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## Teacher Training for Atomic Learning in the Classroom a Huge Success

Over 100 teachers attended six Atomic Learning training sessions in January. Participants learned various methods for utilizing Atomic Learning (AL) in the classroom.

Sessions focused on accessing AL, downloading technology rich lesson plans with electronic templates and handouts, and using Atomic Learning with already existing curricular lessons.



The Atomic Learning software library includes over 4000 tutorial movies.

Two teachers from every school are invited to attend.

**Come join us for additional AL training sessions in March!**

## Web sites of the Month



<http://www.cantonpl.org/kids/bhm/>

This is a well-organized site with information and interesting activities for Black History Month.

[http://www.teacheroz.com/African\\_Americans.htm](http://www.teacheroz.com/African_Americans.htm)

The URL above is another extremely comprehensive site on African American History, impact and culture. Additional web sites have also been bookmarked for you at [www.backflip.com/members/rparsons](http://www.backflip.com/members/rparsons).

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## Wizard of the Month



### Lindsey Rardin

Eagle Ridge Elementary  
VTRP 2002-2003 Winner

#### *Vacation Anyone!*

This grade 6-8 Virtual Dream Vacation lesson provides students the ultimate opportunity to go anywhere and do almost anything by following a few simple rules. Student pairs “travel” the Internet to research the routes, cities, places, and even the prices of the places they’d like to visit. Students must calculate expenses based on a budget, practice their navigation skills, and calculate mileage.

Finally, partners showcase their dream vacation using mPower!

Discover the **MAGIC** in this winning lesson @  
[web/bestpractices](#) (Intranet) or  
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices> (Internet)

## March DETA Open House for FAU Registration

FAU and SBBC representatives will be registering DETA participants for March/April sessions at an Open House on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 from 4:30 to 5:30 at the FAU Davie Campus.

This registration will be held in the Language Arts Building, room 139 which is just down the hall from the information desk.

If you’re interested in taking DETA during Spring Break (April 5-9), you’ll be able to fill out the paper work at this time as well.

Your inservice coordinator should also register you in the HRMS system. The BE number for the Mar. 27, April 3, 17, 24, & 30 dates is BE 10174048. The BE number for DETA One during Spring Break is BE 10174065 and for DETA Two during Spring Break - BE 10174097.

If you need to drop from any DETA course that you have registered to attend, please contact Kelly Haynes at FAU - 954-236-1327 or e-mail her at [khaynes@fau.edu](mailto:khaynes@fau.edu).



## Tech Tip of the Month

Trouble logging into *Atomic Learning*? With our new Broward portal now up and running, one common error we have determined is that some users inadvertently try to login to the public Atomic Learning main web page instead of the Broward Portal. Broward County users need to use the following URL:

<http://broward.atomiclearning.com>

Staff login: Use your CAB user name and broward as the password. Be sure to click the "log out" when you are finished.



# Keep the Digital Fires Burning in the DETA Learning Community!



## What's Been Going On...

### January 15 DETA Learning Community Meeting:

We had a great turnout for the training at Piper HS on checking out, setting up, and using the wireless laptop carts. Two lucky Learning Community members won 128 MB "disk on key," courtesy of Apple Computers. **Thanks Apple!**

Everyone walked away knowing that a subscription to *PC Teach It* is on its way. Don't forget to complete the follow-up monthly survey!

### Blackboard:

Make sure you're participating in the discussion forums posted on Blackboard in February.

### February 5 LC Meeting at Arthur Ashe Middle School

Mark Benno, from Apple Computers, shared in-depth information on the Apple Learning Interchange ([ali.apple.com](http://ali.apple.com)) and all that it encompasses. Insight and ideas for technology integration lessons, projects, and/or WebQuests was gleaned by participants in preparation for VTRP. **Thanks to Apple Computers for sponsoring this meeting!**

## Coming Up...

### Next DETA LC on February 19 at Monarch High School

Learn about a special netTrekker pilot and participate in a working session to provide help and feedback for VTRP project submissions. See the next page for more details.

**March 18** and **April 15** are our final meetings for this school year. Details about those meetings TBA. Drafts of the VTRP Project Submissions are due at the March 18th session and the final project submissions are due and will be shared at the April 15th special celebration session.

### January TECH Talk:

The January edition of Tech TALK featured articles and pictures about outstanding DETA Learning Community members and pictures from our December meeting at BECON. It's posted in the CAB Conference - Instructional Resources. **Check it out!**

**Keep the digital fires burning!**

# Next DETA Learning Community Meeting!

February 19, 2004 - 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

## Monarch High School

5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073

(See map below.)

Refreshments & prizes are being sponsored by



The February DETA Learning Community meeting will feature two exciting opportunities!



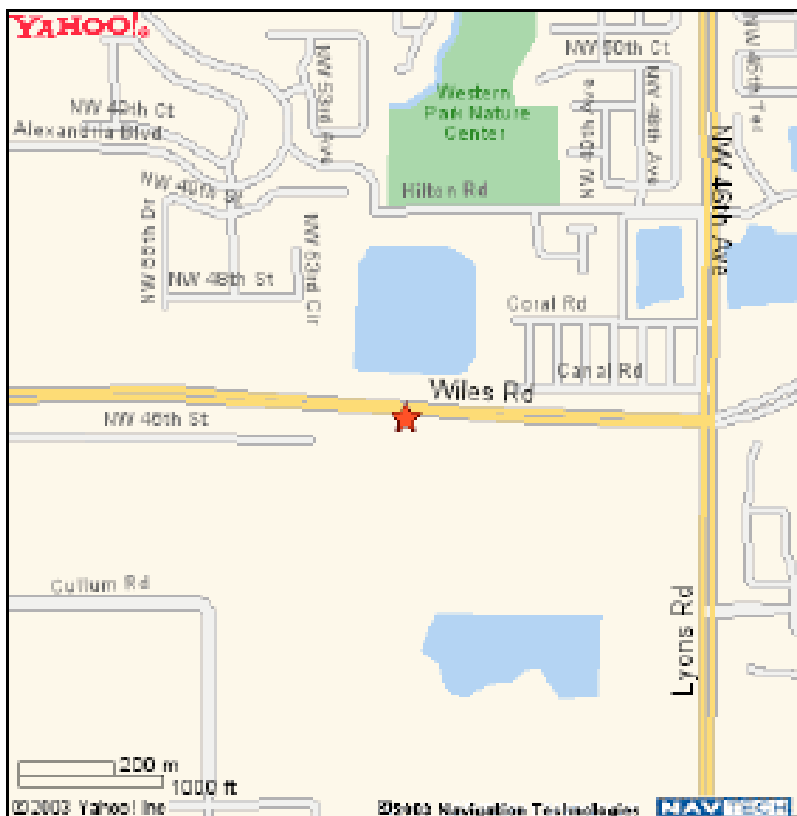
1. Share ideas for developing your DETA project and turning it into a winning entry for the Virtual Technology Recognition Project, or VTRP. Breakout groups will use a Consultancy Protocol for giving and sharing feedback. The Protocol will not only help you improve your project, but is also a useful tool to use with colleagues or students. More information about

VTRP can be found on the VTRP web site:  
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/etscsds/vtrp>

2. Learn how to access and use NetTrekker, an academic search engine that leads teachers and students to preselected, educationally valuable on-line resources aligned to the Florida SSS and NETS. NetTrekker is customized for use by elementary (K-5) or secondary (6-12) students and includes a complete line of online reference tools and current events resources

such as the Interactive History Timeline. NetTrekker's cross-curriculum search engine supports interdisciplinary curriculum and team-teaching. Searches can be saved for later review, modification, and access by students. The NetTrekker license is a special pilot opportunity available to selected schools, DETA Learning community members, and DETA graduates only! Don't miss out!

**Don't forget to RSVP your attendance to Margaret (Peggy) Livingston through Cab E-mail so that we'll know how many participants to plan for.**



# NetTrekker Evaluation Project

## Calling all DETA teachers!

If you completed DETA One at *any* time from the summer of 2002 through to now you are invited to participate in a pilot program using netTrekker in your classroom.

NetTrekker is an academic search engine that leads teachers and students to preselected, educationally valuable on-line resources. It is aligned to the Florida SSS and supports the National Education Technology Standards (NETS).

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NetTrekker's cross-curriculum search engine supports interdisciplinary curriculum and team-teaching. Searches can be saved for later review, modification, and access by students.

The dates of the evaluation project are from February 1 to August 31, 2004. If you would like to participate, e-mail Margaret (Peggy) Livingston. All participants in the pilot will be expected to complete an on-line evaluation of the software after implementing.

DETA Learning Community participants will have their training and begin their pilot at the February 19 Learning Community meeting at Monarch High School.

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Atomic Learning Parent Night will be held at Ely High School on March 30, 2004 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Lets get the parents out to show them how AL can help them.



## Kudos Corner

We'd like to acknowledge... **YOU**  
of **Your School** for your **Technology**  
**Integration!**

We would love to hear about the fabulous technology integration ideas, lessons, projects, etc. that are happening in your school. We want to feature you, right here in Tech TALK.

Please send this information and a picture of you and/or your students integrating technology via CAB to Rose Parsons. Then look for your article in a future edition. Thanks!

## Whole School DETA Implementations Produce Results



### *Nob Hill Elementary Principal and Staff – on the DETA track to Technology Integration*

Dr. Patricia Patterson, principal at Nob Hill Elementary, understands the importance of helping her teachers acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure effective technology integration in order to meet the demands of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. She envisions her teachers moving from a textbook-driven curriculum to a technology-driven curriculum in the not-too-distant future.

To help accomplish this goal, she, along with 29 Nob Hill teachers, participated in the Digital Teacher Education Academy (DETA) this past December and January. Substitutes released teachers during each of the five day sessions so that teachers could attend DETA during their regular workday in the comfort of their own 'home' school.

During these sessions, teachers developed standards-based, technology-enhanced lessons using a myriad of instructional strategies, technology resources, and digital tools.

This past summer 12 Nob Hill teachers, including the Assistant Principal, attended the summer DETA session at Florida Atlantic University. Practice and application of technology-integrated strategies began to surface upon their return to their classrooms in the Fall.

To view a sampling of their efforts, be sure to check out the following classroom web sites created by two of the "DETA I graduates" Angela Tucker, 3rd grade teacher, and Randy Stephens, 4th grade teacher.

Mrs. Stephen's Class @  
[http://www.geocities.com/rstephen\\_4/](http://www.geocities.com/rstephen_4/)

Mrs. Tucker's Class @  
<http://home.comcast.net/~mrstucker/>





## TLC Information for February

Due to FCAT prep and Anchor Days for Broward County, TLC information for February will be disseminated through the web on February 23. Make sure to tap into the TLC web site at [web/tlc](http://web/tlc) to retrieve information on the following items:

Topic	Presenter
illuminate Software	Steve Mosher
Caching Server Deployment Plan	Teresa Macri
OS X Updates	Rose Hobbs/Gerald Flournoy
Internet Filtering Update	Jason Greenberg
Did you know? (CAB)	Yamilette Williams
Help desk Information	Brenda Markley
Semester 2 Training	Yamilette Williams
Virtual Counselor Update	Phyllis Chasser

## Did You Know!!

We now have our own Atomic Learning Broward Portal with videos created just for us. Need more training on CAB?...AL can help.... Trouble using ESS?... step-by-step video tutorials on AL.

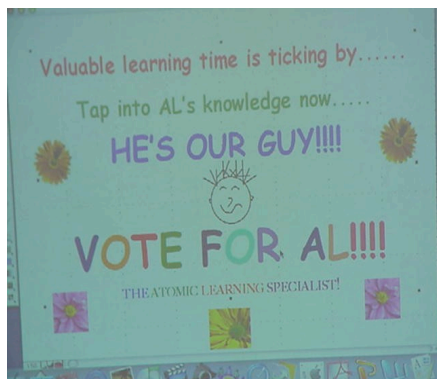


Check out the curriculum help under Lesson Plans. Broward now has complete access from ALtoKnowvation, Inc.'s award-winning *Teacher2Teacher Online Classroom Activity Library*. The library includes activities that provide detailed instructions, sample projects, and planning sheets that can be used with students or as a "getting started" resource for new lesson plans. The approach and tone of the *Teacher2Teacher* resource materials supports problem-based learning and models best practices for learner-centered, hands-on skill acquisition.

You can also download a catalog of the objectives for each of the 120 lessons available.

Visit AL at:

<http://broward.atomiclearning.com>



Thanks for reading!  
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