



Teacher Memo

To: Creek Connections Teachers
From: Wendy Kedzierski & Laura Branby
Re: Project Feedback, Summer Institute

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**THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER
"WATERSHED" YEAR!**

THANK YOU AGAIN

Thanks to your efforts and those of your students, this year has been exciting and enjoyable. We have had a great time working with you and have been inspired by the work in your classrooms and at your creeks. We were very impressed by the student's projects at this year's symposia! We received many comments from our partner organizations and other visitors about the effort students put into the projects: the professional displays, new topics and new ways of looking at classic topics. We hope this year's Creek Connections experience has been educational, inspiring, and fun for you and your students. Share the [May Newsletter](#) you received in a separate email this morning with your students, parents, colleagues and administrators.

END OF THE YEAR EVALUATION - YOU

Please complete the [teacher year end feedback form](#). **All participating teachers must complete the evaluation.** Your feedback is essential for our future **FUNDING**. 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 EVALUATION – STUDENTS "AFTER" SURVEY

Also find the [link to our student AFTER survey](#) in this email and on our webpage. Data from this anonymous and voluntary survey will help us gain useful information for our funding pursuits.

SUMMER INSTITUTE (Teacher Professional Development Workshop)

The Summer Institute will be held at North Park in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, July 29. [Register for the day and we'll send details when it gets closer](#). We expect all teachers to attend this event. Inventory your test kits so you can stock up on refills and replacements. Classroom resources and free materials will be available for teachers who attend.

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. If you are planning to participate next year, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have a colleague from your school that you want to get involved, connect us! Fill out the [teacher information form](#) to update your contact information, school information, classes taught, etc.

OTHER NOTES:

- Get your PA Fishing License for macroinvertebrate collection. We can reimburse you for the cost!
- Wendy and Laura work all summer. Feel free to contact us, pick our brains for some information, get some help with planning for next year, or stop by and explore the loaner modules.

