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## Upcoming Training

- **BEST Plus Training**  
6/26/2009  
9:30am-3:30pm  
Henn Mansion—Euclid, OH



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## Northeast ABLEResource Center and iTunes U



eTech Ohio launched Ohio on iTunes U at the eTech conference in February in the pavilion where thousands of attendees discovered hundreds of podcasts showcasing a wide variety of educational content from across the state. Ohio on iTunes U provides educational digital media resources through a popular national digital media provider, Apple iTunes U, free of charge with unlimited access. The Apple iTunes U platform allows the State of Ohio to showcase educational resources, professional development materials, best practices, and student samples which have been produced by members of higher education, the K-12 community, and a variety of Ohio content providers.

The Northeast ABLEResource Center submitted several digital media professional development trainings to eTech Ohio for inclusion in Ohio iTunes U. Since the trainings have been added to the website, they have gotten lots of attention! The ABLEResource Center trainings on Ohio iTunes U are the #2 download for the Teaching and Education page right alongside Stanford University, MIT and Emory.

To take advantage of the information offered through iTunes U and to view the content submitted by The Northeast ABLEResource Center, visit:  
<http://deimos3.apple.com/WebObjects/Core.woa/Browse/eTech-ohio-gov-public.1889383680>

In order to access this content, you must first download iTunes. You can do this by visiting:  
<http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/>

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# Summer Classes

The Northeast ABLEResource Center is compiling a list of all programs who will be offering summer classes. Please respond and let us know if and when you will be holding summer classes so we may share this information. Thank you for your help.

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## opportunity.gov

Just this morning, the Obama administration set up a new website, [Opportunity.gov](http://Opportunity.gov), to help the unemployed.

Americans with more education and training have more secure jobs and higher earnings. With jobs hard to find, it may be a good time to consider going back to school.

The President recently announced that unemployed workers receiving unemployment benefits may qualify for a special hand in paying for education and training. And aid can be significant: In particular, the Federal Pell Grant program can provide up to \$5,350 for educational costs at community colleges, colleges and universities, and many trade and technical schools. This is only one example of several federal student aid programs available to assist unemployed workers.

To access New Educational Opportunities for Unemployed Workers visit:  
<http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/opportunity/index.html>

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## Plain Dealer Articles on Jobs for Classroom Use

There were some nice articles in the Plain Dealer on Sunday, May 3 regarding job searching that teachers could use with students. Please follow the links below to access these articles for use in your classroom.

Tips and Next Steps if you lose your job: [http://www.cleveland.com/help-wanted/index.ssf/2009/03/what\\_to\\_do\\_if\\_you.html](http://www.cleveland.com/help-wanted/index.ssf/2009/03/what_to_do_if_you.html)

This one, *Getting Online is Crucial to Job Search*, has some Dos and Don'ts:  
[http://www.cleveland.com/help-wanted/index.ssf/2009/04/help\\_wanted\\_the\\_newly\\_unemploy.html](http://www.cleveland.com/help-wanted/index.ssf/2009/04/help_wanted_the_newly_unemploy.html)

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## Math Works



The *Math Works* advocacy kit provides resources that make the case for why all students - regardless of their plans after graduation - should engage in rigorous math course-taking throughout their high school experiences. The *Math Works* materials - ranging from fact sheets, PowerPoint presentations, brochures and others - are resources for policymakers, advocates, educators, parents and students alike that highlight the connection between higher-level mathematics course-taking and college access and success, workplace and career readiness, and personal and U.S. competitiveness.

The concept behind *Math Works* is that individuals should pick and choose among the various resources based on their areas of interest, the audiences they will be reaching out to and the types of materials they believe will be most useful. In coming weeks and months, additional materials will be added to *Math Works*, including more fact sheets and a mathematics related resource bank.

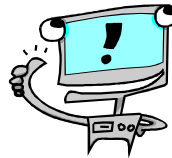
The Math Works kit is available online at:

<http://www.achieve.org/MathWorks>

Also, hard copies will be available through The Northeast ABLE Resource Center shortly.

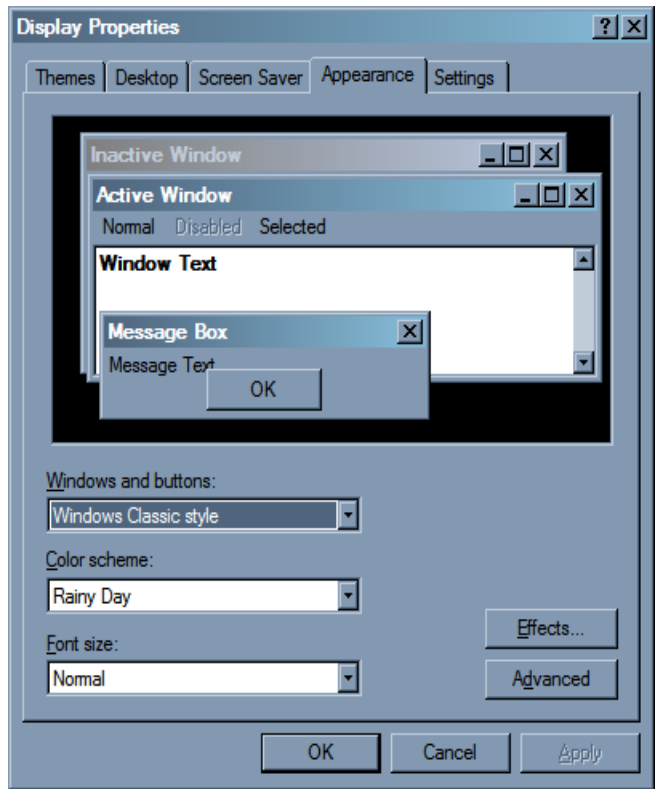
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## Matt's Tech Tips

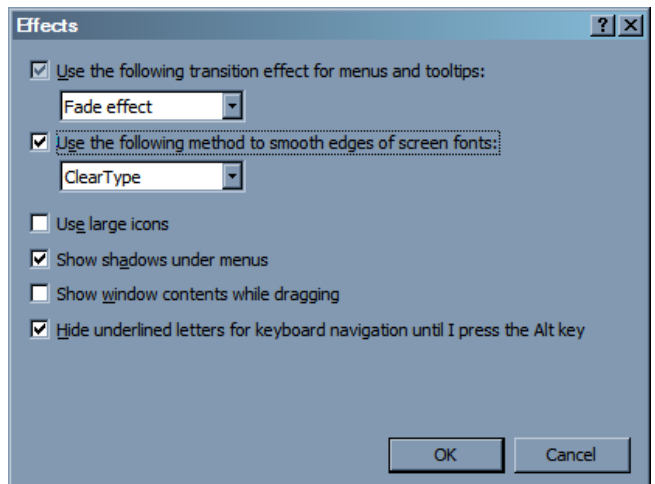


### Tech Tips XXI

If you own a computer with an LCD display, here is a tip that can help improve the readability of the text on your screen. By enabling ClearType in Windows XP, the system will smooth the edges of fonts to eliminate jagged pixels in your text. To enable ClearType, right click on your Desktop and select [Properties] from the list of options. In the *Display Properties* window, click on the *Appearance* tab.



Next, click on the [Effects] button to bring up the *Effects* window.



Check the “Use the following method to smooth the edges of screen fonts:” and select ClearType from the drop down menu. Click [OK] and then click [Apply] to confirm your changes.

Just a note, ClearType is enabled by default in Windows Vista.

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## Employment Opportunities



Ohio Means Jobs <https://ohiomeansjobs.com/omj/>

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# Grant Opportunities



2009 Tylenol Scholarships  
Deadline: May 15, 2009

The Tylenol scholarship program helps students who are pursuing careers in the healthcare, life sciences, or related fields, manage the rising costs of education. The program will award \$250,000 in scholarships based on leadership qualities and academic performance, including ten \$10,000 and thirty \$5,000 grants.

## Qualifications:

- Must be a resident of the 50 United States, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia
- Must have completed at least one year of undergraduate or graduate course of study in the Spring of 2009 at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational - technical school
- Must provide proof of enrollment to a public health/health education, medical school, nursing and/or pharmacy degree program
- Must have one or more years of school remaining
- Past winners are not eligible to apply or win for the 2009/2010 year

\*\*Employees of McNeil Consumer and Specialty Pharmaceuticals, ISTS, Inc., their affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies and the families of each are not eligible.

For more information: <http://www.tylenol.com/scholarship>

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## The Resource Room

Thinkfinity has New Resources for Citizenship Educators  
ProLiteracy and the Verizon Foundation have posted a new set of FREE up-to-date resources for citizenship teachers, tutors, and advocates. The collection includes a series of self-paced on-line courses that explain how to prepare students for the civics test, the literacy test, and the interview. There are also a set of teacher education podcasts (with accompanying handouts), four short citizenship fact sheet downloads, and several reproducible lesson activities. Coming soon: on-line interactive activities to help students to practice for the citizenship test. The entire collection can be accessed at:

<http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/tln/content/how-can-i-help-immigrants-prepare-take-us-citizenship-test>.

*Navigation note: After each resource in the list, you will see the word "go" in green text--this link will lead you to a description. At the bottom of the description, look for "Resource: Link" (in green). This link will take you to the actual material you have selected.*

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# Thoughts on Leadership

*Thoughts on Leadership* is an attachment to the Friday NewsBriefs.