

Science:

- **The Biology Collection of Evidence (COE)** is supposed to be active this year (submission date of June 11 2014). Students who have not passed the HSPE or the Biology EOC twice can meet this requirement with the COE.
 - Some people reported that there might be some kind of technical difficulty with the Biology COE website. I have not yet tracked down official information about this, but questions can be sent to [coe@esd113.k12.wa.us]. At this time I do not know the person behind the site, so I have nobody to call directly.
 - Resources for planning Biology COE resources are available on the COE website's Biology page [<http://www.coe.k12.wa.us/domain/49>]. In addition to that information, they maintain more resources and downloadable materials on an associated Moodle site [<http://moodle2.ospi.k12.wa.us/mod/forum/discuss.php?d=55>]
 - The WSTA is offering PD sessions around COE. You can read about that on their website [<http://wsta.net/professional-development>], or you can contact the WSTA Regional Representative, Jonathan Frostad [jfrostad@gmail.com].
- **Regional Science Leadership Team (RSLT):** One route of transition to the NGSS is through our state's regional science leadership networks (in our region we call it a team or RSLT for short). The NWESD RSLT serves as a group of regional science leaders who come together to digest statewide PD and messages and bring them back to their districts. RSLT members also serve Washington by acting as a sounding board and providing feedback on state implementation plans and needs.
 - This year we have two representatives from each district. Recognizing that grade levels within districts do not always have ready opportunity for communication.
 - Next year we would like to increase participation in the RSLT to **three representatives per district: one for each grade level.**
 - You will find a listing of all current RSLT members in an excel spreadsheet available [HERE](#). If you currently don't have a team participating and would like to, please contact Nancy Menard and let her know who will be attending. Or, if you would like to talk more about it, please contact Brian MacNevin [bmacnevin@nwesd.org].
- **Accessing Science Standards and Framework:** The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are available free online [<http://www.nextgenscience.org>]. Printed and spiral-bound copies of the NGSS and associated appendices can also be ordered through NWESD. If you are interested in that, please email Nancy Menard [nmenard@nwesd.org] to make arrangements. Turn around is pretty quick.
 - Please remember that the NGSS do not stand alone. Because they are a distillation of the Framework for Science Education, they can be quite challenging to understand as an assessment or planning document.
 - Teachers and district science leadership will be very well served learning deeply about the Science and Engineering Practices (SEP) and the Crosscutting Concepts (CCC) that are fully and coherently laid out in the **Framework for Science Education**. The framework can be ordered (or downloaded for free) here: [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13165#].

Math

- **Regional Math PLC:** One route of transition to the CCSS-math is through our region's Math PLC. Our Math PLC brings together OSPI Math Fellows and District Math Coaches for common learning and state-wide messages that participants can bring back to their districts.

- **Math Coaches** are any person serving in a coaching role around mathematics. This year the math coaches and the Fellows have been meeting jointly, but in the past coaches have selected the learning they will engage in collaboratively. The format may revert back to that after this year. You can find a list of participants [HERE](#).
- **Math Fellows** serve as local leaders supporting our state's transition to CCSS-m. Fellows apply to the position and have a district-sponsored and approved plan in place for how they will bring the state-wide common learning into their districts. You can find a list of Math Fellows [HERE](#).
- **Regional Math Support Team (RMST):** Sometimes called MEC grant or MEC/MSP or "Ruth Parker's MSP", this is a math science partnership grant designed to grow classroom math teachers into teacher leaders and support resources for our state's transition to CCSS-math.
 - Right now we have one person in our team, and we can have up to four. If you have any teachers in your region who would be good candidates for growth into a leadership role, please complete this [application](#) with that person and send it to Nancy Menard.
 - **We need to complete our team soon.** We have enough applicants to finish it out, but I would like to spread the opportunity out more to the north of our region, if we can. I want to get our team finalized by the first week in February. So if you have someone in mind, please act quickly.