Dear Colleagues,

The semester and the year are coming to a close, and we thank you for another productive semester. Your commitment to students, and to improving the state of STEM learning locally, regionally, and beyond is substantial and you are making a difference. Thank you.

We appreciate the contributions to improving STEM Education from the members of our community. This month we want to give a shout out to John Olson, Science Content Specialist, Minnesota Department of Education for the monthly Science Update that is always filled with exciting news about science (and STEM) education. Past editions are archived at MN STEM Teacher Center website - http://www.scimathmn.org/stemtc/resources/mde-science-update John is a member of our STEM Education Research Center Advisory Board and we appreciate his and all Advisory Board members' guidance.

During the break, we encourage you all to take time to be with your families and loved ones. Remember to take time for yourselves, too. Reflection, rest and relaxation are necessary to sustain the intense and creative work you do, as well as essential for renewing the mind, body and spirit.

Have a relaxing, renewing, and safe Holiday Season.

Cheers,
Kathy & Karl