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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](http://www.ohioable.org) or [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org)

## Najwa Badawa Receives Ohio TESOL Award

**Najwa Badawi**, ESOL Instructor from Washington Local Schools received the Ohio TESOL Excellence in Teaching Award at the Ohio TESOL Conference, Friday, October 30, 2009 in Columbus.

This award is to honor an Ohio TESOL member who is considered by colleagues to be an excellent teacher. Her contributions to the school, community and profession are outstanding.

We congratulate Najwa!!



## TABE Products at 2009 Pricing

On January 1, 2010 the 2010 TABE catalog prices take effect. Typically, prices in the new catalog increase approximately 5%-7%. Order now to take advantage of 2009 pricing, while it lasts! You can save by ordering all of your testing materials for spring 2010, before the end of this calendar year. Attached is a copy of the Ohio ABLE TABE product information flyer and 2009 Ohio ABLE/WIA TABE order form.

## NAASLN Webinar

### **Using Games Effectively to Assure Success for a Broad Range of ESOL Learners**

Monday, November 16, 2009 – 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm ET

Presenter: Robin Lovrien Schwarz, M.Sp.Ed: LD

Games are an excellent way of involving learners of many levels and backgrounds in learning activities and ensuring a high level of practice. In this session, Ms. Schwarz will suggest a few simple games for adult ESOL and explain how learners can use them for a wide range of learning and skill practice. She will also address learner-reluctance to use games. For more information and registration go to: [www.naasln.org/webinars.htm](http://www.naasln.org/webinars.htm)

# GED Career Bridge to Hospitality Curriculum

The Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center was contracted by the Virginia Department of Education, Office of Adult Education & Literacy, to produce a career-focused GED instruction guide based on WIN's *GED Learning in the Workplace Curricula Guide for Hospitality*, in a teacher-friendly format. This document became *GED Career Bridge to Hospitality*.

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the documents in this toolkit. It is a free download from Adobe.com.

For more information, please see: <http://www.valrc.org/publications/hospitality>

## EFF Online Reading Mini-Course

**Matching Purposes and Strategies** (Skimming, Scanning and Careful Reading)

November 16 – December 4, 2009

This focused, practical course contains immediately applicable techniques and resources to improve your students' reading comprehension and fluency. This is six hours independent and self-paced work with facilitator support.

For more information please go to: <http://eff.cls.utk.edu/default.htm> and click on *What's New* on the left.

## Funding Opportunities

**Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)**

This "mini-grant" is designed to help fund programs that support grandparents and other family members that have taken the role of primary caregiver due to absence of the child's parents.

Nonprofits with a local or regional reach with 501(C) (3) status are eligible. They must be connected to other community agencies.

Award: Up to 30 awards for \$10,000

Deadline: December 3, 2009

Full Announcement: <http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/rapp.html>

**Western Union Foundation**

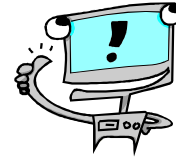
The Western Union Foundation's Family Scholarship Program is a new initiative for migrants, immigrants and their families.

The Family Scholarship Program is intended to help two members of the same family move up the economic development ladder through education. Scholarships may be used for tuition for college/university education language acquisition classes, technical/skill training, and/or financial literacy. For example, one family member may request assistance to attend college and the other family member may request assistance to attend English as a Second Language (ESL) course.

For more information go to

<http://foundation.westernunion.com/ourProgramsScholarships.html>

## 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](mailto:matt@neable.org) and look for the answer in the Friday NewsBriefs.

### Tip of the week:

#### What happens when you start your computer?

When you press the power button and electrons start racing through tiny circuits, your computer initiates its start up processes. The computer performs a small self test to determine what parts are connected to it and then starts to boot by looking for an operating systems using stored instructions. Once the operating system is found, it starts and begins the programs that let the user interact with the machine. After the operating system starts, a number of other programs wake up to begin checking for updates or waiting for other instructions.

If your computer seems unusually slow on start up, you may have a lot of programs competing for attention after your operating systems starts. Avoid opening multiple programs right after start up, because it may take a few minutes for these programs to finish what their doing and settle down. This is a good time to grab another cup of coffee and give your computer a chance to “wake-up”. It is also worthwhile to note that many programs set themselves to run on start up by default, so be careful to read through the options when installing new software.



## The Resource Room

### *Alternative Delivery*

The following selection is part of the Alternative Professional Development Training, “Design Your Own PD.” To register, please go to [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org), click on Training Calendar and Alternative Delivery Professional Development (page 2).

***Eight Habits of the Heart for Educators*** by Clifton L. Taulbert is a resource for principals, teacher leaders, professional developers, and study groups. Through moving and inspirational stories, Taulbert explains the Eight Habits—nurturing attitude, responsibility,

dependability, friendship, brotherhood, high expectations, courage, and hope—and how educators can implement them into their own lives and the life of their school. Based on his experiences growing up in the Mississippi Delta during the era of segregation, Clifton L. Taulbert shares time-honored principles that can transform the lives of the teachers, students, administrators, and staff with the school.

## *Speaking of Lesson Plans*

**November 11, 2009 is Veterans Day.** In this lesson students will learn why Americans celebrate the Veterans Day holiday. [http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson\\_plans/holidays/vet/](http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/holidays/vet/)

**Top 10 Tips for Incorporating Thanksgiving Themes in Your Classroom --** Unlike the other holidays that arise during the fall and winter months of the school year, the Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated by the majority of students. However, making handprint turkeys does not usually fill out a lesson plan. Here are several creative and fun ways that help your class appreciate the holiday of Thanksgiving. <http://www.worksheetlibrary.com/teachingtips/thanksgiving.html>

## *Web Sites to Explore*

Welcome to **read\*write\* think**, providing educators and students access to high quality practices and resources in reading and language arts instruction. <http://www.readwritethink.org>

**The National Gallery of Writing**, hosted by NCTE, now boasts 2,136 galleries and 19,395 submissions. The Gallery will be open for submissions through June 2010. <http://galleryofwriting.org>

**College for Adults Web site** (<http://www.collegeforadults.org>) is designed by the National College Transition Network (NCTN) for independent study or as a supplement for in-class study. It teaches study skills, links to sites with academic online preparation, and guides prospective college students through offices such as Admissions and Student Support.

GED classes and tests by themselves do not prepare adults for college. They do not teach adults how to write term papers, read college texts, understand college terminology, take notes at a lecture, or how to navigate the college environment. The NCTN's College for Adults Web site helps to fill these gaps. The site was piloted at three Massachusetts adult ESOL programs and redesigned this year with funding from Verizon Foundation, Massachusetts.

Please address questions and comments to Priyanka Sharma at NCTN via e-mail to [psharma@worlded.org](mailto:psharma@worlded.org).

## *Thoughts On Leadership*

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

