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## Upcoming Events

### **NTO part II**

September 20, 2008  
Henn Mansion, Euclid, OH

### **Math Kickoff**

September 20, 2008  
Henn Mansion, Euclid, OH

### **Northeast NEOEA PD Day**

October 17, 2008  
Henn Mansion, Euclid, OH

### **Statewide PD Day** (See attached flyer)

LD 202, BEST Plus, The Write Skills for Success,  
CASAS ESL, Portfolio Connection, Math Math Math!  
USCIS Regional Training Conference  
October 30, 2008  
Hilton-Easton, Columbus, OH

### **Ohio TESOL Conference** (Registration Open!)

October 31-November 1, 2008  
Hilton-Easton, Columbus, OH

Register for these training sessions on our calendar of events @  
[www.ohioable.org](http://www.ohioable.org) or [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org)

Register for the USCIS Regional Training Conference at  
[http://www.uscis.gov/files/article/Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/files/article/Registration_Form.pdf)

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## Constitution Day on September 17th

The Byrd Amendment requires that schools receiving federal funds teach the Constitution on this day. The following websites will help you find interesting and fun activities for your students including lesson plans, handouts and videos:

[www.elcivics.com/constitution\\_civics\\_1 - 20](http://www.elcivics.com/constitution_civics_1-20)

<http://webs.rtc.edu/ii/elcivics.html#ConstitutionDay>

<http://www.justicelearning.org/TeachingMaterials.aspx>

# OHIO TESOL Conference

## Extra Opportunity!



Once again the Resource Center Network is offering a special PD opportunity for all ABLÉ ESOL teachers to attend the Annual Ohio TESOL Conference. Register by completing the “ABLE” Registration Form (and Membership, if applicable) located on [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org) under “Highlights.” ABLÉ participants are eligible to receive paid registration for a one (\$70/50) or two-day conference (\$95), plus a reimbursement up to \$105 from the Regional Resource Center for hotels and/or meals. (Individuals are responsible for making their own hotel reservations). Please note: registrants must be current members of the Ohio TESOL organization. The \$25 membership can be paid upon registering for the conference. See the attached flyer for more details and register by **October 10<sup>th</sup>!**

The Ohio TESOL Conference: *Access to Education, Access to Technology* includes an exciting lineup of speakers and sessions! Don't miss these presenters: plenary speaker and TESOL technology standards development team, Dr. Paige Ware of Southern Methodist University; Dr. Michael Jones of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; State ABLÉ Director, Denise Pottmeyer; and Chancellor Eric Fingerhut of the Ohio Board of Regents and the University System of Ohio (invited).

We are also thrilled to have Michael Jones conducting a pre-conference on Thursday, October 30! He will deliver the USCIS Regional Training Conference for Civics and Citizenship Teachers of Adults with information on the newly released citizenship test. This pre-conference is open to the public. Interested parties must register for this training using the USCIS Registration Form located at [www.uscis.gov/files/article/Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/files/article/Registration_Form.pdf). See attached for more information.

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## ODE ABLÉ Videoconference September 8

### DVDs are coming soon!

As promised, the Ohio Department of Education ABLÉ Videoconference that many of you viewed on Monday, September 8 at your local JFS is being reproduced and will be mailed to all directors/coordinators next week. Check your mailbox!

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# Revise the Math, Reading & Writing Standards

We need your help in doing vital work for the ABE system in Ohio. It is time to review and update Ohio's ABE content standards. Revisions to the standards will ensure alignment with the Basic and Advanced Skills Certificate competencies.

The OSU ABE Evaluation and Design Project is facilitating the revision of the standards and benchmarks for math, reading and writing. To get ready for this work, we are asking for volunteers with expertise in at least one of the three content areas.

The standards revision process will involve convening math, reading and writing task forces to:

- Review the current Ohio ABE standards along with standards materials from other
- sources (e.g., state, national, international),
- Revise existing benchmarks and/or writing new benchmarks based on field expertise and content,
- Review multiple draft benchmark statements throughout the revision process and
- Synthesize appropriate statements/content through evaluation and consensus.

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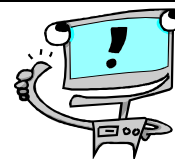
## FY09 Blue Database Forms

We would like to remind anyone who has not turned in blue forms for their program to please do so as soon as possible. Without a blue form on file, you cannot be paid for any professional development activities you complete. You can access the FY09 data base forms on the Northeast ABE Resource Center website at [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org).

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## Matt's Tech Tips

**Back up your files.**



There are lots of options for backing up computer files. The easiest, but maybe the most time consuming method is to manually copy all the files that you want to save to another drive (i.e. flash drive, external hard drive, or burn them to CD/DVD). Another easy method is to use the built in Backup utility included in Windows XP and Vista.

In Windows XP, 1. Click **Start**, and point to **All Programs**. 2. Point to **Accessories**, and then point to **System Tools**. 3. Click **Backup**.

In Windows Vista, you are looking for the **Backup and Restore Utility**, 1. Click **Start**, and point to **Control Panel**. 2. Click **System and Maintenance** and then click **Back up your computer**.

You will have the option to back up all your documents and settings, which will take care of all your documents and pictures. The other option is to do a complete system backup that will back up everything except the kitchen sink. The first option will save you storage space, and the second will include everything, so make sure the media you are backing up to has enough storage. There are a lot of software options that can perform the same task, but the utilities included in Windows XP and Vista get the job done.

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# Grant Opportunities



## Tommy Hilfiger Education Grants

Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation Education Grants support programs/partnerships that promote educational opportunities for diverse populations in the United States. **Maximum Award:** \$25,000. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. **Deadline:** October 1, 2008.

[www.tommy.com/opencms/opencms/corporate/foundation/aboutthefoundation.html/](http://www.tommy.com/opencms/opencms/corporate/foundation/aboutthefoundation.html/)

## Comcast Foundation Grants Support Youth Leadership Development

The Comcast Foundation is awarding grants to maximize the impact of community investments so they yield tangible, measurable benefits to the neighborhoods Comcast serves and the people who live there. The foundation's primary focus is in funding diversity-oriented programs that address literacy, volunteerism and youth leadership development. **Maximum Award:** \$570,000.

**Eligibility:** 501(c)3 organizations operating within communities that Comcast serves. **Deadline:** N/A.

[www.comcast.com/corporate/about/inthecommunity/foundation/comcastfoundation.html](http://www.comcast.com/corporate/about/inthecommunity/foundation/comcastfoundation.html)

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# Employment Opportunitites



- The Willoughby-Eastlake ABLÉ program has immediate openings for a daytime instructor (9 hrs/week plus planning time) and an evening instructor (5 hrs/week plus planning time). Each position (both day and evening) also includes providing orientation once per month. Current Ohio teaching credentials and ABLÉ experience preferred. Contact the Director, Janene Ishee, with inquiries at 440-946-3336.
- Project Learn of Summit County is seeking applicants for several positions throughout Summit County:
  - **Downtown Akron GED Teacher**
  - **Twinsburg Literacy/GED Teacher**
  - **Barberton Literacy/GED Teacher**
  - **Barberton Instructional Aide**
  - **Portage Lakes Career Center Instructor**

Any interested parties please send cover letter and resume to Rick McIntosh, Executive Director at [info@projectlearnsummit.org](mailto:info@projectlearnsummit.org)

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# The Resource Room

## **El Civics/Social Studies in honor of Constitution Day**

Do you want to go deeper into a civics topic with the help of videos? The NEABLE Library has new DVD's which might be just what you need.

## **The Presidents: The Lives and Legacies of the 43 Leaders of the United States** produced by The History Channel

**Part 1** – Washington to Monroe: 1789 – 1825, John Q. Adams to Polk: 1825 – 1849, and Taylor to Lincoln 1849 - 1865

**Part 2** – Andrew Johnson to Arthur: 1865 – 1885, Cleveland to Taft: 1885 – 1913, Wilson to Franklin D. Roosevelt: 1913 – 1945

**Part 3** – Truman to Ford: 1945 – 1977, Carter to George W. Bush: 1977 to Present, All the Presidents' Wives

**The States: Part 1, 2, and 3.** This set of DVD's takes you across the United States and shows the best of each state.

**The Statue of Liberty: Enlightening the World** is produced by The History Channel. This DVD “explores the remarkable steps leading to the Statue of Liberty’s creation, from the initial struggles to find adequate funding to its celebratory centennial restoration. 50 min. + extras

**Tesla: Master of Lightening** produced by PBS Home Video. Croatian students in your ESOL class may identify Nikola Tesla as a native son and scientific hero. “This program recounts the life of scientist, inventor, and visionary Nikola Tesla, often remembered as more of an eccentric cult figure than an electrical engineering genius. Many of his achievements are still attributed to contemporaries Thomas Edison and Guglielmo Marconi. Tesla's surprising inventions are revealed in his autobiographical and scientific writings, supplemented by rare photographs and recreations.” 90 minutes

**Underground Railroad** is produced by The History Channel and hosted by Alfre Woodard.” The extraordinary story is told through historical documents, visits to important sites, interviews with descendants of noted abolitionists and comment from experts like Ed Rigaud, the President of the National Underground Freedom Center.” 150 minutes + extras

Type the title in the **title search box** at [www.neablelibray.org](http://www.neablelibray.org) and reserve your choice. We will send you the books/ DVDs and a return postage paid envelope. Please call us if you need any help or have questions at 1- 800 - 361 – 7076.

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## Thoughts on Leadership

*Thoughts on Leadership* will return in the next issue of the Friday NewsBriefs.