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Upcoming Events

LD202

February 27, 2010

**Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH**

New Teacher Orientation

March 13, 2010

**Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH**

(This will be the last NTO training for FY/2010)

ESOL Basics: Language Acquisition

March 19, 2010

**Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH**

Integrating EL/Civics into the Adult ESOL Classroom

March 29, 2010

**Valley Forge High School
Parma, OH**

(This does not replace the mandatory online training at www.elcivicsonline.com)

Spring PD Day

April 23, 2010

Columbus, OH

**Trainings include: Assistive Technology, Best Plus Training, ESOL Basics, LD 202,
Mentoring and Unpacking the Standards**

Medical Readiness Course of Study Workshop

May 14, 2010

**Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH**

Northeast ABLEResource Center (Region I)

**This online course is now available. Please register on the Alternative Delivery page of
the training calendar under New to ABLEResource Center.**

We are currently offering 75 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 Continuing Higher Education Association (OCHEA)

The Ohio Continuing Higher Education Association (OCHEA) 2010 Annual Conference will be held March 11-12, 2010 Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark Ohio.

The theme for 2010 will be “The State of Collaboration” with conference sessions and keynotes focusing on best practices, networking, workforce development trends, contract training and what’s new in the State of Ohio.

For registration information, please go to: www.ochea.org

Family Literacy Conference

The 19th Annual National Conference on Family Literacy will be held April 11-13, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas.

By attending the conference, you'll benefit from access to more than 100 sessions over three days and gain inspirational insights from general sessions featuring renowned celebrities, journalists and best-selling authors.

Visit <http://www.famlit.org/conference> to register online, see a full conference schedule, and to learn more about the preconference sessions.

The International Dyslexia Association

The International Dyslexia Association is holding its 2010 Spring Conference on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Mayerson Jewish Community Center, 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH. This year's theme is **Vocabulary & Comprehension: The Best Way to Integrate the Two.**

Registration fees: members - \$60, non-members \$95, students \$40 (\$15 increase after March 15th registration).

Contact Molly Fine mfine@hotmail.com or 513.271.1832 for more information.

Achieving Student Success Webcast

The following discussion aimed at continuing the dialogue started at the National Institute for Literacy's Achieving Student Success: Transitions to Post-secondary Education Webcast will be during the week of March 1, 2010. If you were unable to attend the January 20, 2010 broadcast, you may view the archived version at:<http://www.nifl.gov/webcasts/10Transitions>

Topic:

Furthering the Achieving Student Success: Transitions to Post-secondary Education Webcast Dialogue

This webcast was moderated by Daniel Miller, Acting Director of the National Institute of Literacy. Participants explored successful student transitions as well as discussed current research and adult education program perspectives. During the Webcast many interesting questions were raised. Time ran out before all were addressed. Panelists and guests on the Webcast will do their best to answer many of the remaining questions in the upcoming discussion.

Guests:

Jeffrey Fantine, State Director of Adult Education, Maine Julie Scoskie, Director, Jefferson County Public Schools Adult and Continuing Education, Louisville, Kentucky Ronna Spacone, Education Program Specialist, U. S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Tracing Cleveland's Black History

Cleveland's black history is deep. It includes African-American pioneers Jesse Owens, Carl B. Stokes, Garrett Morgan and Frank Robinson. In 1993, a volunteer group of black journalists created a self-guided tour of Cleveland black history landmarks, the African American Heritage Trail. Go online to see Felesia Jackson's interactive map that includes details on each of the 15 stops on the tour. Go to:
www.cleveland.com/blackhistory/footsteps

Future Outlook League. In the 1930s, Clevelander John O. Holly created the Future Outlook League, which used picketing, boycotts and other nonviolent tactics to force white businesses to hire blacks. His tactics were later used by 1960s civil rights leaders. The post office at 2400 Orange Avenue in Cleveland is named for Holly.

The Auschwitz Album

This Album memorializes the arrival of Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz in May of 1944. It is the only one of its kind, and it is solely due to this album that we have a visual history of what occurred in the Auschwitz-Birchenu death camp.

The album was discovered after the war by an Auschwitz survivor, Lily Jacob, who donated it to Yad Vashem in 1980.

Now, with the aid of the Internet, it can be viewed by millions of

people, anywhere in the world. Please go to:

http://www1.yadvashem.org/exhibitions/album_Auschwitz/multimedia/index.HTML>

to view the Auschwitz Album

Cultural Celebrations

Celebrating the Lunar New Year

The celebration of Lunar New Year will end in a few more weeks. Here are places to go and participate in and around Cleveland.

The New Shanghai Circus will be performing at the Mountaineer Casino on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 3:00 pm with first time ever Dragon Dance Performance by Wah Lum Kung Fu School of Columbus. Check out the video at <http://www.asianshowpro.com> and order your tickets now!

February 28, 2010 – 4:00 p.m. - Cleveland State University will host the CPEA's Yuanxiao Jie celebration.

March 6, 2010 – 1:00 p.m. - Downtown Cleveland Public Library will host a Chinese New Year Celebration.

March 14, 2010 – 5:30 p.m – Li Wah Chinese Restaurant, 2999 Payne Avenue will host The Chinese Women Association Lunar New Year Dinner Celebration. Program includes Ballroom Dance, Chinese folk dance, and others.

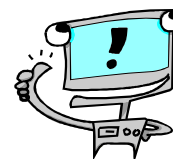
High-flying Czechs

When it stages its winter gymnastics exhibition Saturday, Sokol Greater Cleveland will showcase an uncommon ethnic tradition.

The sokol, or falcon, is symbolic of the Czech gymnastic movement that Czech immigrants brought to Cleveland a century ago. The annual exhibition musters the aerobic talents of more than 250 Sokol members aged 3 to 83. It begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Cuyahoga Heights High School gymnasium. A social will follow at the Bohemian National Hall.

Matt's Tech Tips

Tip of the week:



eTech Ohio Software and Vendor Overview

TimeMAPS

www.timemaps.biz

Financial Literacy through Interactive Software: Life Planning, Interest, Careers, Taxes, Banking, Budgets, Credit, Investing, Automobiles, Homeownership, Insurance, and Retirement

Texthelp Systems

www.texthelp.com

Texthelp Systems develops accessibility software to help struggling readers and writers, those with literacy difficulties, learning disabilities such as dyslexia, mild visual impairments, and where English is a second language. Products include Read & Write Gold for reading comprehension and composition assistance and BrowseAloud to improve website accessibility.

AnyWhere Learning System

hwww.amered.com/ged_products02.php

K-12 and Adult Learners Assessment and Curriculum Courseware includes GED Preparation, College Readiness, Credit Recovery, and core curriculum.

Front Row Sound Field Systems

<http://gofrontrow.com/>

This vendor session explained the deployment of a sound system in the classroom to make sure the message of the instructor is heard as well in the back of the classroom as the front. <http://gofrontrow.com/classroom/esl-improvement>

NComputing

www.ncomputing.com

Most of the time, computers are not being utilized to their full potential. Using one machine to power multiple virtual desktops (up to thirty) can create more seats in a classroom at a significantly reduced cost.

Employment Opportunity

Cleveland Metropolitan School District is looking for 1 or 2 instructors to teach ESOL class(es). Monday-Thursday (Day) and Monday and Wednesday (Evening).

These are substitute positions from March 1 – May 2010. To apply go to www.CMSDnet.net . Click on HR to complete the on-line application for Substitute Teacher position. Contact Alice Kiderman at Alice.Kiderman@cmsdnet.net or (216)634-2155.



The Resource Room

The following books have been selected for the alternative delivery professional development training *Design Your Own PD*. This activity allows you to select your own resource for professional development. Simply register online (www.neable.org) let the Northeast ABLEResource Center know which book or video you would like, read the book or watch the video, and then submit a reaction paper of how the resource will help your teaching. There are over 50 titles available for the activity. Please call (800)361-7076 or email info@neable if you need any help getting started with this

activity.

Seeking the Heart of Teaching by Adrian Palmer and Mary Ann Christison

Seeking the Heart of Teaching explores the profession of teaching as an opportunity for personal growth and development. The book encourages teachers to examine what lies at the heart of their teaching through the process of connecting their personal and professional lives. The authors assert that this connection, when made by teachers, will greatly enhance the quality and longevity of their teaching careers.

Teach Like Your Hair's on Fire by Rafe Esquith

In a rough Los Angeles neighborhood plagued by violence, there is an exceptional public school classroom called **Room 56....**

The fifth-graders inside are either immigrants or children of immigrants; most live in poverty and few speak English as their first language. They also play Vivaldi, perform unabridged plays by Shakespeare, and go on to attend the finest universities in the country. Rafe Esquith is the teacher who helps them achieve these accomplishments. And this extraordinary bestselling book is his gift to all those who care about our children's future.

Lost Boys of Sudan a film by Megan Mylan and Jon Shenk

Winner of an independent Spirit Award and named Best Documentary at the San Francisco International Film Festival, *Lost Boys of Sudan* follows two teenage Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from Africa to America, offering a gripping and sobering peek into the myth of the American Dream.

Jump Start the Adult Learner How to Engage and Motivate Adults Using Brain-Compatible Strategies by Laurie Materna

This user-friendly guide provides valuable background information about adult learning styles, memory, and how the brain learns. Engaging, interactive strategies for classrooms or workshops include graphic organizers, music energizers, exercise activities, and self-assessments, and each strategy is accompanied by a wide range of real-life examples.

The Teacher's Reflective Calendar and Planning Journal Motivation, Inspiration, and Affirmation, by Mary Zabolio McGrath and Beverley Holden Johns

An invaluable addition to briefcase or book bag, this week-by-week calendar provides teachers with a wealth of opportunities to consider each day's successes and challenges and to set new goals for the next day, week, or year.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

Top 10 Tips for Incorporating St. Patrick Day Themes in Your Classroom

If trying to develop lesson plans to incorporate St. Patrick's Day themes into your classroom seems as elusive as catching the little green guy, here are some helpful ideas to get you started.

<http://www.worksheetlibrary.com/teachingtips/stpatricksday.html>

Who am I? Great for ESL or TEFL teachers! Using the present tense, students will ask simple questions in the target language. Students will answer verbally simple questions in the target language using the present tense. <http://teachers.net/lessons/posts/1631.html>

Web Sites to Explore

March is Women's History Month – The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society. <http://womenshistorymonth.gov>

Women's History Month – Special features, quizzes, biographies, and timelines. <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.html>

Thoughts On Leadership

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