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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Honest differences are often a healthy sign of progress."
—*"Mahatma Gandhi"*

EARLY LITERACY DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, ADTED 458 – A professional development opportunity you won't want to miss! One semester each year Penn State's World Campus offers the online course: **EARLY LITERACY DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, ADTED 458.** The semester runs May 19 – August 15, 2008, and you are encouraged to register now!

This course focuses on young children's language and literacy development, including ways that parents and early childhood professionals support this development; research related to children's learning; and way in which family literacy supports early literacy development. Get the "intensity and duration" that pays off in high quality practice. For more information go to: <http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/FamilyLiteracyCertificate.shtml>

2008 NEW STAFF TRAINING SERIES

All sessions are necessary for staff working in FSNE, EFNEP and BFI. Home Visiting, Learn Together Approach and Nutrition III are recommended for parenting instructors.

June 17 – Nutrition II: Nutrition II is appropriate for educators and program associates in Food, Nutrition and Health programs. Nutrition II is the second in a series of three trainings for new staff. The training includes information about nutrition and ideas and activities for teaching participants. Nutrition II includes information on: teaching the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPyramid and recommendations for special populations for prevention of nutrition-related chronic disease, nutrients and nutrition-related health issues, the role of nutrition and physical activity in weight management. Corresponding lessons in the Eating Right is Basic and Enhanced curricula are reviewed as well as My Tracker and nutrition and physical activity assessments within the MyPyramid Web site.

To register for any of the above sessions visit: <http://web2.msue.msu.edu/inservice/coursetitle.cfm>

BLUE RIBBON Q&A



Q. When is the ES-237 report due to the 4-H State Office?

A. The deadline for the ES-237 Report is October 1. You are welcome to send your report anytime after August 31, which is the end of our programming year. The directions for completing the report will be posted on the Web and the link will be sent via e-mail on the Blue Ribbon listserv. Once your ES-237 Report is received, Gloria makes sure the numbers are balanced. If the report balances, she will send an e-mail and attach the Year-End Processing document. Typically we have asked everyone to wait until all the county reports are in before doing Year-End Processing and we learned we no longer need to stick to this policy.

Q. What is the policy for retaining 4-H enrollment documents?

A. The guideline for retaining ES-237 reports and supporting 4-H member information to use with the Civil Rights Compliance Review is to keep all data and records for four years since your last review. For example, if your most recent review was July 1, 2005, a member ends participation on July 1, 2007; the member's records are maintained through June 30, 2009.

Contact Gloria Ellerhorst, ellerg@msu.edu or 517.353.2922 or Laura Allen, lacourse@msu.edu or 517.432.7632 if you have questions about how to use the Blue Ribbon software. Work with your IT support person if you have technical questions like software installation, back-up procedures, using WinZip, or networking issues. Additional IT support is also available in the campus MSUE offices upon request.

Deadline for Next Edition of “CYF NEWS”

June 30, 2008, is the deadline to submit articles for the July 7, 2008, edition of “CYF News.” Please submit articles to Gail Hebert at hebertg@msu.edu