REGISTRATION FORM

In order to reserve a seat at a research lesson, please tear off this form, fill it out, and mail it to Chris Nugent at:

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Name __________________________
Grade Level _____________________
School _________________________
School Address___________________
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Sessions You Would Like to Attend:

____ Posters and videos
____ Introductory talk
____ Kindergarten research lesson
____ Fourth grade research lesson

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Dr. Takahashi has spent over 20 years teaching Mathematics in Japan at the Elementary and Middle School level, and has led hundreds of public research lessons in Japan and in this country. Dr. Takahashi is on the faculty of DePaul University in Chicago.

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WHAT IS LESSON STUDY?

Lesson Study is a school-based professional development model that has been used successfully for decades in Asia. Teachers engaged in lesson study meet once a week over a period of several weeks to plan a “research lesson”. This is taught by one of the members of the team and observed by the others. The research lesson is then discussed and refined. The refined lesson is taught by another member of the team to another group of students.

Lesson study is a collaborative process, with a focus on student learning (not on teacher behavior). It transforms teachers into “teacher-researchers” who share their ideas in order to become more reflective (and therefore more effective) practitioners.

WHAT IS A LESSON STUDY FAIR?

In May of 2004, we will be nearing the end of the second year of our Lesson Study project. Dan and Chris are working with 43 public and parochial school teachers from 11 elementary schools in Dubuque, Ottumwa, and Maquoketa. At the Lesson Study Fair we will highlight the benefits of lesson study and share what we have learned during the first two years of our project. This year we are joined by Dr. Akihiko Takahashi, a leading expert on Lesson Study. Dr. Takahashi will give a keynote address and lead the two public research lessons.

SCHEDULE

4:00-7:00 pm:

- Poster sessions will be presented by participating teachers.
- Videos on lesson study and TIMSS (the Third International Math and Science Study) will be shown continuously.
- Keystone AEA will host a display of Mathematics textbooks, software, manipulatives and professional development books.
- Representatives will be available from Dubuque Community Schools, Dubuque Holy Family Schools, and the Loras College Department of Education.

4:00-4:45 pm:

- An introductory talk on Lesson Study by Dr. Akihiko Takahashi.

5:00-6:00 pm:

- A Kindergarten level research lesson and debriefing.

6:00-7:00 pm

- A 4th Grade level research lesson and debriefing.

REGISTRATION

- No registration fee is required.
- There will be a drawing for door prizes. In order to be eligible for the drawing, you must pre-register.
- Space is limited. Sessions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Refreshments will be provided.
- Information about parking, maps, etc. will be available at the web site.