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## NewsBriefs Summer Hiatus



*The Friday NewsBriefs will be taking a short hiatus. We will be back in publication in August for the 2011 school year.*

*Have a wonderful summer!*

## Upcoming Events

### Professional Development Trainings

The Resource Center Network has an extensive list of Professional Development Trainings. They can be found on the Training Calendar at [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org) and as an attachment to this edition of the Friday NewsBriefs

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

## ABLE Program's Summer Schedule

### Ashtabula County JVS ABLE

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](http://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 ABLE**

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

**Parma City Schools ABLE**

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

**Polaris Career Center**

For additional information, please contact the program at (440)891-7647

**Project LEARN of Summit County ABLE**

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

**Strongsville City Schools ABLE**

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

**Trumbull County Career and Tech Center ABLE**

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

**Youngstown City Schools ABLE**

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

## EDR 8 Moodle Webinar

Twenty four ABLE teachers in EDR 8 recently “attended” a webinar entitled “Using the EDR 8 Moodle in Your ABLE Classroom”. This Elluminate webinar was produced by Matt Gambrell, Northeast ABLE Resource Center, and members of the EDR 8 ABLE Collaborative’s Advisory Committee, including Paula Kertes, Monica Nagle, and Susan Sheehan.

Webcams were provided to each program by the EDR 8 ABLE Collaborative. webinar participants took part in a guided tour of the EDR 8 Moodle, which includes many valuable resources and referral contacts sent in by area programs and compiled into a user-friendly website. The EDR 8 Moodle also includes a WIKI that has been used for recent collaborative efforts, several online courses for staff and students, a discussion forum, and many other useful features.

During the webinar, teachers also toured the ABLE Transitions Repository, which is linked to the Moodle, and participated in a Scavenger Hunt before signing off to create two lesson plans of their own which illustrate how to use the Moodle in the classroom. Lesson plans were submitted and are now posted on the Moodle itself.

Please take a look at the EDR 8 Moodle by going to <http://edr8collaborative.org/>. Follow the guest sign on directions or email [sheehans@parmacityschools.org](mailto:sheehans@parmacityschools.org) for a password. View the work of many, and think about how your staff can make use of the Moodle.

Submitted by Susan Sheehan, Director, Parma ABLE

# Quality Framework for Adult Literacy

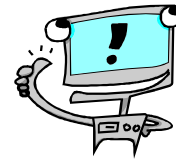
The Literacy Cooperative is seeking to identify adult education providers to field test a Quality Framework for Adult Literacy (the Framework) designed to facilitate quick access to best practice information and a measured and structured approach to incorporating new and innovative methods and practices.

The pilot initiative will help inform any necessary content revisions and reorganization on the Framework and provide valuable lessons on how it can be applied and incorporated in organizational level program delivery practices.

Organizations interested in participating in the pilot should visit the link "Quality Framework Pilot" on The Literacy Cooperative's homepage at [www.literacycooperative.org](http://www.literacycooperative.org) or contact Sarah Upperman at (216) 393-4549 for detailed project information and application.

Deadline for applications is July 15th, 2010.

## Matt's Tech Tips



### Tip of the week:

It's summer, turn off the computer, leave the cell phone inside and go outside.

I love technology, but that love only extends so far. To preserve my mental health, I like to set aside electronic free days, where I can get a break from the 24/7 connectivity that modern technology has made possible. Think of it as a mental reboot, so grab a paperback, go smell the roses and lay in the grass on a sunny summer day when the opportunity presents itself.



## The Resource Room

### Alternative Delivery Professional Development Trainings

**This past school year the Northeast ABL Resource Center's PD trainings were very popular which lead to many waiting lists for materials.**

**Please return the trainings by the due date so all of our teachers may take advantage of our library.**

**We still have trainings on loan that are well overdue. It is policy to bill the ABL program/teacher for training material that is not returned.**

Alternative Delivery Professional Development Trainings completed after June 30, 2010

may be used as professional development credit for Fiscal Year 2011.

Please return all library material, your reflective paper and signed stipend/evaluation form in order to receive a stipend and certificate of completion.

## Cultural Adventures



### 2010 Cultural Garden Events

**Italian** Cultural Garden's "Opera in the Garden", Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Glenville** Heritage 5 mile run and 1 mile walk through the Cultural Gardens sponsored by Famicos Foundation on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. For details & registration, call Famicos at 216-791-6476. Councilman Jeff Johnson is the host.

**Hungarian** Cultural Garden Concert in the Garden at 1070 East Blvd, Cleveland 44108. Free. Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

## *Speaking of Lesson Plans*

**Why Is Math the Only True Universal Language?** Math is a universal language because the principles and foundations of math are the same everywhere around the world. Ten plus ten equals twenty if you write it as Arabic numbers  $10 + 10 = 20$  or Roman numerals  $X + X = XX$ . The concept of 20 items is the same no matter where you are in the world.

<http://www.mathworksheetscenter.com/mathtips/mathlanguage.html>

## Websites to Explore

### **World Education**

World Education is dedicated to improving the lives of the poor through education, and economic and social development programs.

[www.worlded.org](http://www.worlded.org)

### **New England Literacy Resource Center (NELRC)**

New England Literacy Resource Center works to strengthen adult literacy services in New England through sharing and collaborative projects among adult literacy professional development providers, practitioners and policy-makers in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

[www.nelrc.org](http://www.nelrc.org)

### **National College Transition Network (NCTN)**

National College Transition Network (NCTN) is a project of World Education's New

England Literacy Resource Center. World Education, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1951 to meet the needs of the educationally disadvantaged around the globe. [www.collegetransition.org](http://www.collegetransition.org)

**System for Adult Basic Education Support (SABES)** SABES promotes high quality adult basic education services through training, support, and resources that improve the skills and knowledge of practitioners and strengthen programs. [www.sabes.org](http://www.sabes.org)

**Free Video Lecture on the Wonders of the Weather:  
How Mountains Affect Our Atmosphere**

[http://www.teach12.com/ttcx/meteorology\\_video.aspx?ai=46798&cm\\_mmc=email-\\_-EMAILf120100622Mtrgy\\_46798-\\_-na-\\_-na](http://www.teach12.com/ttcx/meteorology_video.aspx?ai=46798&cm_mmc=email-_-EMAILf120100622Mtrgy_46798-_-na-_-na)

## *Thoughts On Leadership*

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