

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **NEW DATES FOR MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS NEXT YEAR!!**
- **SAVE THE DATE!! SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY AT THE OLD STATE HOUSE**
- **NEW ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS AND CIVICS BEE COMPETITIONS**
- **2009-2010 STATE CHAMPIONS**
- **DATES AND EVENTS TO LOOK FOR COMING IN 2010-2011**
- **SPECIAL HONOR FOR MOCK TRIAL STATE CHAMPIONS**

Mock Trial Seasons Move 2010-2011

Due to overwhelming demand and popularity the high school mock trial competition will move to December in the 2010-2011 academic year. Regional competitions will take place in the first two weeks of December. Case materials will be available on-line in mid-August, prior to the start of school. Quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals will be in January, 2011. This will also allow the winning team to go on to represent Connecticut at the National Mock Trial Com-

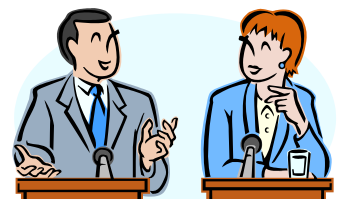
petition for the very first time in 2011!!

Likewise, the middle school mock trial regional competitions will move to February in 2011 with quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals in late February, wrapping up the season prior to standardized testing dates. Case materials will still be available on-line the first week of September. Please keep an eye out for registration dates as deadlines will also change next year.

At this point all other programs will remain in their

regular time-frames. Like this year, though, there will be both a fall and a spring high school debate competition. Middle School debates will still be in April and May.

Please keep these changes in mind when planning your activities and lessons for next year.



Celebrate Constitution Day 2010

In addition to our annual Constitution Day Contest, September 16, 2010 we will be holding a Constitution Day Celebration of activities at the Old State House from 9:30 to noon. The activities are designed for grades 3 through 8 so bring your classes to the Old State House where they will engage in hands-

on activities celebrating the spirit of the Constitution. Those that attend will also get advance knowledge of the essay contest topic questions and will be able to use what they learn and experience on September 16th in their essay contest entries.

This program will satisfy the federal mandate for

celebrating Constitution Day even though it is actually a day early. We are holding in on September 16th due to religious holidays on September 17, 2010.

We hope that you can join us in celebrating the spirit of our Constitution in our historic Old State House on September 16, 2010.

New Elementary Programs



During the Spring 2007 session of the Connecticut General Assembly, an act was passed requiring elementary schools to include in their fourth or fifth grade curriculum a program on democracy in which students engage in a participatory manner in learning about all branches of government beginning in the 2007-2008 academic year.

The Connecticut Consortium for Law & Citizenship Education, Inc. (CCLCE) recognizes that many elementary teachers may feel ill equipped to meet this mandate and is pleased to offer a variety of materials and support services to assist elementary teachers in teaching the three branches of government. We have put together a portfolio of interactive materials, activities and programs which the CCLCE provides at no charge to educators in Connecticut.

The free support

services include in-service trainings in both content and pedagogy designed specifically for elementary teachers. These trainings can be arranged for either full or half-day sessions or a limited number of hours at the convenience of your school calendar. Additional professional development opportunities are available through other Consortium programs throughout the year as well.

The curriculum materials include free classroom sets of national recognized textbooks plus additional lesson activities that can be used separately or together with the text, an accompanying teachers' guide, correlations to state and national standards in both social studies and literacy, supplemental worksheets, engaging activities and multiple opportunities for authentic assessment. These materials can all be used as a full curriculum plan or broken into separate

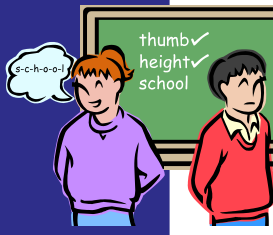
components that can be used periodically throughout the school year in a manner that best fits the overall curriculum plans of the individual classroom. The framework is designed to give teachers ready to use lesson plans and materials along with the factual information necessary for student learning in a logical sequence.

We would love to share our resources with you, your staff and students and would truly appreciate an opportunity to come and discuss our resources with you and demonstrate for you what we can do to enhance your staff's ability to meet the mandate as well as increase student success in this area.

To set up a meeting please contact us at (860) 509-6184 or via email at cclce@mindspring.com.

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CCLCE is proud to announce a new Civics Bee Competition.



As a culminating event to further enhance civic education at the elementary level, the CCLCE is proud to announce a new Civics Bee Competition. Last year the Civics Bee was piloted at Chester Elementary School. This year the district of Deep River, Essex

and Chester participated in a pilot expansion of the Civics Bee. Each school had their own classroom Bee's. The winners from each grade then moved on to a district-wide Civics Bee. The CCLCE would like to bring this program to other school districts around the state. The hope is that once there are several school districts participating in

a local Civics Bee that we can then add a state level to the program and invite district winners to move on to the next level.

If your school is interested in the Civics Bee program, contact the CCLCE at (860) 509-6184 or cclce@mindspring.com

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 State Champions

Great CT High School Debate: Valley Regional High School

Outstanding Speaker: Janna Moen of Valley Regional High School

Middle School Mock Trial: Our Lady of Mercy School

High School We The People: Greenwich High School

Spring High School Debate: Wethersfield High School

Outstanding Speaker Matthew Thomas of Wethersfield High School

High School Mock Trial: Hall High School

Bob Boland Award for Outstanding Mocker: Stasia Levin of Hall High School

Young People's Debate: David Labonte and Emily Falkowski of Henderson Home School

Outstanding Speaker: Emily Falkowski

High School Forensics Crime Scene Investigation: Shelton High School

Look for these events next year:

- Constitution Day Contest September 17, 2010
- Constitution Day Events at the Old State House September 16, 2010
- Fall High School Debate October, 2010
- Fall Teacher's Conference October, 2010
- High School Mock Trial Regional Competitions December, 2010
- High School Courtroom Artist Competition December, 2010
- High School We The People Competition December, 2010/January, 2011
- High School Mock Trial Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Finals January, 2011
- Middle School Mock Trial Competitions February, 2011
- Middle School Courtroom Artist Competition February, 2011
- President's Day Contest February, 2011
- High School Spring Debate March 2011
- Middle School We The People Competition April, 2011
- Middle School Debate Competitions April/May, 2011
- Project Citizen Showcase May, 2011



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**The CCLCE Annual Meeting and
Dinner will be held on June 9th at
the Old State House in Hartford. The
meeting will begin at 5 p.m. All board
members and CCLCE member/
sponsors may attend the annual
meeting. There will be a tour of the
Old State House at 6 p.m. followed
by a dinner and awards program at 7
p.m. which is open to everyone. Join
us in recognizing some of this year's
outstanding students and teachers.**



Special Event For Mock Trial Winners

This year the middle school and high school mock trial winning teams have been invited to a Connecticut Bar Association dinner in honor of and featuring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The mock trial team students will be recognized at the dinner on June 4, 2010 at the Hartford Club. This event is by invitation only. Congratulations once again to our state champions for 2009-2010 Our Lady of Mercy and Hall High School and for their special honor of being recognized by Justice O'Connor this year.