

MCTM NEWS



**Fall
2009**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is indeed fortunate that in our profession we have an annual restart. Each new school year, we have the opportunity to "start anew" bringing with us insight from previous years. Just like television's bionic man, we're "better than we were before; better. . . stronger. . . faster. . ." because we can use our previous knowledge and experience to improve mathematics education.

Although teachers are not reconstructed and refurbished to the tune of six million dollars each, we do perform "incredible feats of strength" in our everyday use of knowledge, experience, and reflective practice in our classrooms.

If you are a new teacher, establish collaborative relationships with master teachers. If you are a veteran teacher, offer some guidance and support to the first-year teachers in your building. Making a positive difference involves working together to continuously improve the mathematical experiences of all of our students.

I invite you to recruit a colleague who is not yet a member and invite them to attend the MCTM 2009 Annual Conference which will be held September 25-26 in Oxford at the Ole Miss Conner Hall. The conference will provide opportunities to network with other Mississippi mathematics educators and to learn about many new mathematics ideas, strategies, and products.

I hope to see you there!!

Mathematically yours,
Vicki Shirley, MCTM President

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

All Teacher of the Year, Trust Fund Grant, and Graduate Scholarship applications are due next week, **August 24, 2009**. All applications, nomination forms, and other materials should be mailed to:

Sandra Peterson
3307 Government Street
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



MCTM is pleased to offer a \$1000 Graduate Scholarship for a member completing graduate work. One recipient will be selected each year from all eligible applicants to receive this annual award.

Applicants must:

- ♦ be a member of MCTM for one full year prior to applying,
- ♦ submit a resume, official transcript of undergraduate/graduate work, and a 1-2 page typed essay outlining their educational goals and how the scholarship will benefit them, and
- ♦ be present at the annual conference.



Recipients of this award are not eligible to re-apply for three years. The award will be paid directly to the college or university to be applied to the recipient's account.

TRUST FUND GRANT

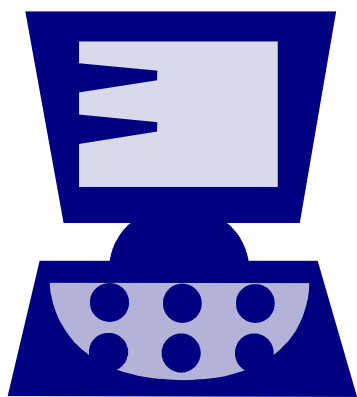
As teachers, we are always looking for exciting instructional activities or projects to use in our classroom. Do you have a project in mind, but lack the funding to make it happen? MCTM offers **two** Trust Fund Grants annually for up to **\$500** each. Recipients can use this money to purchase supplies and or materials needed to make their dream project a reality! Visit the MCTM website for the requirements and application. Grant recipients will be expected to present their projects at the MCTM Trust Fund / Teacher of the Year session at the annual conference.

Got an idea?



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Do you know an outstanding MCTM member with a minimum of three years teaching experience? Want to recognize this individual for their superb contributions to mathematics education? Nominate them for MCTM Teacher of the Year. If selected, they will receive a **\$100** award and be presented a plaque at the Fall Conference. Nomination forms and all eligibility requirements are posted on the MCTM website.



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

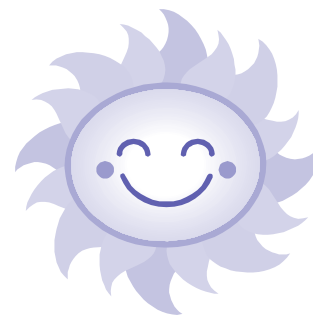
Find out more information about MCTM awards, grants and scholarships online. Also, keep up with the latest MCTM news and conference information by visiting our site: <http://www.mctmonline.com>.

CONGRATULATIONS

- The Mississippi 2008 mathematics awardee for the Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching is Amy Ellis. She is a first grade teacher at Sudduth Elementary School in Starkville. Congratulations!
- For the 2009-2010 school year, the PAEMST will open nominations for elementary math and science teachers in the fall. Visit <http://www.paemst.org> for more information on this prestigious award.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

We appreciate you considering our summer workshops this past summer. Even though the workshops did not make this summer, we would appreciate your ideas (locations, grades, subjects, etc.) for workshops next summer.



WEBSITES TO VISIT

- Find great lessons and resources at NCTM's website: <http://illuminations.nctm.org/>.
- Texas Instruments announces the release of Math Nspired on August 1. With Math Nspired lessons, you can:
 - Help students build conceptual understanding of key math concepts
 - Use TI-Nspire™ technology (software and/or handhelds) to visualize concepts and explore multiple representations
 - Customize activities to meet the unique needs of your students
 - Visit www.mathnspired.com to sign up for your free account!



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Are you an elementary or middle school teacher looking for ways to help improve your student learning? Check out *Teaching Student-Centered Mathematics* by John A. Van de Walle. It comes in three volumes: Vol. 1 (K-2), Vol. 2 (3-5), and Vol. 3 (5-8).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

- ♦ The 2009 Annual Conference will be held September 25-26, 2009 in Oxford, MS.
- ♦ The 2010 Annual Conference will be held in October of 2010 in Hattiesburg. Be on the lookout for more information.



TRUST FUND GRANT, TEACHER OF THE YEAR, & GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ Applications for Trust Fund Grant, Teacher of the Year, and Graduate Scholarship are due **August 24, 2009**.



Join us in Oxford, MS
at The University of
Mississippi for
our annual MCTM
conference.

September 25-26, 2009

Friday, September 25

- Friday activities will be held at The Inn at Ole Miss
- Registration begins at 4:00 pm
- Opening session, dinner, and key-note speaker

Saturday, September 26

- Saturday activities will be held at Connor and Holman Hall
- Registration begins at 7:00 am
- Exhibitors
- Sessions in the morning and afternoon
- Lunch
- Door prizes

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Friday evening, the 25th, we will be fortunate to have John Burstein, creator of *Math Monsters* and *Slim Goodbody*, as a featured speaker. We will also be welcoming Hank Kepner, president of NCTM, as the opening speaker for the evening.

Pre-register by
September 15 for \$70.
On-site conference
registration is \$85.

The conference hotel is The Inn at Ole Miss. Rooms are being blocked until September 6, so make your reservations now!!

See the conference registration form for more details. Also, keep your eyes on the MCTM website, www.mctmonline.com, for more conference updates. Hope to see you in September!



Focus On The Standards - 2009

Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference

September 25-26, 2009
The University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

REGISTRATION FORM

Please type or print.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

District Name: _____

School Phone: (_____) _____

Check here if you are a NEW MCTM member.

Focus On The Standards 2009

All conference events will be held on the campus of **The University of Mississippi** in Oxford, Mississippi.

The conference hotel is **The Inn at Ole Miss**.
(1-888-486-7666) – see hotel info on next page.

PROFESSIONAL LEVEL: (please check one)

- Elementary Teacher
- Middle/Junior High School Teacher
- High School Teacher
- 2-Year College Instructor
- College/University Instructor
- Supervisor/Administrator
- Retired Teacher
- Student
- Other: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: **

All registration fees include annual membership.

- Pre-Registration - \$70 (available through September 15, 2009)
- Registration for Student or Retired Teacher - \$30
- On-Site Conference Registration - \$85
- Presenter Registration - \$25
- MCTM Membership Only - \$10

Total Amount Due: _____

Check, money order, or purchase order MUST be enclosed with registration.

**Friday supper buffet and Saturday lunch are included in the cost of registration

Please mail registration and payment to:
Jennifer Wilson
MCTM Treasurer
5369 Clinton-Tinnin Road
Jackson, MS 39209
jwilson@rcsd.ms



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Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference

September 25-26, 2009

The University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

OVERVIEW

Hank Kepner, President of NCTM, will be the opening speaker for Friday, September 25 at 5:30 pm at the Inn at Ole Miss. Following Dr. Kepner's talk, there will be a supper buffet. The keynote speaker, at 7:00 pm, is John Burstein, better known as Slimgoodbody and producer of Math Monsters. This will be an entertaining talk for all grade levels.

On Saturday, the sessions begin at 8:30 am at Conner Hall. Lunch will include a panel discussion by Mississippi Department of Education staff, legislators, and business representatives on **Preparing Mississippi Students to Compete in a Global Economy**. The conference will end with a business meeting of MCTM starting at 4:00pm followed by door prizes.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Inn at Ole Miss

(1-888-486-7666)

MCTM has reserved a block of rooms at The Inn at Ole Miss for the evenings of September 25 and 26, 2009. This block will be held until **Sept. 6**. MCTM strongly recommends that you make your reservation early, as rooms are limited.

Rates per night

King or Queen Suite: \$139

Double Room: \$76/\$87

King room: \$87

Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am. To make reservations, call The Inn at Ole Miss at (662) 234-2331 and request the group rate for the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

To learn more about The Inn at Ole Miss, please visit:

<http://www.theinnatolemiss.com/>.

Other hotels are available: Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn & Suites, Super 8, and Downtown Inn.

OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Focus On The Standards 2009 will be held on the campus of The University of Mississippi in beautiful Oxford, Mississippi.

Nestled in the rolling hills of northern Mississippi, Oxford is a vibrant community filled with shops, boutiques, galleries, fine dining establishments, and historic landmarks.

To learn more about Oxford, visit:

<http://www.oxfordms.com/>.