



Virginia Association of Science Teachers

November is PDI Month

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So, what is **VAST eNotes** and why did I get one?

VAST eNotes is one of the new features of the redesigned VAST.org website. The e-mail you listed on your membership application was used in this initial distribution. Although anyone can sign up for **eNotes**, its main purpose is to notify VAST members of timely news and happenings related to the organization and science education in Virginia. In an effort to keep our members better informed, **eNotes** will be sent periodically as needed. You may unsubscribe at any time by clicking on the link below.

VAST Launches New Website

This first **VAST eNotes** officially announces our new website. With a fresh look and feel, it is better suited for serving the organization. The new website features a content management system that will provide better organization, ease of maintenance, and additional features including a dynamic VAST Community Calendar. Visitors can access online forms for membership, VAST awards, grant applications, and download files from [The Science Educator](#) and the new electronic [Journal of Virginia Science Education](#).

First [Journal of Virginia Science Education](#) Coming in November

Coming soon is the first ever issue of the [Journal of Virginia Science Education \(JVSE\)](#). Teachers, teachers-to-be, school administrators, college science educators, and informal science educators are invited to submit papers to be considered for publication in **JVSE**. In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the 1607 founding of Jamestown, the first issue of **JVSE** is addressing historic contributions made to science. Through history, knowledge grows and develops and the **JVSE** will become a permanent record of the growth of science teaching and learning in the Commonwealth.

"Nature of Science" Richmond Marriott Hotel November 16-18

Make plans to attend the upcoming [2006 Professional Development Institute](#). We have put together a conference we think you will find rewarding and memorable. If you are coming for the full two days, there are 12 field trips, 38 workshops, and 106 concurrent sessions. The variety, together with the excellence of the presentations, will make you glad you attended. See you in Richmond.