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Upcoming Events

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| March 1, 2011 10:00-12:00 noon | Speaking Student-Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post- Secondary and Self- Advocacy | Alternative Delivery |
| March 4, 2011 9:00-4:00 p.m. <i>cancelled</i> | BEST Plus Training | Online Computer Library Center-Dublin, OH |
| March 4, 2011 9:00-3:00 p.m. | Assistive Technology Training: Dragon and Text Help Read Write GOLD | Online Computer Library Center – Dublin, OH |
| March 4, 2011 | Instructional Strategies for Reading Comprehension | Sinclair Community College |
| March 10, 2011 10:00-11:00 a.m. | Support Staff: Accountability | Webinar-Alternative Delivery |
| March 11, 2011 9:00-3:00 p.m. | New Teacher Orientation | Northeast ABLER Resource Center/Henn Mansion Euclid, OH |
| March 18, 2011 9:00-3:00 p.m. | Learning to Achieve – Trumbull | TCTC Adult Training Center |
| March 19, 2011 | Learning to Achieve – Lorain | Lorain County Community College Spitzer Conf. Center |
| March 21, 2011 | Learning to Achieve- Youngstown | First Presbyterian Church |
| March 23, 2011 | Technology PD: Assistive Technology- Dragon & Read/Write Gold | Alternative Delivery |
| Spring PD Day April 14, 2011 | Learning to Achieve | Embassy Suites, Columbus, OH |
| Spring PD Day April 14, 2011 | ESOL Basics: Language Acquisition | Embassy Suites, Columbus, OH |
| April 20, 2011 | Speaking Student-to- Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to | Alternative Delivery |

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| | Post-Secondary and Self-Advocacy | |
| April 27, 2011 | Technology PD: Assistive Technology in the ABLE Classroom | Alternative Delivery |
| May 18, 2011 | Speaking Student-to-Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post-Secondary and Self-Advocacy | Alternative Delivery |
| May 25, 2011 | Technology PD: Graphic Organizers & Smart Art | Alternative Delivery |
| June 7, 2011 | Speaking Student-to-Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post-Secondary and Self-Advocacy | Alternative Delivery |
| June 15, 2011 | Technology PD: Open Forum | Alternative Delivery |

OAAACE Annual Conference 2011

Now is the time to start making plans for you and your staff members to take part in OAAACE's upcoming Navigating Change Conference on April 14-15, 2011 at the Embassy Suites-Dublin.

Thursday, April 14 - The Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education (OAAACE) is pleased to present a variety of stimulating, high interest pre-Conference sessions that will appeal to many members. Speakers and panelists will include national advocacy expert Art Ellison, trained presenters on Ruby Payne's Bridges Out of Poverty, OLEA Leadership Academy facilitators, state trainers on ESOL Basics, Learning to Achieve, Power Standards, and Technology.

Friday, April 15 – The Annual Conference of the Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education (OAAACE) is a wonderful opportunity for you and your colleagues to share your knowledge and expertise in serving adult learners.

Presentations will be geared around the event theme, Navigating Change, with topic strands to include Instructional Technology; Increasing Student Achievement; ODE/OBR Updates; Transitions to Post-Secondary Education; Assessment; Communications/Marketing; ESOL; Support Services; Leadership/Program Management; Advocacy; Corrections/Re-Entry; and Transitions to Employment.

The OAAACE Annual Membership Meeting and Scholarship & Awards Luncheon will be held in conjunction with this event. Registration announcement coming soon!

ABLE funded, eligible attendees may receive up to a \$250.00 reimbursement for this conference. (Please see state PD policy for eligibility requirements).

Registration will be available soon through the Resource Center Network's Calendar of Events home page at: http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm For more information contact: www.oaace.org

Hotel event registration is available through the Embassy Suites, Dublin at \$119.00/night. Hotel stay includes evening hospitalities and hot breakfast buffet. Please identify Ohio Association for Adult & Continuing Education when registering. More details about the conference hotel are available at:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CMHESES-OCE-20110413/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Speaking Student-to-Student

Beginning in March 2011, the Central/Southeast ABE Resource Center will be presenting *Speaking Student-to-Student*, a four part online student panel on what it takes to be successful in college.

Each month a featured student mentor will share their story via a live Elluminate session and answer your students' questions about the realities of transitioning to post-secondary and managing disabilities in a college environment.

ABLE programs and classes are welcome to participate in one or all four of the presentations in March, April, May and June, 2011. Opportunities for students to dialogue with the panelists will be available during the session and after as part of an e-mentoring program.

Please register through the RCN Calendar at: <http://tinyurl.com/RCNcal>

TESOL Statement on FY2012 Federal Budget Request (February 2011)

Statement from TESOL Executive Director Rosa Aronson, PhD, CAE

During this period of significant economic challenges, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), the international association for English language educators, is very pleased to see that President Obama's proposed fiscal year 2012 education budget retains his commitment to high-quality education for all students in the United States.

The association is gratified to see that English language learner (ELL) students were not overlooked in the FY2012 budget, and that several of the essential programs serving ELL students were spared any cuts. TESOL is pleased to see funding for Adult Basic Education and Family Literacy state grants under Title II of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) modestly increased to \$635 million, which includes \$75 million for the English Literacy/Civics Education set-aside. The demand for adult English as a second language (ESL) programs has outpaced supply for many years, so additional investments in public adult education are critically needed. The entire statement can be found at:

http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/sec_document.asp?CID=1&DID=13579



The Resource Room

New in the Library

The Great Courses: Stress and Your Body by Professor Robert Sapolsky, Stanford University – DVD and Course Guidebook

Professor Sapolsky's laboratory focuses on the mechanisms by which stress and stress hormones can damage the brain and on the development of gene therapy strategies to save neurons from neurological insults. This selection would be of great interest to your students.

The Great Courses: Lifelong Health: Achieving Optimum Well-Being at Any Age by Professor Anthony A. Goodman, Montana State University – DVD and Course Guidebook

This series of lectures is intended to increase your knowledge of nutrition, exercise and health-related lifestyle choices and their basic effects on the human body. This is another interesting selection for your students to listen to.

ESOL Texts

From Reading to Writing – Beginning to High Intermediate (4 part series)

Longman Study Dictionary of American English – New Edition (2011)

More True Stories Behind the Song: A High-Beginning Reader

What a World Listening: Amazing Stories from Around the Globe – High Beginning to Intermediate

What a World Reading: Amazing Stories from Around the Globe – High Beginning to Intermediate

Reading Plus Readers from University of Michigan Press:

<http://press.umich.edu/esl/plusreaders/>

Make a Wish

“It was love at first sight when aspiring actors Abby Nicholson and Lucas Miller met at an audition in New York City. After just a few months, their romance seemed destined for marriage. But will their love survive when the demands of their careers and families get in the way?”

Missing

“When high school students in the small Midwestern town of Oakton start disappearing, police are left without any clues until a psychic named Serena Sills begins working on the case. Serena and Police Chief Matt Williams combine detective work and supernatural intuition as they try to find the missing teenagers before it's too late.”

Murder in Montauk

“Charlie Anderson, a reporter on leave from the *Boston Globe*, becomes entangled in an unusual mystery when he stumbles upon a news article about his own death. Confused and still very much alive, Charlie travels to Montauk, Long Island, to learn more about the deceased man and learns more about himself in the process. “

Matt's Tech Tips



Tip of the Week:

Mobile Devices - The 21st Century Swiss Army Knife

Technology like the iPhone and iPad attracted a lot of attention at the 2011 eTech conference, as well as similar tablet devices running the Android Mobile OS or Windows 7. These devices are getting a lot of buzz for their functionality and portability. They can be an e-book reader, a phone, a camera, a calculator, a web browser, a wifi hotspot, an email client, a video player, an audio player, a picture album, a GPS, a voice recorder and more. Many of the technologies and texts used in the classroom have converged and can now exist on a single device.

What is unclear though is how these devices jive with the classroom environment. Not all gadgets are created equal and they present challenges to both instructors and IT staff, who will have to experiment with effective integration and management. What is clear is the steady increase in usage over the past few years as these gadgets become more widespread. If you have time, take a look at the Pew Research Center's *Mobile Access 2010* report for some interesting statistics (<http://pewinternet.org/Reports/2010/Mobile-Access-2010.aspx>).

Cultural Adventures



Korean American Association of Great Cleveland to build new Garden

February 13th, 2011 | Post Author: Bill Jones

By unanimous vote the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation (CCGF) Executive Board made the Korean American Association of Greater Cleveland (KAAGC) its newest “sponsoring organization”. KAAGC will be working with its members and the estimated 5,300 Korean Americans in Northern Ohio to make their dream of their own Cultural Garden a reality in the next few years. CCGF looks forward to working with them to make the Korean Garden a great success. Together with the Albanian, Croatian, and Turkish sponsoring organizations, we will continue to enjoy new Cultural Gardens for some years to come. CCGF thanks KAAGC President Sam Kim for his efforts to bring Korean cultural to everyone visiting the Cultural Gardens.

Cleveland Ethnic Media Association

The Cleveland Ethnic Media Association (CEMA) is a collection of media outlets (print, radio, web and others) that are of interest to the many ethnic cultures represented in the Cleveland, Ohio area. <http://www.clevelandpeople.com/cema/cema.htm>

The Cleveland Ethnic Media Association currently has over 1,000 ethnic media outlets in our database representing about 100 different ethnic, cultural and religious groups. If you want to reach a particular ethnic community or several groups or all ethnic media outlets in the region, the Cleveland Ethnic Media Association is an easy, inexpensive and powerful way to do it. For more information contact: qa@clevelandpeople.com

You may also mail your information to ClevelandPeople.Com, 3150 Payne Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-4504.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

March is National Women's History Month

Schools and communities have been celebrating March as Women's History Month since 1987. As you plan your classroom celebration, consider creating a bulletin board display of women in history or publishing a Women's History Month newsletter. You could also stage a play about a milestone in women's history or sponsor a school debate to discuss women's issues. In addition, you can use the newspaper to demonstrate the effect that women have on society today, as well as illustrate the contributions women have made in the past.

<http://nierocks.areavoices.com/2011/02/22/womens-history-month/>

Multiple Intelligence Activities

Many teachers try to incorporate as many multiple intelligence activities into their English lessons as possible. The main idea behind incorporating these various types of learning is to make sure that each and every student has an opportunity to learn using their own strongest skills.

Here is an introduction to multiple intelligence activities with multiple suggestions for English learning activities that will help out using multiple intelligences in the ESL / EFL classroom.

<http://esl.about.com/od/multipleintelligences/a/Multiple-Intelligence-Activities.htm>

Weekly Tips for Teachers

This Week: Busy Teacher Timesaver Guide

February 21, 2011

<http://www.teach-nology.com/newsletters/554.html>

Websites to Explore

Women's History Month

American women's history has been full of pioneers: Women who fought for their rights, worked hard to be treated equally and made great strides in fields like science, politics, sports, literature and art. These are just a few of the remarkable accomplishments that historians not to mention people across the United States celebrate. What "Famous Firsts" will American women achieve next?

<http://www.history.com/topics/famous-firsts-american-womens-history>



The mission of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is to help learners to follow the dream of learning to read, earning a GED Diploma, or learning English.

Meet Dollar General Literacy Foundation's spokesperson for literacy, Gretchen Wilson:

<http://www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/gretchen-and-literacy.aspx>

My Next Move

Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis unveiled My Next Move, a new, free, and easy-to-use online career search tool. "By leveraging technology in a user-friendly tool, My Next Move will help those seeking career guidance learn more about work opportunities in fields that are of interest to them and that are likely to have job openings today and well into the future."

Use My Next Move to search over 900 different careers and see important information including skills, tasks, technologies, salaries, and employment outlook. Discover related apprenticeships and training, and search actual job openings. Find careers through a keyword search; by browsing industries; or through the new 60-item, web-based O*NET Interest Profiler Short Form, a tool that offers career suggestions based on a person's interests and level of work experience.

My Next Move was developed by the National Center for O*NET Development through a cooperative grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor. <http://www.mynextmove.org/>

Thoughts On Leadership

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

