

School-Based Tobacco Prevention Updates

March/April 2009

Don't Forget!

You'll want to be sure to remember these important dates:

- Grants due in the DOE Office no later than May 1st, 2009
- End of the year reports due no later than June 1st, 2009

VKAT's Day in Court

A huge thanks goes out to South Burlington SAP Talia Glesner for submitting the following story! F.H. Tuttle VKAT students had the unique opportunity to attend the closing arguments for the federal case against R.J. Reynolds in the Eclipse consumer fraud case. Since discovering that such an important national case was being tried in their own backyard, VKAT students have begun researching the claims and discovering the answer to "so what does this mean to me and my community?" When asked about their thoughts regarding their visit to the courthouse, one VKAT student responded, "it's amazing to hear quotes from the tobacco company admitting how dangerous their products really are."

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Back Row (left to right): Maddie Weaver-Nolting (6th), Chandler Brandes (6), Morgan (Mo) Young (6)
Front Row (left to right): Katie Hango (8), Philip Holt (6)

Training Opportunities

Mark your calendars for these exciting events:

May 18th-Augst 7th, 2009

[Fundamentals of Evaluation Web-based Course](#)

June 1st-3rd, 2009, Bristol, Rhode Island

[New England School of Prevention Studies](#)

June 10th-12th, 2009, Phoenix, AZ

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#)

July 6th-July 10th, 2009, Colchester, VT

[Media Literacy: Remote Control or Self-Control](#)

September 21st-23rd, 2009, Madison, WI

[5th National Summit on Smokeless & Spit Tobacco](#)

Help Your Peers, Help Yourself!

Help us to compile a list of tobacco prevention speakers/groups that will be shared with your colleagues! Take this [survey](#) to share your thoughts about presenters you have hosted in the past few years. This information will be shared with tobacco coordinators around the state to help you plan for next year's speakers.

Hello Spring

Happy [Kick Butts Week](#) everyone! As I write this, I'm hoping that the snow is gone for good...if not at least for the next six months! As you know, with the warmer weather comes a whole host of tobacco prevention activities including regional meetings, common theme campaign activities, and preparing grant applications and end of the year reports. If you find that you're able to do all this and still have free time, then you might also be interested in [World No Tobacco Day](#) on May 31st, the recently released website for the [Tobacco Atlas](#), or the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids' newest resource guide [Deadly in Pink](#). Enjoy these last few—and busy—months of school!

-Kate Larose



Butts of Hollywood

It's time once again for your youth prevention common theme activities! By now, most of you should be familiar with this year's campaign about smoking in the movies, and you should have received a campaign brief. Be sure to check out all the resources offered on to the KSV [Extranet](#) by emailing [Rachel](#) for your log-on instructions. Also check out the new [ovx.org](#) website!



Tobacco in the News

[\\$1 Spent on Prevention Saves \\$10](#)

[Secondhand Smoke Exposure Linked to Depression](#)

[Chewing Tobacco Use Surges Among Boys](#)

[Teen Smokers May Triple Their Multiple Sclerosis Risk](#)

[Parents: Factor Smoking, Drinking into Movie Ratings](#)

["Winston Man" Alan Landers Dies After Battle with Cancer](#)