



ARKANSAS GEMS

Arch Ford
Education Service Cooperative

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October-December 2014

Calendar

October



- ◆ 1-Deadline for AP Equipment & Material grant applications due
- ◆ 2-3 – Girls of Promise Conference
- ◆ 6, 6:00 p.m.-AR Destination Imagination Awareness Meeting and Team Manager Training, Greenbrier High School Commons
- ◆ 7 – AP coordinator meeting
- ◆ 11-CAAS Junior High Tournament (Sheridan)
- ◆ 15-GT Program Online Approval Applications Due to Office of Gifted & Talented
- ◆ 17- Coordinator meeting/Collaborating unit meeting
- ◆ 18-CASS Junior High Tournament (Izard)
- ◆ 27-Advance registration deadline for NAGC
- ◆ 28-29-WITS (Writing Workshop)

November



- ◆ 12-15 NAGC Conference – Baltimore, MD
- ◆ Register teachers for APSI trainings summer 2015
- ◆ 19 -Student share Fair
- ◆ 21- Coordinator meeting (Fairfield Bay Education Center)
- ◆ 26-28 Thanksgiving break

December



- ◆ 12- Coordinator meeting
- ◆ 12 – ARDI [Team registration deadline](#)
- ◆ 19-Act 56 Applications are due
- ◆ 22-31 Christmas break



Last Quarter

- Mary Kathryn and Krystal joined us for our 1st coordinator meeting. We viewed the CIV in the morning and had our meeting after lunch. We had a great visit with the ADE gals and welcome them anytime to AF.
- ◆ **School Visits** – AF schools will not be monitored this year, but visits are still taking place. The goal is to visit every school before Christmas and again before May.
- ◆ **November Student Share Fair** – We have even more students planning to share their projects this year. It should be a great event.
- ◆ **November site meeting** – Coordinators who can will meet at the Education Center in Fairfield Bay for collaboration with other coordinators. We will work on getting more familiar with TESS, curriculum ideas, and managing the GT program.
- ◆ **Quiz Bowl Practice** – The coaches are enjoying the Elementary QB practices, we will have it again this year, but will move it to January. Students also seem to like this event since they get more playing time, and are able to become more familiar with the game.
- ◆ **WITS** – The WITS (Poetry writing workshop) workshop will be offered again in Oct. 28-29, 9:00-11:30 and 12:00-2:30. This is a great workshop for kids to use their creative writing skills.
- ◆ **December meeting** – Our focus for the December meeting will be on PARCC, Formative Assessment and we have Judi Colloredo from Camp Invention, visiting.
- ◆ **Co-op Closed** – Nov. 26-28 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 22-Jan. 2 for Christmas.



Advocating Opportunities for Gifted and Talented Students to grow and shine,

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