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**UPCOMING DATES**

**Feb. 10 – Teacher Leader Meeting**  
@ Memorial HS  
3:30-5:00 P.M.

**Feb. 19 – MEO IDOL Final Auditions**  
@ Washington Square Mall  
2:00 P.M.

**Feb. 24 – All Project Outreach**  
**Schools Teacher Share Meeting**  
@ Catholic Center  
3:30-5:00 P.M.

**Apr. 14 – Teacher Leader Meeting**  
@ Corpus Christi  
3:30-5:00 P.M.

**Apr. 15 – MEO Tri-State IDOL**  
@ Clarion Hotel  
(Old Holiday Inn on Hwy. 41 N.)  
6:00 P.M.

**Apr. 19 – Coordinators**  
@ St. Wendel Faculty Meeting  
3:15-4:15 P.M.

\*Coordinators working on date to go to St. Matthews

## Princeton Deanery Planned Professional Development for DI

The Princeton Deanery's Project Outreach Schools have had to become creative since no professional development days have been built into their schools' schedules. Sts. Peter and Paul principal, Kalyn Herrmann, has decided to take one of their faculty meetings each month and make it professional development stressing differentiated instruction.

They invited the other Project Outreach Schools, St. James and St. Joe, Princeton, to participate. Holy Cross was also invited since they are

the only other Princeton Deanery School that at this time is not a Project Outreach School. Sts. Peter and Paul's Teacher Leaders, Becky Rexing and Katrina Martin, help plan and facilitated the after school meetings.

All schools participating work with their grade level to start to develop some DI lessons and discuss what they are doing in their respective classrooms. All those involved are enjoying the interaction between their schools!

## Thank you from the Project Outreach Coordinators!

The Coordinators would like to thank those Teacher Leaders who have contacted us to come to their school to discuss a topic or just to talk to the teachers. The Teacher Leader Meetings are once a month and this is the time that you, the Teacher Leaders, give us information about what your school needs.

The Coordinators depend on the Teacher Leaders to let them know what they can do for your school. Please try to attend the Teacher Leader Meetings! If for some reason

you can't attend, please send a representative from your school so that all Project Schools are represented. You are the link between the Coordinators and the schools.

*Thank You*



## MEO Tri-State IDOL

First round auditions took place last week at Mater Dei and Memorial High Schools, where committee members and judges discovered the Tri-State has a great deal of talent to offer. Following first round cuts, remaining contestants will perform at Washington Square Mall on February 19<sup>th</sup>, where five

finalists will be selected to perform at the April 15<sup>th</sup> MEO Tri-State Idol at the Clarion Inn (formerly Holiday Inn) at Hwy 41 and Lynch.

The evening will include dinner, a cash bar, a live auction, celebrity judges, and voting for your favorite contestant.

## How is your school using the \$130 from MEO?

St. Joe, Princeton, used their money by sending their teachers into another Project Outreach school. Their Kindergarten, First, and Second grade teachers came to Sts. Peter and Paul, Haubstadt, to visit their respective classroom in the morning and Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade came in the afternoon. The money from MEO was used to pay for substitute teachers to cover the classrooms while the teachers were out.

The St. James, Haubstadt, teachers met in cluster groups over a three day period and discussed ideas for improving their DI instruction. Each group met for half a day and their classes were covered with substitute teachers. We used six subs for these days, and MEO reimbursed us for two of those subs. The teachers said this sharing time was very helpful. They had time to look over material that they received at workshops and explore suggested web sites. Some of them even had time to create lessons and materials to use right away. They said it would be even better if next time they could have a full day for this cluster time.

If you have used the money offered by MEO, please let the coordinators know so that we can put it in the newsletter. This helps give other school great ideas!

## Civil War – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade DI Unit

The fourth grade has been working hard on an exciting project about the Civil War. If you visit our hallways you may run into a Union Soldier wearing his original uniform. Did you know that their hats were called Forage Hats and that they carried their ammunition and food rations in a pouch at their side? You can also stop by our room and read the journals of Abraham Lincoln himself! Special maps showing the division of the country at the time of the Civil War and commemorative plaques are just a few other things you would see being made.

*Mrs. Sarah Foster – Sts. Peter and Paul School*



**Pictured Above and Right:** Fourth graders at Sts. Peter and Paul display their Civil War DI projects.



If you have any information about what is happening in your school or pictures of some of the work your students have done, please send to the Project Coordinators so that we can include it in the newsletter. It is always educational to see what other teachers are doing!