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Upcoming Events

October 9, 2010
New Teacher Orientation
Northeast ABE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

October 14, 2010 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Transitions in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

October 15, 2010
Math Kick-Off
Northeast ABE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

October 15, 2010
Basic PowerPoint for Teachers
Northeast ABE Resource Center
Euclid, OH

October 15, 2010
Make-It, Take-It
Northeast ABE Resource Center
Euclid, OH

October 18-19, 2010
Fall Directors' Meeting
Location: TBA

October 21, 2010
Virtual Book Club Discussion "Little Bee"
Illuminate Webinar – Alternative Delivery

November 4, 2010
Support Staff Training: Introduction to PD
Illuminate Webinar-Alternative Delivery

November 11, 2010

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November 11, 2010
BEST Plus Training (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Explicit Instruction: A Proven Method for Teaching Adults (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
ESOL Basics (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Learning to Achieve (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Accountability: What Does All This Data Mean to Me? (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Along the Lines of Linears – Not Just a Jumble of Numbers & Letters (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
TABE CLAS-E Assessment Training (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Using Instructional Technologies in the ABLE Classroom (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 12-13, 2010
Ohio TESOL 2010 Conference
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH
(Registration available at www.ohiotesol.org)

November 18, 2010
Internet for Developing Lesson Plans and Ideas
Illuminate Webinar – Alternative Delivery

December 2, 2010 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Transitions in ESOL

Webinar-Alternative Delivery

February 10, 2011 4:00-5:00 p.m.

PreLiteracy in ESOL

Webinar-Alternative Delivery

February 12, 2011

New Teacher Orientation

Northeast ABLEResource Center/Henn Mansion

Euclid, OH

February 24, 2011 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Transitions in ESOL

Webinar-Alternative Delivery

March 11, 2011

New Teacher Orientation

Northeast ABLEResource Center/Henn Mansion

Euclid, OH

April 8, 2011

Making Decisions about Contextualized Curriculum (Spring PD Day)

Location TBA

April 8, 2011

BEST Plus Training (Spring PD Day)

Location TBA

April 8, 2011

ESOL Basics (Spring PD Day)

Location TBA

Career Awareness Toolkit

As part of the ABLEResource Collaboratives, programs in EDR 5 of Southwest Ohio came together to write lessons focused on career awareness and planning. Starting in the Orientation, students are introduced to career planning and the concept of transitioning into postsecondary options. The toolkit contains talking points to use in the ABLEResource Orientation, a career awareness assessment matrix, sample inventories, lesson plans and resources.

The complete toolkit can be found at the ABLEResource Transitions Repository. This fall, Eureka Lesson Plan-of-the-Month will be spotlighting three of these lessons that focus on the Basic Certificate:

October	Career Investigation – Compare and Contrast
November	Education Pays – Using Graphs to Calculate
December	Writing a Well-Structured Paragraph

You can find these lessons at Eureka Lesson Plans at <http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/lessonplans>. These lessons contain everything you will need to be able to use immediately in your classroom.

If you have questions about lesson planning or would like more information, please contact Judy Franks at 330-672-0753 or jfranks@literacy.kent.edu.

Ohio ABE Disabilities Web Portal

Visit the new Ohio ABE Disabilities Web Portal at www.Oh.abedisabilities.org

This national network is a gateway to current information and resources related to serving adult students with disabilities. Look for information, links, professional development, news and other resources specific to the topic.

Please explore the new Web site and provide feedback to us on this new resource specifically for ABE disability related information. Make sure to visit the ABE Manual while at the Web site. It contains a wealth of information related to serving adults with disabilities.

The Ohio ABLE disabilities web portal was developed through the work of the Central/Southeast ABLE Resource Center, the Ohio ABLE Special Needs Steering Committee and in collaboration with Minnesota PANDA <http://www.mnabedisabilities.org/>

PreLiteracy in ESOL Training Series

These trainings are part of the series of trainings on PreLiteracy in ESOL. Registrants may submit for a stipend upon completion of any three activities in the series. Register on the training calendar under Alternative Delivery, at http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/northeast/calendar_results_alternative.cfm.

Preliteracy in ESOL: Video, 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.

Preliteracy in ESOL: Video, Rain in a Dry Land is a tale of two remarkable families, refugees from the 1991 civil war in Somalia, who find new homes in urban America. Emmy award-winning filmmaker Anne Makepeace captures the poetry, the humor and the astonishing resilience of these new Americans as they show us our world through new eyes.

Preliteracy in ESOL: Online Courses

The Thinkfinity Literacy Network offers the following online courses. You may choose to complete one or more of the trainings.

1. Phonemic Awareness
2. The Three Ps - phonological awareness, phonemic awareness and phonics
3. Working with Refugee Families

Preliteracy in ESOL: Webinar
February 10, 2011 4:00-5:00 pm

This session will review instructional strategies and resources as well as discuss lesson learned.

NAASLN Webinar

Would you like to help more of your struggling adult students transition from the GED to postsecondary education? Then you don't want to miss the next NAASLN Webinar Series' Internet-based Seminar.

From GED's to College Degrees will be held September 28, 2010 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Julie Scoskie, Director of Jefferson County Public Schools Adult Education in Louisville will share with you their success that resulted from partnering with the local community college to develop a national award-winning program focusing on building a college-going culture. **Register ONLINE for this upcoming NAASLN Internet-Based Seminar** www.naasln.org/webinars.htm

COABE MINI GRANTS AVAILABLE

COABE mini grants are now available to attend the national COABE CCAE conference in San Francisco, CA on April 17-21, 2011.

Applicants will be informed of the status of their online application by November 15, 2010. Winners receive complimentary conference registration valued at \$350.

To learn more about the conference, go to www.CCAECOABE2011.com
COABE conference mini grants are generously funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

COMIC STRIP CONTEST FOR LITERACY; WINNERS WILL RECEIVE FREE BOOK

MakeBeliefsComix.com is sponsoring a comic strip contest as part of its efforts to encourage students enrolled in literacy and English as Second Language programs to develop their

language, writing and reading skills.

Each month students can submit by email their best comics created at the free online comic strip generator. Comics can be on any theme the student chooses. A selection will be posted periodically on the MakeBeliefsComix Face book Wall and the winner of the best comic will receive a free book written by Bill Zimmerman, the creator of MakeBeliefsComix.com. His books are used by educators to help students discover their writers' voices and express what is hidden within them.

For more information, please go to:

http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/MakeBeliefsComix_on_Facebook.php)

Matt's Tech Tips

Tip of the Week: Mind Mapping and Brainstorming Software

Software like Inspiration (<http://www.inspiration.com/>) and Buzan's iMindMap (<http://www.thinkbuzan.com/uk/home>) for mind mapping and brainstorming can be a powerful tool to aid higher level adult learners with structuring ideas and visualizing concepts. Similar to concept mapping, mind mapping employs a graphical method to illustrate ideas and develop concepts using images, colors, symbols and text. Mind mapping software may not be suited for adult learners that still need to develop lower level literacy skills or are not comfortable using computers, but the technique can still be taught in the classroom using paper and pencil.

For further reading, the University of Minnesota, Office of Information Technology, has a short summary of mind mapping software available on their website at

<http://dmc.umn.edu/activities/mindmap/>.

To try out mind mapping technology, Wikipedia has a fairly comprehensive listing of the available software available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_mind_mapping_software.



The Resource Room

Alternative Delivery

Practitioner Toolkit: Working with Adult English Language Learners

This practitioner toolkit contains resources and tools for professionals working with adults and families learning English. The toolkit is divided into five sections: Background Information, Activity Packets, Parent Education in Family Literacy Programs, Issues in Adult ESL Education and Family Literacy and Resources.

Special Offer!! We've added a few new books!!

The following books are being offered to you, with compliments of the Northeast ABE Resource Center:

New Ways in Teaching Writing
New Ways in Teaching Adults
Grammar – Practical English Language Teaching
PACE Yourself – A handbook for ESL Tutors

To receive these books, please register for the Alternative Delivery Professional Development Training, Design Your Own PD, located on the Training Calendar at www.neable.org and request the book you are interested in. You may also decide to complete the training for Professional Development credit. **If you decide not to complete the training, the book is yours with our compliments!!**

Cultural Adventures

Exploring Cleveland Culture

Robert L. Smith, Cleveland Plain Dealer



If you want to learn more about the history and cultures of Cleveland, there's now an application software for that.

Mobile History Cleveland, an iPhone/iPad application, will be unveiled at this weekend's Ingenuity Fest 2010, September 24-26, 2010 at the Veterans Memorial Bridge, Cleveland, OH. www.ingenuitycleveland.com

The application software, designed by the center for Public History and Digital Humanities at Cleveland State University, allows people to explore Cleveland history and the Cleveland Cultural Gardens while walking, biking or driving.

Dedication of the Armenian Cultural Garden

A photo gallery of the dedication of the Armenian Cultural Garden which was held September 19, 2010, can be found at:

<http://topics.cleveland.com/tag/Cleveland%20Cultural%20Gardens/index.html>

Job Opportunities

Lakewood ABE requires an assistant to work in their ABE program on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., beginning September 7 and ending November 19, 2010. Additional hours with Lake wood ABE may become available.

Interested parties must have a minimum of three years of college. The applicant should have experience working with students from challenging backgrounds, be familiar with ABE state

guidelines and familiar with an instructional program, using the OPAS model. He/she must be able to work in a learner-centered environment which allows clients to acquire the needed skills, self-esteem and goals that will facilitate transition to post secondary options.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Terry Hamovitch at 216.227.5165 or terry.hamovitch@lakewood.k12.oh.us

Speaking of Lesson Plans

If you want to learn or teach measurements, the best place to do so is in the kitchen. Almost everything that is done in the kitchen is based on measurements. If a child wants to perform the simplest task such as making some Kool-Aid, measuring is involved as they will have to measure one cup of sugar for 2 quarts of Kool-Aid. If a parent were to make a batch of chocolate chip cookies with their child just think of the possibilities there. Measurements in a simple batch of cookies include cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons and just imagine the possibilities if you were to double that recipe.

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

ESL Worksheet Wizard

This is where you can quickly make worksheets to print out for your students, complete with answer sheets. New to Worksheet Wizard? **Try the 2-Minute Demo!**

<http://www.tefl.net/esl-lesson-plans/worksheet-generator/index.htm>

Websites to Explore

The three keys to language learning success. Podcast

http://thelinguist.blogs.com/how_to_learn_english_and/2010/02/the-three-keys-to-language-learning-success.html

Since its discovery in 1930, Pluto has held a warm place in the public imagination. So when the American Museum of Natural History's Hayden Planetarium stopped calling Pluto a planet, director Neil deGrasse Tyson found himself at the center of a firestorm. But what is it about this cold, distant, icy rock that captures so many hearts?

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/connect/resources/7601/preview/>

Thoughts On Leadership

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