

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 12:14 PM
Subject: kid-FRIENDLy weekly memo, April 24, 2015
Attachments: FRYSC Funds Requests 15-16.docx; FRYSC Funds Plan FY 2015-16.docx; kidFRIENDLy2yearTimeline04142015.pdf

1. In last week's memo, you were notified that kid·FRIENDLy will award Mini-Grants to school teams who participated in the Communities of Practice October 2014. More detailed information will come to Points of Contact early next week. Simply, Cognitive Coaches will work with each school's Teacher Leader team to develop a plan for the use of mini-grant funds. Elementary and middle school teams will be eligible for up to \$2500 and high school teams are eligible for up to \$3000. The mini-grant funds must be used to purchase instructional materials, supplies, or technologies that are strictly aligned with implementation of the actions plans TLs developed to guide personalization of their classrooms. Coaches will be an integral part of the process, will include discussions with the principal, and when appropriate, IT professionals in your district. The application will be online and the deadline for submissions is May 15. kidFRIENDLy staff will complete purchase orders, purchase the requested items, receive and inventory them, and Coaches will distribute the items before the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. Please note, TLs coming on board this summer will be eligible to participate after they have completed individual action plans and are ready to implement them. We anticipate providing another application round mid-Fall. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Moats at steven.moats@grrec.ky.us."

2. Some schools will have new Teacher Leaders for the 2015-16 school year. Points of Contact and principals will be provided information in the coming weeks about selecting and integrating those folks but for now please know the first Learning Forum for them will be July 21-22 with location and other details being finalized. If you have questions now please contact Molly Sullivan (msullivan@ovec.org) or Dr. Steve Moats at steven.moats@grrec.ky.gov.

3. FRYSC Funds Request for the 2015-2016 School Year: The FRYSC Funds Request is attached to the email. This document should be shared with principals and FRYSCs in each school in your district.

- Principals and FRYSC coordinators should verify the student enrollment for the end of the second month for the 2014-2015 school year.
- The enrollment numbers will also be used to inform the software fund amounts for the 2015-2016 school year.
- This form, including signatures, should be emailed to elisa.brown@ky.gov by June 1, 2015.

FRYSC Funds Plan: FRYSCs, in collaboration with school leadership teams, should complete the FRYSC Funds Plan for FY15-16 to outline how they will remove barriers to kindergarten readiness and/or college and career readiness.

- FRYSCs have had the opportunity to learn about best practice strategies and activities to use to develop their plans, including items that are approved or not approved as expenditures. Instructions are included in the attachment.
- FRYSC staff members who did not attend the recent trainings should contact elisa.brown@ky.gov if they have questions or need guidance.
- FRYSCs should forward the completed plan for the 15-16 school year by July 1, 2015. The plans will be approved within the month of July with payout of funds in August 2015. Plans should be emailed to elisa.brown@ky.gov.

4. We have attached a kid-FRIENDLY timeline that shows major activities by project from now through the end of the grant. Several people have asked for this so we hope this will be useful. If you have questions contact Sandra Baker at sandra.baker@grrec.ky.gov.

5. We are working on an OVEC Master Calendar which consists of Division calendars (including kid-FRIENDLY) using the Overlay feature of Outlook Calendars. These calendars can be shared, subscribed to, or published. Unfortunately, we have encountered a technical glitch in which the shared calendars are sometimes unable to open. We are working to resolve the issue. We are also looking for an alternative option in case the Outlook Calendar issue cannot be resolved. If you have questions contact Molly Sullivan (msullivan@ovec.org).