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News You Can Use. . .

VISIT THE DUPAGE ROE STEM WEBSITE AT http://www.stemdupage.com.



Bedtime problems boost kids' math performance

Puzzling through a word problem even once a week produces sizable gains. http://news.sciencemag.org/brain-behavior/2015/10/bedtime-problems-boost-kids-math-performance?

Should We Teach Science like Sports?

Scientific American published a recent article equating the process of engaging in the performance expectations of the NGSS to that of engaging in the performance of sports skill. http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/schools-should-teach-science-like-sports/

3 Key Ingredients for Successful STEM Implementation: Trust, Collaboration, and Innovative Thinking

STEM focuses on seamless integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Such integration works well when teachers have initial training, time to plan collaboratively, and a common belief about how students learn best. http://nstacommunities.org/blog/2015/10/04/3-key-ingredients-for-successful-stem-implementation-trust-collaboration-and-innovative-thinking/

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Physics Slam IV - November 20, 2015

Multiple physicists compete for audience approval, each sharing their respective work at Fermi Lab. For more information: www.fnal.gov or call 630.840.2787.

7th and 8th Grade Daughters and Parents Event - December 4, 2015

Registration information was mailed to DuPage elementary and middle school principals. Registration is accepted only through schools. For more information, contact your principal or Mary Biniewicz, mbiniewicz@dupageroe.org.

Hour of Code - December 7-13, 2015

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching millions of students across the world. Organize an event. Access tutorials. https://code.org/

NGSS for ALL Students - February 24, 2016

Participants will explore research-based strategies to engage students in three-dimensional learning. To learn more and to register: https://www.dupage.k12.il.us/register/course.php?recid=6403

Resources

Engineering Resources from The Science Teacher

The October issue of The Science Teacher shows how case studies from the history of science help develop students' understanding of science. Read more at: http://www.nsta.org/publications/browse_journals.aspx?action=issue&id=102514

The Ultimate STEM Guide

Link to websites designed to engage students in STEM activities. http://www.mastersindatascience.org/blog/the-ultimate-stem-guide-for-kids-239-cool-sites-about-science-technology-engineering-and-math/

Volcanoes in the STEM Classroom

Use the study of volcanoes to integrate STEM lessons. Designed for grades 3-5, it could be adapted for middle or high school students. http://nstacommunities.org/blog/2015/10/05/the-stem-in-volcanoes/

Enter Now for a Chance to Win the 2015-2016 Shell Science Lab Challenge

The Challenge offers a chance to win a middle or high school science lab makeover. The deadline is **December 16, 2015**. Visit the <u>NSTA website</u> for more information about the Challenge or to download an application.

STEM Grants

The website features new, updates and a free downloadable guide to STEM K-12 educational grants, educational non-profits, and universities. http://stemgrants.com/

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