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Upcoming Events

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June 5, 2010

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

(Rescheduled from the February 27, 2010 training)

Advanced ABLELink Training

June 24, 2010

**Norwalk City Schools
Norwalk, OH**

Stevens Literacy Center and C/SE ABLEResource Center Annual Symposium

August 20, 2010

**Online Computer Library Center
Dublin, OH**

Northeast ABLEResource Center New Staff Orientation (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 85 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

ABLE Program's Summer Schedule

Ashtabula County JVS

For additional information, please contact the program at (440)576-5505.

Canton City Schools ABLE

For additional information, please contact the program at (330)438-2559.
Extension 130

Cleveland Heights/University Heights ABLE

For additional information please call 216-371-7138 or visit their website at www.chuhable.com.

Euclid City Schools ABLE

Summer Classes for Current Students Only

Lorain County Community College ABLE Consortium

For additional information, please contact the program at (440)366-4531.

Massillon City Schools ABLE

For additional information, please contact the program at (330)830-3936.

Painesville City Schools

For additional information, please contact the program at (440)354-5551.

Parma City Schools

For additional information, please contact the program at 440-885-8339.

Project LEARN of Summit County

For additional information, please contact the program at (330)434-9461.

Strongsville ABLE

For additional information, please contact the program at (440)572-6596.

Trumbull County Career and Tech

For additional information, please contact the program at (330)847-0503
Extension 1611.

Youngstown ABLE

For additional information please contact the program at (330)744-8531.

Stipend Request Deadline

All requests for stipends and reimbursements for the 2010 Fiscal Year are due to the Northeast ABLE Resource Center by **June 17, 2010**. Please make sure your forms are signed and that you include original receipts for any reimbursement. **No payment requests will be accepted after this date.**

Effective Transitions Conference 2010

The National College Transition Network at World Education invites you to submit a proposal for its fourth annual national conference on Effective Transitions in Adult Education to be held on November 15 - 16, 2010 in Providence, RI.

The submission deadline has been extended until June 14, 2010. All sessions are 90 minutes long and accommodate between 40-60 attendees. For more information and to submit your proposal go to: <http://collegetransition.org/callforpresenters10.html>

Reminder!!!!

Ohio TESOL Conference 2010 Call for Proposals

The OHIO TESOL 2010 CONFERENCE in conjunction with the Lau Resource Center will be held on November 12 and 13, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus, OH.

Mark your calendars! Ohio TESOL Call for Proposals is now available! Proposals must be submitted electronically only. Deadline for submission is June 25, 2010.

Detailed information can be found at www.ohiotesol.org

Conference Chairs are Elana Hohl and Jill Kramer. Please contact Jill Kramer at kramerjill@sbcglobal.net for any conference inquiries.

New England Learner Persistence Findings

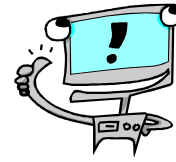
A limited number of copies are now available of *Making it Worth the Stay: Findings from the New England Adult Learner Persistence Project*.

This publication is available free on their website <http://nelrc.org/persist/index.html> , or you can e-mail Leah Peterson(lpeterson@worlded.org) to order hard copies for \$10 each while supplies last.

"The New England Learner Persistence (NELP) Project was a collaboration between the New England Literacy Resource Center (NELRC)/World Education and its member states. The goal of the project was to improve adult learner persistence and outcomes in order for adult learners to meet their educational and related life goals.

Over the spring 2008 semester, 18 New England programs implemented one or more new persistence strategies and documented the qualitative and quantitative impact on student persistence. This report synthesizes the results of those investigations."

Matt's Tech Tips



Tip of the week:

Databases v s. Spreadsheets – Let's Get Ready to Ruummble – “Ding, ding, ding”

A database is an organized set of information designed to allow easy and efficient access to large volumes of data. A good example of a database is the phone book. Based on an alphabetic sequence of names, users have access to addresses and telephone numbers in an easy to use directory. Electronic databases are very powerful tools for storing, sorting, and retrieving large volumes of information. Any data that does not require crunching numbers is best stored using a database application. A good use for a database is creating and maintaining a master list of contact information. Microsoft Access is a database application.

Spreadsheets are really best suited for crunching numbers through the use of mathematic equations and operations. Spreadsheets are a great tool for handling budgets, billable hours, and any situation where numbers need to be calculated. Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet application.

This is really about selecting the right tool for a job. You don't hammer nails with a screwdriver. If you do, it is probably a hard, frustrating and time consuming process, all things we are trying to avoid.



The Resource Room

Are you ready to read and grow this summer?

Enhance your own professional growth this summer by selecting a title from the Northeast ABLE Resource Center library list of specifically selected books for Professional Development. Choose a book from this list by going to www.neablelibrary.org and typing in “professional development” in the SUBJECT search box. Search through the listings to find a book which strikes your interest, reserve the book and we will send it to you with a postage-paid return envelope. Please remember the return postage will expire after four weeks.

Cultural Adventures



Remembering Birdtown: In 1892, the National Carbon Co. opened a battery factory at West 117th Street and Madison Avenue and soon built blocks of homes for its workers. With five streets named for indigenous birds, Lakewood's first immigrant neighborhood became known as Birdtown.

On Saturday, June 5, 2010, the Cleveland chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society will lead a walking tour of Birdtown and its historic homes and churches. The tour begins at 10:00 a.m. at St. Gregory hall, 12920 Madison Avenue. To RSVP, call 440-729-2045.

The Carpatho-Rusyn Society is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to manifesting Carpatho-Rusyn culture in the United States and supporting Rusyn culture in the Homeland in east central Europe. It works to educate Rusyns and non-Rusyns about Rusyn culture and history, and to support the development of Rusyn culture on both sides of the Atlantic.

As a membership organization, it boasts over 1,800 members worldwide who support the organization's work through their annual contributions of dues as well as voluntary contributions to funds that support Rusyn cultural development abroad as well as humanitarian aid for Rusyn communities in Europe.

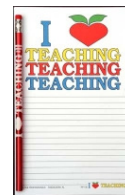
Little Italy Merchant Association June ArtWalk Mayfield Road and Murray Hill Road, Cleveland June 4-5-6, 2010

Venetian Carnival Highlights Little Italy Art Walk Little Italy Neighborhood Celebrates Its Rich Culture and History. This marks the 31st annual Art Walk in Historic Little Italy.

Every year the merchants entertain visitors from all over the US with the city's only Art Walk and one of the region's most famous art exhibits. This year Little Italy is proud to host a Venetian Carnival featuring the students from the Montessori at Holy Rosary and Lyceum schools. In addition to over 100 artist exhibits, live entertainment and the incredible restaurants, bars and bakeries, Mayfield Rd and Murray Hill will be brightly filled with area students parading in period Venetian masks and costumes depicting the historic Venetian Carnival, Commedia dell'Arte. Theater and sidewalk activities around this magical reenactment will be an exciting addition to celebrate the neighborhood's rich culture.

For more information about the months of learning and elaborate preparation, contact Tricia Kaman at 216 559-6478 or triciak@kamansart.com Art Walk hours are Friday, June 4: Noon to 10PM-Saturday, June 5: Noon to 10PM- Sunday, June 6: Noon to 6PM Valet Parking during Art Walk hours on Mayfield Rd.

Speaking of Lesson Plans <>



So what is a lesson plan anyway?

If you're a relatively new teacher or someone who is thinking about becoming one, you've probably heard the term and you may even have a vague idea of what it is, however you may also have misconceptions as well. First, let's talk about what a lesson plan is not.

http://www.technology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/whatisalessonplan.html

Top 10 Tips for Teaching on the Last Day of School

For many teachers, the last day of school can be worse than the first. All of the worksheets are done, grading is finished, and the students are anxious to start their summer vacations. Any hope of getting in a last-minute lesson is dashed when you see your students' anxious glances at the clock. However, there are still some things that you can do to fill the time until that final bell rings.

Websites to Explore

Volume 14 Number 2 of *Language Learning & Technology* is now available at <http://llt.msu.edu>. This is a special issue on Technology and Learning Vocabulary.

Dictionaries

This internet Picture Dictionary has no definitions, just words and pictures, but they can be assessed by letter or by categories, such as tools or appliances. It also includes related activities such as flashcards, fill in the blanks and quizzes. <http://www.pdictionary.com>

These free online activities and worksheets for dictionary exercises include worksheets on food preparation words, idioms, phrasal verbs, etc.

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/default.asp?dict=A>

This site offers connections to every kind of dictionary you might want including dictionaries of sign language, surveying, or computer terms.

<http://www.educationworld.com>

Thoughts On Leadership

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