would appreciate your input.*

**Reminder:**

**Government and Geography Teachers-  
Please enter all assessment data for the  
semester by 1/11/2010**

**Important Dates**

**January 25**

**Aspen Room**

**Book Adoption Kickoff Meeting**

**8:30-3:30**

*(One representative per school, subs paid by Curriculum and Instruction) Please submit your Sub Forms ASAP!*

**January 26, and 27**

**Black Diamond Room**

**Book Adoption Open House**

**4:00-7:00**

**All interested teachers will be paid curriculum rate to evaluate books**

**February 2**

**Black Diamond Room**

**Book Adoption Decision Making Meeting**

**8:30-3:30**

*(One representative per school, subs paid by Curriculum and Instruction)*

**Submit a Presentation Proposal for the  
2010 NCSS Annual Conference**



Would you like to be part of the 2010 NCSS Annual Conference in Denver? National Council for the Social Studies is now accepting presentation proposals for its 2010 Annual Conference.

**Proposals Due February 4, 2010**

<p><b>Colorado Council for the Social Studies (CCSS)</b></p> <p><b>24th ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>  <b>APRIL 15, 2010 <a href="#">HYATT REGENCY TECH CENTER</a></b>  <b>7800 E. Tufts Avenue Denver, CO 80237</b></p> <p><b>SOCIAL STUDIES: A NEW STANDARD</b>          Planning for schools and classrooms will be in progress by the time of this conference, and questions are numerous about the new state of Colorado Social Studies standards. Join colleagues for an exciting day of professional development, networking opportunities, and special connections to COs new standards.</p> <p><b>Information and registration at</b>  <a href="http://www.cosocialstudies.org/conferences.php">http://www.cosocialstudies.org/conferences.php</a></p>	<p><i>Bringing the Middle East into the Classroom: Teaching with Technology. On Saturday, January 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., join the South, Southeast, and West Asia Outreach Program (SSEWA) to explore issues of identity politics and representations of the Middle East. Take part in a hands-on, web-based curriculum that will connect you directly with people in the Middle East. We will also be sharing a CHOICES curriculum unit at the workshop. The event will take place at the ATLAS building at CU Boulder. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Deadline. Friday, January 15, 2010</i></p> <p><i>For more information and application flier, visit the Center for Asian Studies website at <a href="http://www.colorado.edu/cas">www.colorado.edu/cas</a> and click on the SSEWA link. For inquiries, contact Kunga Lama at <a href="mailto:kunga.lama@colorado.edu">kunga.lama@colorado.edu</a>.</i></p>
<p><i>Colorado Geographic Alliance (COGA) Introduction to Geospatial Technology: 30 January 2010. Highlands Ranch, CO. GIS-GPS workshop for educators. Explore earthquakes, historical population, climate, and more with geotechnologies. <a href="http://www.uccs.edu/coga">http://www.uccs.edu/coga</a> to register. Free. Sponsored by ESRI and Colorado Geographic Alliance.</i></p> <p><b>Census 2010, February 6, 2010, Denver</b>  <b>For more information and to reserve your spot, email <a href="mailto:coga@uccs.edu">coga@uccs.edu</a> or call Rebecca Theobald at 719 255-4063. Additional details at <a href="http://www.uccs.edu/coga">www.uccs.edu/coga</a>.</b></p>	<p><b>Colorado Council For Economic Education</b>  <b>The Colorado Stock Market Game</b>  <b>Early Spring 2010 Game Dates:</b> January 12 to April 23, 2010  <b>Cost:</b> \$10 per team (3-5 students) with a 3 team minimum/teacher  <b>Questions:</b> 303-832-4764, 888-815-2974 toll-free, or <a href="mailto:smg@ccee.net">smg@ccee.net</a>  <b>Register:</b> <a href="http://colorado.smgww.org">http://colorado.smgww.org</a>  <b><a href="#">Stock Market Game Webinars</a></b>  <b>Session 2:</b> January 5, 2010 - <a href="#">register now</a></p>
<p><i>Project Learning Tree Workshops 2010</i>  <b>January 16</b>  <b>Basic PLT PreK-8 Workshop at Family Camp</b>  <b>Keystone Science School, Keystone</b>  <b>For more information,</b>  <b><a href="http://pltatkeystone.blogspot.com">http://pltatkeystone.blogspot.com</a></b></p> <p><i>January 17</i>  <b>Forest Ecology Secondary PLT Workshop at Family Camp</b>  <b>Keystone Science School, Keystone</b>  <b>For more information,</b>  <b><a href="http://pltatkeystone.blogspot.com">http://pltatkeystone.blogspot.com</a></b></p> <p><i>January 30</i>  <b>Basic PLT PreK-12 Workshop, GreenPrint</b>  <b>Denver/Mile High Million Trees Escuela</b></p>	<p><i>Consulate General of Canada 1625 Broadway, Denver</i>  <i>Canada in the classroom-- presented by the Consulate General of Canada--Geography, History and Government of Canada</i>  <i>in the classroom is a 55mn journey with best used websites, literature, and lesson plans This can go to any district that will host or organize a PD workshop.</i>  <b>Contact: Karen Palmarini</b>  <b>ph: 303-626-0673</b>  <b>email: <a href="mailto:karenpalmarini@international.gc.ca">karenpalmarini@international.gc.ca</a></b></p>

<p><b>Tlatelolco, Denver</b> <b>For more information,</b> <b><a href="http://pltatescuela.blogspot.com">http://pltatescuela.blogspot.com</a></b></p>	
<p><b>Street Law, Inc. and the Supreme Court Historical Society will sponsor the annual Supreme Court Summer Institute, June 17-22, 2010. The institute is open to secondary level social studies teachers &amp; supervisors, who will 5 stimulating days on Capitol Hill and inside the Supreme Court, and be in the Court to hear the Justices announce the final decisions of the term Interested educators can apply online (under the "Registration Info" tab), at <a href="http://www.streetlaw.org/scsi">www.streetlaw.org/scsi</a> apply and the application deadline is March 15, 2010.</b></p>	<p><i>Gilder Lehrman Announces 2010 Summer Seminars for Teachers</i> <b>The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History has released the list of its thirty-nine history seminars for K-12 history, social studies, and English teachers during the summer of 2010. Visit:</b> <b><a href="http://www.gilderlehrman.org/education/seminar_course_offerings.php">www.gilderlehrman.org/education/seminar_course_offerings.php</a></b></p> <p><b>For information and to apply online, visit:</b> <b><a href="http://www.gilderlehrman.org/education/seminar_overview.php">www.gilderlehrman.org/education/seminar_overview.php</a></b></p>