

Plan on Attending the NCCSS Social Studies Conference

The 42nd NCCSS Social Studies Conference will be held on February 23-24, 2012 at the Greensboro Sheraton/Koury Convention Center. Thursday and Friday will be packed with opportunities for professional growth and celebrating our passion for Social Studies. Following the National Council for the Social Studies conference, the theme is Dimensions of Diversity.

Registration information as well as hotel reservations and a list of sessions offered are on the NCCSS Website: <http://ncsocialstudies.org>.

Note: NCCSS Conference Registration deadline is January 31. To get the special conference hotel room rate at the Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons, you must make your reservation before January 25, 2012.

Here are some highlights for the upcoming Conference.

Thursday Luncheon

Our luncheon speaker is Chris Hendricks.



Diagnosed with cerebral palsy at a very early age, Chris was once told he would never walk. Today, he goes wherever his music will take him.

Chris Hendricks, a native of North Carolina, was born in Durham, the city he still calls home. His musical roots took hold when he began singing at the tender age of four – and he hasn't stopped since.

Chris shares an inspiring message in his "Breaking Down Barriers" program. As a victim of bullying, his anti-bullying message resonates with students and teachers alike.

Thursday and Friday Sessions

One again, the conference will feature many sessions on Thursday and Friday that cover the range of disciplines of the Social Studies. There are sessions for all grade levels. Of particular interest are:

Essential Standards for Social Studies Strand:

- ✓ Essential Standards for K-2
- ✓ Essential Standards for Grades 3-5
- ✓ Essential Standards for Grades 6-8

Each session will be led by classroom teachers and will focus on the big ideas, themes and activities that develop the concepts in the new Essential Standards for Social Studies that will be implemented in 2012-13.



The Giant Traveling map of South America

This 35' x 26' map of South America will be on display. Two sessions will feature the map offer interactive activities on the map. Take off your shoes and walk the Andes, visit South America's cities, and explore the Amazon River.

Enter the NCCSS Raffle and win Prizes!

The NCCSS will offer a variety of prizes in its annual raffle. Proceeds will go to the NCCSS Outreach and Awards Programs.

Meet our Award Winners

The NCCSS will announce the recipient of the Student Teacher Scholarship, the Social Studies Teachers of the Year, and the Teacher Grant Recipient at the Thursday Luncheon.

Vote in the NCCSS Elections

Candidates for Secretary and three seats on the Board of Directors are up for election. Don't forget to Vote!