

Friday NewsBriefs



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Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are having a smooth start to the new school year. We have made some updates to Friday NewsBriefs, and we hope that they will help us to better communicate with you. Please let us know what you think. Submit comments or suggestions to info@neable.org.

What's New?

Professional Development Opportunities

The following trainings have recently been added to the ABLE PD calendar. For more information and a full listing of trainings, visit the calendar at www.ohioable.org.

- Teaching Reasoning and Problem Solving Strategies 09/12/2011
- Serving Adults w/Disabilities 09/15/2011
- TABE CLAS-E Training 09/16/2011
- Summer Writing Experience 09/19/2011
- Solutions for Mathematically Challenged Learners 09/19/2011
- New Teacher Orientation 09/23/2011
- Finding Everyday Ways to Think Algebraically 09/23/2011
- New Teacher Orientation 10/08/2011
- NEOEA PD Day 10/14/2011
 - BEST Plus, ESOL Basics, Gadgets and Tablets and Apps...oh my, Learning to Achieve

- RCN Fall PD Day 11/04/2011
 - Accountability, Assessment Fundamentals, BEST Plus, Building Better Writers, ESOL Basics, Infusing Technology into Your Lessons, Leadership Excellence Academy, Learning to Achieve, Math TNT for GED

The Ohio TESOL Conference will be taking place in Columbus on November 11-12. The Board of Regents will be sponsoring Conference registrations for ABLE staff. Stay tuned for more details.

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week will be the week of September 12-18, and is unique opportunity to lift every voice for adult education and family literacy. For more ideas on what you can do to participate, please visit <http://www.national-coalition-literacy.org/advocacy/aefl.html>.

GED 21st Century Initiative Discussion

A guest panel discussion entitled "A Conversation about the GED 21st Century Initiative: Moving from GED® test to a career and college ready assessment system" will be taking place the week of September 12-15th. The discussion will focus on the upcoming version of the new GED® assessment system (currently known as the GED test) set to be released in early 2014. Topics will focus on the components of the Initiative; overview and current activities for the new GED® assessment system; how content and format will differ from the current GED® test; expected outcomes of the revised test; and how instructors and programs can begin to prepare for these changes. To subscribe to this discussion, go to <http://lincs.ed.gov/mailman/listinfo/Assessment/>.

Job Opportunity

ESL Teachers Needed - Cleveland/NE Ohio Area

PSI (<http://psi-solutions.org/>), a premier provider of educational services, is looking for part-time ODE licensed ESL teachers in the Cleveland/NE Ohio area. Please send resume to kayalmy@psi-solutions.org

Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarship applications for adult learners who want to attend the United States Conference on Adult Literacy (USCAL) are now available and are due

September 30th. ProLiteracy is offering a limited number of partial scholarships to enable adult learners to attend the United States Conference on Adult Literacy (USCAL) in Houston, Texas, November 2-5, 2011. Information about potential practitioner scholarships will be forthcoming. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.proliteracy.org/page.aspx?pid=1056&srctid=1&erid=855785&trid=9dd23312-e6a7-4a1a-a4b0-c87edb9daae5>.

Matt's Tech Tips

Unsubscribe from unwanted mass email.

If your inbox is starting to get cluttered with unwanted mass emails, there is a simple way to unsubscribe yourself from the mailing list. This option is usually found at the bottom of an email in small print. It may be an [Unsubscribe](#) link or a phrase like "if you do not want to receive further information from us, please [click here](#)." The provided links will generate an Unsubscribe email or will take you to a webpage to update your preferences. Follow the link and confirm your choice to unsubscribe from that mailing list.

The Resource Room

Bodega

Bodega is the Spanish word for corner store. This unique online store has over 170 free resources for the classroom. Teachers can order materials online at no charge, the Resource Center will mail them and teachers may keep the materials.

Browse one of the 17 topics, such as Low Literacy ESL, Math, Transitions or Workforce Education, to find a resource that can help you and your students. Then, click "Order Now," complete the form and click "Send Email" to submit your request. You will receive your material(s) within a few days. **No need to return them, because all Bodega materials are free!**

Get started shopping by visiting:

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Ohio ABLE RCN Library

The Ohio ABLE Resource Center Network Library has an extensive collection of over 15,000 textbooks, audio and video tapes, CD's, DVD's, professional reference books, classroom materials and kits available for loan to preview. Library items can be reserved online or by contacting the Resource Center staff. Requested items will be sent to you with a return label and postage for shipping. The loan period is six weeks and items can be renewed online before their due date or by contacting the Resource Center staff.

Start browsing the online catalog here: www.ohioablelibrary.org

Web Resources

In addition to the resources available through the *Bodega* and for loan through the library, a large collection of web based resources is maintained on our website organized under 20 topical headings. There is also a tag cloud* mirroring the collected resources created by the social bookmarking site www.delicious.com found at the bottom of the page.

Take some time to browse the available web resources found here: www.neable.org/resources/

*Tag clouds are visual representations of word frequency. The more often a word appears in a set, the larger that word is displayed in the tag cloud.

Thoughts on Persistence

Help students set realistic timeframes for achieving short and long term goals. From the Retention Calendar August 26 *in the Retention Toolkit*.

Students may need to focus on what they can achieve this week or this month in class in working towards achieving a more long term goal, such as passing the GED test. Teachers can help them create **SMART/SMARTER** goals.

Specific
Measurable
Attainable
Relevant
Time-bound
Evaluate
Reevaluate

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SMART_criteria