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Upcoming Events

Fall ABLEResource Center Directors' Meeting

November 9-10, 2009

Columbus Marriott Northwest
Columbus, OH

Level I Technology

November 13, 2009

Northeast ABLEResource Center
Euclid, OH

New Teacher Orientation

November 14, 2009

Northeast ABLEResource Center
Euclid, OH

We are currently offering 66 Alternative Delivery Activities for Northeast Ohio. Register for these training sessions and alternative delivery activities on our calendar of events at www.ohioable.org or www.neable.org

Ohio TESOL Conference

October 30-31, 2009

Hilton-Easton, Columbus, OH

Register online at www.OhioTESOL.org

Jeff Gove, Acting State ABLEResource Center Director

Jeff Gove has been named the Acting State ABLEResource Center Director. Jeff joined the State ABLEResource Center program team in 1992 as a State ABLEResource Center JOBS Coordinator and then moved into the role of ABLEResource Center Regional Consultant. In his new role Jeff will continue to work to provide educational opportunities to adults around the state. Please join the State ABLEResource Center Team in congratulating Jeff in his new role.

Non-English Speakers Highest in Northeast Ohio

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, data for places of at least 25,000 for 2005-07.) Cleveland Plain Dealer, October 20, 2009

Among the Ohio cities with at least 25,000 residents, Northeast Ohio has the largest number of communities where people speak a language other than English at home. Lorain leads the way, with a large contingent of Spanish-speaking residents (16.9%), Westlake (16%), Lakewood (15.3%) and Parma (15.1%) rank high primarily because of what the Census Bureau classifies as other Indo-European languages. Solon (14.5%) ranks high because of both Asian and other Indo-European languages.

Evolution Community Newsletter

The Learning Disabilities Newsletter published by the Central/Southeast Resource Center has a new name, new look with fresh ideas and ongoing creation. The October, 2009 issue of *Evolution Community Newsletter* will be on their Website November 1st. Please check it out at www.ouliteracycenter.org/partnerships/able

Celebrate Cleveland's Multicultural Heritage in Honor of U.N. Day

What is United Nations Day?

Simply put, it is the birthday of the United Nations. On October 24, 1945, the United Nations was formally established after a majority of its founding members ratified a treaty setting up the world body. In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution recommending that the day be observed as a public holiday by Member States. Traditionally, it has been marked throughout the world by meetings, discussions and exhibits on the goals and achievements of the Organization.

Cleveland is a mosaic of ethnic museums and centers. With United Nations Day this Saturday October 24, what better time to see the world without leaving Cleveland? Here is a sampling of free local centers and museums: (*Cleveland Plain Dealer, October 19, 2009*)

American Indian Education – <http://aiecc.net>

Czech Republic – <http://sokolgreatercleveland.org>

Hungary – <http://www.jcu.edu/language/hunghemu/>

Poland – <http://polishcenterofcleveland.org>

Slovenia – <http://smacleland.org>

Ukraine – <http://umacleland.org>

World – Cleveland Cultural Gardens – <http://culturalgardens.org>

Verizon Thinkfinity's Writing Resources

Here are great tools to get adult and family literacy students writing about their ideas, experiences and concerns.

Creating Participatory Photonovels: A Classroom Guide

<http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/tln/files/phonovela.pdf>

Find out how members of an ESL class created a photonovel that addressed good nutrition, one of the many health care concerns the group had. Learn about the process the students used and then view their finished product.

Writing Without Fear

<http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/TLN/courses>

In this self-paced 60-minute online course, instructors and tutors learn a writing process that can help students overcome their fear of writing.

General Editing: Revising and Editing Checklist

<http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/tln/files/GenEditingCheck.pdf>

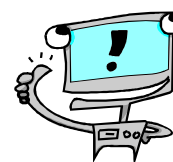
Students can use this checklist to revise their writing and make it more understandable by checking for the correct words, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Writing Rubric

<http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/tln/files/GenWritingRubric.pdf>

Adult literacy students can use this rubric to help them improve their writing. The rubric contains features to look for and describes how well each feature has been done.

Matt's Tech Tips



Tech Tips Q & A

Do you have a question or questions about technology that have been bugging you? Here is your chance to send them into **Matt's Tech Tips** and get some answers (or at least a nudge in the right direction). Matt is looking for submissions to answer in upcoming issues of Friday NewsBriefs, but I need your help. Please send a technology related question or two to matt@neable.org and look for the answer in the Friday NewsBriefs.

Tip of the week:

What are podcasts?

Podcasts are digital media files, audio and video, released episodically for download over the internet. They are generally characterized by a central theme or a main host(s) and can be thought of as regular internet programming similar to the evening news or morning talk radio. Podcasts are typically subscribed to via a web feed and downloaded as episodes when they become available using a program like iTunes. Podcasts differ from other media available for download in the sense that they are an ongoing series created for and distributed over the internet, rather than a converted media object (i.e. episode of a TV show

digitized and uploaded to Youtube).

How do I get and use a podcast?

To get a podcast, it first needs to be downloaded to your computer. Some podcasts can be downloaded directly from a site like www.eslpod.com or by subscribing to one through iTunes. The podcast is just a media file, like an mp3, and once the file is downloaded, you have options as to how to use it. It can be played back at the computer, transferred to an mp3/media player, or burned to CD.



The Resource Room

In the Bodega

Fire Safety Literacy Project – the first national program designed specifically to educate adults learning to read about essential home fire safety information.

The teaching tools in this kit are the initial materials developed for the Fire Safety Literacy Project. The materials can teach effectively when words alone can't. ***Free in the Bodega***

Please go to <http://www.neable.org> and click on Shop Bodega on the upper section of the screen. Click on Bodega EL/Civics on the right. The toolkit is number 13.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

Coming this fall, the **Lesson Plan of the Month** Eureka! instructional resource will be spotlighting geometry concepts by offering these 3 lessons:

October - Hey, Pythagoras! Help Me Understand Your Theorem!

November – Let's Plot Points

December – Flips, Turns, and Slides: Adventures with Transformations

You'll be excited to find that these lessons:

- compliment the fall Math Kick-off sessions on Trigonometry by giving your students the opportunity to solve geometrical problems on angles and the coordinate system.
- have been updated to include the newly revised benchmarks for *Use Math to Solve Problems and Communicate*.
- include ideas to integrate technology into your lessons.
- are classroom ready and include activities and handouts for immediate use.

Please go to: <http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/lessonplans>

If you are interested in finding out more about the changes in the ABE Standards, please call Judy Franks at 330-672-0753 or email at jfranks@literacy.kent.edu.

Web Sites to Explore

Health Literacy Month Stories

One or more new health literacy stories are posted on

http://www.healthliteracy.com/hlmonth_stories.asp each day in October. Visit daily to read, watch, and listen to the latest stories. Feel free to share these stories with colleagues, friends, and all who are interested in improving health understanding.

Election Day

Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The following website lists voting procedures and frequently asked questions to share with your students.

http://www.uselections.com/faq_electday.htm

Thoughts On Leadership

Thoughts on Leadership is presented as an attachment to the Friday NewsBriefs