



REALITY CHECK SURVEYS:
Your Thoughts Are Important to Us!

Because we have received unusually low response to our Reality Check Social Studies survey, we are **extending the deadline to June 23**. Surveys for teachers from K through Grade 10 and administrators (both site and central) are posted online at http://www.nrlc.net/social_studies/SOCIAL_STUDIES_SURVEY_MAY_JUNE_2006.PDF Surveys will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

4 PD Scholarship Opportunities

At our Advisory Council Meeting held May 31, a motion was passed to **award four Zone 1 teachers with PD scholarships that include registration and \$500 in expense money to attend the fall Social Studies Conference in Kananaskis.**

All teachers are eligible to win these four PD scholarships. Here's what you need to do! Send an email to Leslie Snyder (snyderl@prsd.ab.ca) with **a few paragraphs on any one of the following topics:**

1. Write up a Social Studies activity related to the new curriculum that you have used in your classroom. This activity will be shared with other teachers in a Mini Idea Booklet that will be posted on the NRLC website in the fall.
2. Write up your story - or the story of your school or district - providing anecdotal evidence of something that you have done related to the new curriculum (professional development, planning, preparation, resource review, etc) and state how this has had an impact on social studies or assisted in implementation of the new curriculum. This information will be used as part of our annual project report.
3. Tell us what you need the NRLC to provide in order for you to be successful implementing the new curriculum. These ideas will be used in our planning for next year.

Please be descriptive and know that all responses will be confidential – no names will be released in the idea booklet or in any other way. All entrants' names will be placed in a draw, and four lucky winners will receive conference registration and \$500 to be used towards expenses for the fall conference (see dates & information below!). Recipients will be notified in early September.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2006

**Social Studies Council
Annual Conference**

Kananaskis, October 13-15, 2006

**“Coming Together—
Stories of Experience & Promise”**

Registration for the conference is open. Please visit <http://www.socialstudies.ab.ca> for more info about registration, accommodation, or to participate as a sneaker

Register Today: Summer Sessions

SUMMER INSTITUTE: K-3—Off & Running
Grande Prairie: August 15 & 16, 2006 \$50
Facilitator Sheri Long, EPSB

Teachers in grades K-3 can register for a two day workshop in August (\$50 registration fee will cover hosting costs for the two days). Expect to work on a variety of activities including the Online Guide.

SUMMER INSTITUTE: 4 & 7—Pre-requisite Day
Understanding the New Social Studies Curriculum

(focus on grades 4 and 7)

Grande Prairie: August 15, 2006 No Charge

Facilitator: Wally Diefenthaler

What do you need to know about the new Social Studies program? Spend a day being highly engaged in a wide variety of activities designed to assist you in understanding and teaching this exciting new program. This session is a pre-requisite for the two day summer institute.

SUMMER INSTITUTE: 4 & 7 Embedding Critical Thinking into Social Studies
(focus on grades 4 & 7)

Grande Prairie: August 16 & 17, 2006 No Charge

*Facilitators: Wally Diefenthaler &
Garfield Gini-Newman*

These two days will focus on Critical Thinking strategies focusing on grade 4 and 7 Social Studies. This session will accommodate participants who are new to Critical Thinking as well as those who have some experience with the TC2 Critical Thinking model. Teachers will be provided with “hands on” opportunities to learn about applying critical thinking in their classrooms.

SUMMER INSTITUTE: SOCIAL STUDIES
Focus on Grades 5, 8 and 10

Edmonton: August 21-24, 2006 No Charge

A varied line-up of great speakers and facilitators will be on hand for this year's summer institute. Be sure to register early as there are only a few spaces left. **Ask your district curriculum contact for further information on registrations.**

