Teacher Memo

To: Creek Connections Teachers  
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Re: Project Evaluations, Summer Institute, Freshwater Academy

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YOU ARE AMAZING
Every school handled the COVID-19 pandemic differently, and that’s okay. You are all amazing teachers doing your best to support your students and bring them some normalcy and learning during the pandemic. Thank you for your efforts.

END OF THE YEAR FEEDBACK - YOU
Find the link to our evaluation form on the Teacher Resource webpage. We understand this was an unusual year with a lot of stress. We do NOT want to add to that stress. Only take the survey if you are comfortable doing so. There are some very important reasons that we need your feedback:

1) to meet your needs in the classroom/creek (what's working, what's not)
2) to help us better allocate our future staff time and efforts to address your needs
3) FUNDING - present and future financial supporters demand that we have evaluations like this for our project. They need evidence of the program’s success and usefulness.

Creek Connections will always evolve to meet teacher needs and to provide a quality program for you and your students. This is your biggest chance to give us your advice and feedback. ALL teachers are expected to fill out this evaluation, so please submit it by the end of June.

END OF THE YEAR FEEDBACK – STUDENTS
Also find the link to our student After feedback survey on our webpage. Data from this voluntary survey will help us gain useful information for our funding pursuits. Please ask your students to complete these. We understand this is an unusual year and many students will not complete the survey. That’s okay. We appreciate any data we can gather and understand it will be fewer data points than a normal year.

STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIA
Both symposia scheduled for April were cancelled. We are still sad about this and know everyone put a lot of work into planning for it. If you and your students would like to share the projects that were developed – we would LOVE to share them however is appropriate. We can host videos on our YouTube channel. We can post photos or links to presentations on our website. We encourage you to even share projects that were never able to be finalized. Everyone understands! If videos or presentations have images of students, we need to have a media release form on file.
FRESHWATER ACADEMY
Our summer camp – has been cancelled for 2020, but we are planning for a fantastic 2021. Please encourage high school students to check us out next summer!

SUMMER INSTITUTE (Teacher Workshop)
Summer Institute 2020 (for participating teachers) is STILL happening! Watch your emails this summer for an invitation for either an in-person or online teacher workshop.

NEXT YEAR’S TEACHER TEAM
If you have received this memo, we are assuming that you and your school will be remaining with the Creek Connections program next year (or a newly participating teacher). If you are withdrawing from the program, please let us know. If you have a colleague from your school that you want to get involved, let us know. We can discuss how we can add them to the team. Fill out the teacher information form to update your contact information, school information, classes taught, etc.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU
Be sure to check out the resources we have created, found, or were recommended by other teachers in the “Creek Connections - Compilation of Online Learning Resource” document – we will continue to add to it with recent changes highlighted. Wendy and Laura continue to be on staff during the summer. Feel free to contact us, pick our brains for some information, get some help with planning for next year, or stop by and use our collection of book resources and activity guides, etc.

SEE YOU LATER