

## Up-coming middle and high school epidemiology education events

- April 21-24, 2006 – Young Epidemiology Scholars Competition Finals, Washington, DC

- May 9-20, 2006 – CDC-supported National Science Olympiad middle school and high school Disease Detectives events, Bloomington, Indiana

- March 11 and April 1, and May 12, 2006 - Detectives in the Classroom Professional Development Workshops, in Camden, NJ, Tulsa, OK, and Montclair, NJ

## Comments?

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments about the Movement or our website,

If you want to suggest items for the Newsletter or just want to share your thoughts.

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## Welcome!

This is the first Epidemiology Education Movement newsletter to our growing mailing list.

The Movement is, as one of us wrote:

"... a group of individuals with both a personal passion and professional interest in integrating epidemiology and other public health sciences into grades K-12. ... we operate in a collaborative fashion, valuing and recognizing each individual's strengths and contributions and respecting the uniqueness of our respective groups and programs. Although there is no secret handshake, initiation ritual, or dues - we are open only to those with a demonstrated passion for teaching epi to kids before they enter college.

The name "Movement" comes from the last lines in Arlo Guthrie's Alice's Restau-

rant - 'You know if one person, just one person does it, they may think he's really sick and they won't take him. And if two people, two people do it, in harmony, they may think they're .... and they won't take either of them. And if three people do it, three, can you imagine, three people walking in singin' a bar of Alice's Restaurant and walking out. They may think it's an organization. And can you, can you imagine fifty people a day, I said fifty people a day, walking in singin' a bar of Alice's Restaurant and walking out. And friends, they may think it's a 'movement.'

I don't think there are 50 of us yet but we are certainly at the organization level."

## 2005 Highlights

The Epidemiology Education Movement met at CDC on October 14, 2005. During the meeting, participants created the "Top 8 Reasons for Teaching / Learning Epidemiology," refined the "Movement Concept Map," and added to the five "to do lists" that underlie the "Framework for Action." Participants in the CDC meeting are included in this mailing list.

A presentation, Epidemiology Education in Grades 6-12, was made at APHA Meeting, on December 12, 2005, during which the Epidemiology Education Movement was introduced and discussed. A lively group participated in the discussion and six expressed interest in keeping abreast of Movement activities. The "APHA-6" are also included in this mailing list.

## Staying in Touch

After the web site is more complete we plan to get back in touch with all those who have expressed interest in the Movement to identify ways we can contribute to:

- Infusing epidemiology education into curricula in grades 6-12
- Improving scientific literacy
- Increasing the number of students preparing for careers in public health.

## Epi Monitor Article

A column about the Epidemiology Education Movement, "Promoters of Teaching Epidemiology to 6-12th Graders Discuss Implementation Challenges at APHA Session," appeared in the January 2006 issue of Epi Monitor. At the conclusion of the column, interested readers were invited to contact us. Those who responded are also included in this mailing list. (The APHA PowerPoint presentation and the article are posted on the web site at <http://www.montclair.edu/detectives/EpiEdMovement/News.htm>.) (We will apply to present at other professional meetings during 2006.)

## Visit Our Website

Go to <http://www.epiedmovement.org/> for a look at our new website. There are links on the site for you to communicate with us.