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Upcoming Events

April 25, 2011	A Book Club of Convenience & Substance	Alternative Delivery
April 27, 2011	Technology PD: Assistive Technology in the ABLER Classroom	Alternative Delivery
May 6, 2011	New Teacher Orientation	Northeast ABLER Resource Center Henn Mansion Euclid, OH
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

CheeriosR New Author Contest

CheeriosR has launched its annual CheeriosR New Author Contest and is searching for the next great children's book author.

This contest is a part of the CheeriosR Spoonful of Stories program, which has helped to distribute books to children in need and has encouraged millions of parents to read with their children. Each year, one winning submission is published by Simon and Schuster and distributed in millions of CheeriosR boxes throughout the nation. First Book volunteers will read the thousands of submissions for the contest and help to decide the winner.

If you have a great a story that you'd like to share with children ages three to eight, please visit <http://www.spoonfulofstoriescontest.com> to find out more about this contest. Entries will be accepted from March 22-July 15, 2011.

NAASLN Webinar Series

Would you like to understand how to use technology tools and the Internet to keep students engaged whether or not they are in the classroom? Then don't miss this professional development opportunity – attend and learn from Dr. Debra L. Hargrove, Program Director for Florida TechNet.

The NAASLN Webinar Series - Internet-based seminars, **Paradigm Shift: Keeping Students Engaged Using Tech Tools and Social Media**, will be held on April 26, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

Online registrations for this upcoming NAASLN Internet-Based Seminar will be accepted up to April 25, 2011. www.naasln.org/webinars.htm

Session Description by Dr. Hargrove: You hear the names, (Weebly, TeacherTube, Web2.0, Wordle, Twitter, Facebook), but you just can't see the need or reason for using these tools in the classroom. Let's face it. We have become an information rich society. Our cell phones are not just cell phones anymore. They're little computers. And I have a notion that the primary use of today's cell phone user is NOT speaking on the phone! It's time to harness the power of the Internet to better serve our student's needs. Technology tools allow students who may have to step out of your classroom to stay engaged and in touch. Learn about these and other tools, and how you can use them to serve your students.

Presenter: Dr. Debra L Hargrove is the Program Director for Florida TechNet, a Technology and Distance Learning grant in Florida. Dr. Hargrove has been working and consulting in the field of Adult Education for over 17 years. Debra supports distance learning initiatives throughout Florida by maintaining an extensive list of online courses, lesson plans and multimedia links. She is the webmaster for AALPD and is also Associate Graduate Faculty member for Florida Atlantic University, where she teaches online.

Go to www.naasln.org/webinars.htm for more information about the on-going NAASLN Webinar Series and registration. If you have any questions, you can email at naasln@kocmemberservices.com or leave a message at 888-5NAASLN (888-562-2756)

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Announces the 2012 National Grant Competition

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is pleased to announce their 2012 National Grant competition. The Foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000.

General guidelines and application can be found at:

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/atf/cf/%7BB84A3540-0A3E-44D6-BFF8-13B47E8702AF%7D/2012%20National%20Grant%20Application%20Guidelines.doc>



The Resource Room

New Alternative Delivery PD Training

College Knowledge by David T. Conley, clearly shows the limitations of the current system of college preparation and how students fail to comprehend the labyrinth of requirements that they are forced to navigate. *College Knowledge* is filled with ideas that can be implemented by high school teachers and administrators to improve their college preparation programs. Educators will find this book to be an indispensable guide to the fundamental knowledge and habits of mind their college-bound students need to develop before they leave high school.

Teaching ESL to Adults: Classroom Approaches in Action, Volume II

The New American Horizons video series illustrates effective teaching practices through real classes with immigrants and refugees. Volume two includes three videos: 1. Growing Vocabulary with Beginning Learners which offers a contextualized approach; 2. Working with a Multi-level Class, which offers techniques for dealing with differing levels of language ability within a class; and 3. Developing Listening Skills with High-intermediate Learners that illustrates listening activities through the theme of cross-cultural experiences.

Tech Tips



Tip of the Week: **Computer Tips for Beginners**

The purpose of these articles is to give beginners a few bite sized tips on using their computers. Each tip is fairly short so it doesn't take too much of your time to read it. Note also, these tips are not organized in any particular order (they are not like a course), they are designed so you can pick any one that interests you and read it without the others.

<http://www.mcginnovation.com/tips/comptips.html>

Cultural Adventures



Italian Masterworks: Chamber Music Series – Cleveland Museum of Art

Sunday, May 1, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 6, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Gartner Auditorium

In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, the Cleveland Museum of Art and The Cleveland Orchestra present a program of the great chamber works of Italian composers. This concise survey of Italian masterworks indulges in the splendor of several centuries of music, from the Renaissance to present day, performed by members of one of the greatest orchestras in the world under assistant conductor James Feddeck. Featuring music by Boccherini, Berio, Vivaldi, Scelsi, Scodanibbio, Dallapiccola, and more. With special guests. For more information, please go to

<http://www.clevelandart.org/>

Celebrating Orthodox Easter in Cleveland

For many Clevelanders, Easter Day is still a few weeks away. The Eastern Orthodox community in greater Cleveland, comprised of Serbians, Russians, Macedonians, Albanians, Greeks and other nationalities, will celebrate Easter Sunday on April 27, 2008. Approximately 29 Eastern Orthodox churches currently serve Greater Cleveland and Lorain County, including the oldest: St. Theodosius in Tremont founded in 1896.

<http://cleveland.about.com/od/springevents/a/orthodoxeaster.htm>

Polish Constitution Day Grand Parade

May 1, 2011 7:30

Parma Circle - Ridge Road, Parma

This year's official parade will be held in the City of Parma in the newly designated Polish Village. It will step off at 2:00 p.m. at the Parma Circle, on Ridge Road.

Parma Mayor Dean DePiero and U.S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich will participate in the formal program after the parade. As in past years, many elected officials will be present at the program, many of whom will be participating in the parade. The Grand Marshall of this year's parade will be Halina Junak, a World War II Hero. For further information, please call Francis Rutkowski, General Chairman at (216) 299-2684 or e-mail him at profar511@gmail.com or Mitchell Bienia, PAC 2nd vice-president at (216) 641-7633.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

History.com Interactive Feature: Civil War 150

Looking for a new and cutting-edge way to engage students in learning about the Civil War? History.com has launched a dedicated website, Civil War 150 which provides an immersive, in-depth look at the American Civil War. The site identifies the 150 people, places, events and technology that defined America's greatest conflict in a compelling multi-media online experience.

http://www.history.com/interactives/civilwar150?et_cid=24134605&et_rid=705391081&linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.history.com%2finteractives%2fcivil-war-150#/home

Test Taking Help Site

From Kenneth Beare, your Guide to ESL

The end of the school year is fast approaching for many students and that means taking tests. The test taking help on the site will help you hone your skills. There's also review of the various roles of three key verbs in English: Do, Have and Be. Finally, there's a review and guide to various ways to ask questions in English.

<http://specials.about.com/service/newsletters/esl/1303210800.htm>

Websites to Explore

Finding Earth Works

Includes an excellent—short but information-packed—overview of the green economy and why adult learners should care.

www.findingearthworks.org/index.htm

NEED (National Energy Education Development Project) Energy Infobooks contain information about the nation's energy resources, new technologies, and the use and conservation of energy. They are written for varying age levels and include resources for educators and students alike.

www.need.org/energy-infobooks

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency offers workbooks on environmental issues for use with English as a second language and limited English proficiency classes. From the home page search for ESL workbooks.

www.pca.state.mn.us

Thoughts On Leadership

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

