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Upcoming Events

- **Statewide ABLE PD Day (SEE ATTACHED FLYER)**
4/16/2008
9:30am-3:30pm
Columbus, OH
- **OAAACE**
4/17-4/18/2008
The Crowne Plaza North
Columbus, OH



Fred Jennings..In Memoriam

ABLE lost a wonderful teacher and a great friend. Please take a moment to honor his good work, remember his perennially sunny disposition and think of Fred and his family at this difficult time.

Frederick Jennings, peacefully lost his battle with prostate cancer on March 8, 2008. The strength of his faith, family, and prayers carried him through the challenge. Fred graduated from Port Clinton High School in 1962 and Kent State University in 1966. He taught the developmentally handicapped for 32 years and led Student Council / Student Activities for 35 years at Westlake High School. Fred was the Director of the LakeShore Day Camp for children with special needs for 38 years. He also was the Director of Adult Basic and Literacy Education for Westlake City Schools for 27 years, active in Westlake Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, Avon High School Athletic and Band Boosters, Holy Trinity Church Liturgy Committee and Choir. Fred influenced the development and enrichment of so many young people. He taught and lived with enthusiasm and spirit, modeled service-oriented leadership and diplomacy. He had the unique ability to capture adults and students of all ages, inspiring them to develop sound judgment, passion and dedication, maximizing their potential through education. Mr. Jennings, called FJ by his students, exemplary example lives on - his inspiration will continue to be the loving, driving force of those whose lives he touched. We, Fred's family, have lost only his physical presence in our daily lives, at the cottage and the beach. He taught

us to live strong, be faith-filled advocates toward all - perpetuating his humbling mission of love and his legacy of faith and family. The power of his presence will live on in all of us. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 33601 Detroit Rd., Avon. Friends and family will be received FROM 6-8 P.M. THURSDAY AND 2-4 AND 6-8 P.M. FRIDAY AT JENKINS FUNERAL CHAPEL, 2914 DOVER CENTER RD., WESTLAKE. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Port Clinton at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Remembrances are welcome to the Lake Shore Day Camp Endowment Fund along with your prayers for God's special people and to those who dedicate their lives to serving them. For information www.jenkinsfuneralchapel.com

OAAACE



*****ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT TO REGISTER*****

The Annual OAAACE Conference is right around the corner! This year's theme is "The Times, They Are A Changing." The conference will be held April 17-18, 2008 at The Crown Plaza North in Columbus, Ohio.

Register for the OAAACE Conference at:
www.ohioable.org

Please see attached document for full details.



Adult Education Transfer FAQs

A new Frequently Asked Questions document is now available on the Adult Education Transfer section of the University System of Ohio web site. You can access it at this link: <http://universitysystem.ohio.gov/adult-ed/>

The questions came from you and the adult career centers during the visits conducted by the Ohio Board of Regents' consultant and staff. I hope you find this helpful. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

EL/Civics Meeting

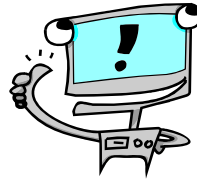
Thursday, April 17, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



We are planning an EL/Civics meeting on April 17th from 10-12noon at the Columbus Crowne Plaza North (OAAACE hotel). Room location and meeting agenda will be sent to you prior to the meeting. You can send a teacher to the meeting if you are not planning to attend OAAACE. The meeting is not required but is encouraged as

we will be discussing the new grant requirements for this year, lesson plans and the end-of-year-report.

Matt's Tech Tips



Know your electronic storage media Continued-Part III

These are the devices and formats used to access and save your digital information. This is also important because of the many formats that your instructional materials and resources are currently being delivered. A basic understanding of these technologies will hopefully enhance your ability to work with different devices and utilize the diverse resources available for your classroom.

First some core concepts:

Storage sizes:

KB = Kilobytes are small, think Word documents

MB = Megabytes are big, think full length mp3 song, a picture slideshow, or short video clip

GB = Gigabytes are huge, think full length feature film with a crisp picture

TB = Terabyte is astronomical to the average user and is a bit of a geek fantasy, we will leave it there

Flash – (I've seen up to 32 GB on one device)

USB flash drives, thumb drives, handy drive, memory stick, flash stick, jump drive – Lots of names, same idea, massive amounts of data storage in a tiny package. Computer manufacturers are beginning to utilize flash based memory as the main storage device in some units, but that luxury comes at an increase in initial costs.

Online storage – This is different than everything mentioned before, because it is more a location where you store your information as opposed to a device. These can be accessed with an internet connection from different computers. It can be handy for storage of information that may need to be accessed from different locations, but not great for storing personal information. Google and Apple are the prime examples, with other smaller enterprises offering a similar service for free or a small fee.



Employment Opportunities

- **Looking for a Few Good Math Trainers**

The State ABLÉ Office, in partnership with the Math Task Force, is looking for math trainers. If you like math and want to share your passion with others, this would be an ideal opportunity. In addition, please forward this information to those you think would be interested. Individuals do not have to be working in an ABLÉ program. Trainers will attend a two-day (paid) training session during the summer of 2008. The focus will be the math core trainings. During Fiscal Year 2009, trainers will have opportunities to present these materials to small groups throughout the state of Ohio. No prior training or presentation experience is needed. You will be paid when you present the materials at the state rate for trainers.

Interested? Complete the attached application and forward it to Nancy Markus,

Numeracy Projects Coordinator, Ohio Literacy Resource Center by March 14, 2008.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Cindy Zengler at

cynthia.zengler@ode.state.oh.us or Nancy Markus at Nmarkus@literacy.kent.edu

- Check out this excellent new resource for teachers and students concerning employment opportunities (jobs). It is: www.OhioMeansJobs.com. This resource accesses other career-related search engines like Monster.com, Careers.com, etc. into one resource. It also identifies employment that is available in contiguous states, at least regions along Ohio's borders.

Grant Opportunities



College Bound Scholarship

Coca-Cola Food Services and Chuck E. Cheese's are offering a College Bound Scholarship. Maximum Award: \$25,000 college scholarship to an accredited U.S. college or university. Eligibility: legal residents of the U.S. and Canada who are 18 years or older at the time of entry. Deadline: May 1, 2008.

<http://www.chuckecheese.com/promotions/ncaa.php>



The Resource Room

**A New Alternative Delivery Professional Development Activity
Recommended by Members of Your Resource Center Network**

The Glass Castle

**By
Jeanette Walls**

This alternative delivery professional development opportunity is for all GED/ESOL teachers and directors.

The Glass Castle is a memoir describing a peculiarly dysfunctional family, whose children survived their parents' unusual child rearing choices and eventual homelessness. This real-life story challenges mainstream concepts of family, love, loyalty, and "diversity".

The activity involves reading *The Glass Castle* and writing a reaction paper focusing on how the materials relate to your teaching experience. To register, go to www.neable.org and look on the Alternative Delivery PD training page.

Thoughts on Leadership

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