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## Congratulations to the Top Ten VTRP Winners!

A Future Flash: How to be What You Want to Be When You Grow Up - Grades 3-5 (WebQuest) - Media Information Services by **Valerie Shook** from Coral Park Elementary.

American Sign Language "Help Desk" – Leave a Legacy - Grades 9-12 - Foreign Language by **Cheryl Zuckerman** from Dillard High School.

Explaining the Scientific Method using Palm Pilots, Probeware, and Laptops - Grades 9-12 - Science by **Claudia Bostwick** from Miramar High School.

Let's Change the Copyright Law - Grades 9-12 - Social Studies by **Andrea Angelucci** and **Betty Wirth** from Blanche Ely High.

Native Floridian WebQuest: Life in 1404 or 2004 - Grades 3-5 - Social Studies by **Randy Stephen** from Nob Hill Elementary.

Is There Anybody Out There? - Grades 3-5 - Science by **Debbie Adams** from Country Isles Elementary.

The Harlem Renaissance - Grades 9-12 - Language Arts by **Yvette McMahon** from Miramar High School.

Why Create? - Grades 9-12 - Fine and Performing Arts by **Gregory Zolna** from Pompano Beach High School.

Drugs and Teens - Grades 6-8 - Health and Physical Education by **Fern Brooker** from Sawgrass Springs Middle.

Life's Big Questions: Vol. III - Grades 9-12 - Interdisciplinary by **Ralph Bucci** from Flanagan High School.

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# Wizard of the Month



**Debbie Wallace**

Markham Elementary  
VTRP 2002-2003 Winner

## Multimedia to Learn Textbook Science

No FORCE needed to get 6th graders into MOTION in this engaging multimedia project. While the textbook serves as a basis for learning key scientific concepts, students use hands-on technologies (such as Inspiration and presentation software) and a yo-yo to explore force and motion.



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

## Spark in the Park

### A Technology Staff Development Event

Customer Staff Development Services (CSDS) invites a member of each school's technology support staff to attend this special technology Staff Development event that will take place on **Friday, May 21, 2004**, at Volunteer Park, 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd, Plantation Florida. The seminar will start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be included for registered participants.

Those who support the infrastructure and technical needs of our schools and departments will receive information on technology projects that affect school operations for the 2004-2005 school year.

Each site must complete the on-line registration form for all participants at <http://web/tlc>. Click on the *Spark in the Park* registration link. Specific breakout sessions can be selected upon registration.

**The RSVP deadline is May 14, 2004. If more information is needed, please contact Dr. Jeanine Gendron, Director, Customer Staff Development Services at 754-321-0475.**

## VTRP - A Districtwide Success

**Congratulations to ALL who submitted to VTRP. Over 70 plans were received this year!** Our students will be the ultimate winners because of YOU! Top submitters and their winning plans will be showcased and awarded technology-based prizes at a recognition ceremony on May 28, 2004 in the Board Room at KCW. Special guests will include Dr. Till, Board members, principals, family and friends, and, of course, our winners!

Current submissions will soon be available in our database of Best Practices Integrating Technology into Teaching and Learning at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices>.

Be certain to check out our entire collection of lessons, project plans, and WebQuests developed by some of our finest Broward teachers!



## Vendors Who Supported VTRP 2004

CSDS would like to thank the vendors and their representatives for their generous support of gifts and prizes that helped make VTRP 2004 such a success.

**Thanks so much!**

Patti Vogel & **Apple Computers**, Lisa Dreyer & **Compass Learning**, Barbara Cherin & **Dell Computers**, Barry Sugarman & **Epson America, Inc.**, Judy Matson & **Fuji Photo Film U. S. A., Inc.**, Laura Gallagher & **Inspiration Software, Inc.**, Kevin Merz & **Kinko's**, Linda Dennis & **PC TeachIt**, Allen Burgtorf & **Riverdeep, Inc.**



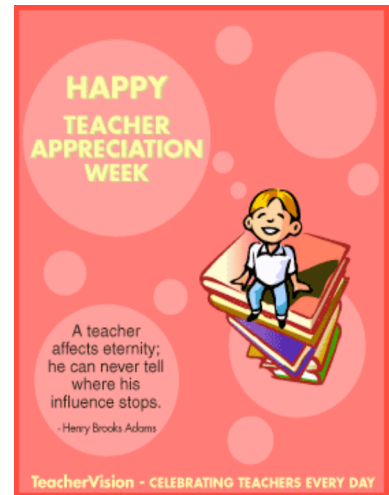
### Web sites of the Month

[http://www.shopa.org/shopa\\_foundation/best\\_practices.php](http://www.shopa.org/shopa_foundation/best_practices.php)

Check out this Kids in Need web site for Best Practice Lesson Plans in Art, History, Language, Math Science, Social Studies & Miscellaneous. The plans are succinct, yet provide all the necessary components.

Kids in Need Teacher Grants are also available for K-12 teachers. Check it out at:

[http://www.shopa.org/shopa\\_foundation/teacher\\_programs.php](http://www.shopa.org/shopa_foundation/teacher_programs.php)



## Kudos Corner

We'd like to acknowledge...**Rona Somers & Karen Stern** of **Sandpiper Elementary** for their project and WebQuest -

### Buddy Learners Discover Butterflies & Butterfly WebQuest: A Family Reunion

There's nothing like teamwork! Rona Somers and Karen Stern are proof of that! Over the years, Rona and Karen have been very active in their quest to infuse technology effectively into their curriculum. Their ability to do so has been the result of the support and inspiration they provide each other. Both have attended DETA One and DETA Two and have been active participants in the DETA Learning Community. Together they draw upon each other's strengths to develop, plan, and implement lessons and projects that support both the Sunshine State Standards and the National Educational Technology Standards. Evidence of their work can be found in TWO projects submitted this year for the Virtual Technology Recognition Project: **Buddy Learners Discover Butterflies** and **Butterfly WebQuest: a Family Reunion**.



Be sure to check them out when they become available the end of May at Best Practices Integrating Technology into Teaching and Learning (<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices>).

# **Congratulations and Thank You for a Successful First Year of the DETA Learning Community!**

Nearly fifty teachers “Kept the Digital Fires Burning” by participating in the DETA Learning Community this year. Participants met at different schools throughout the year, sharing best practices and collaborating with one another in the development of their Virtual Technology Recognition Projects. As the year progressed, the program developed into a true “learning community” of communication and collaboration. Teachers supported one another in the challenges of trying new digital tools and strategies and celebrated their successes with one another.

Special congratulations go out to the 34 teachers who submitted their projects to the Virtual Technology Recognition Project (VTRP) and completed all of the requirements to earn their 30 inservice points.

The DETA Learning Community would not have been successful without the support of the principals who opened their schools by hosting a Learning Community session and the vendors who sponsored each meeting by providing refreshments and incentives for participants. We would like to take this special opportunity to thank them for their support:

| <b>Meeting</b> | <b>School</b>                         | <b>Principal</b>                  | <b>Vendor/Sponsor</b>                             |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| October 16     | Challenger Elementary School          | <b>Ms. Kathleen Goldstein</b>     | <b>Kinko’s</b>                                    |
| November 5 & 6 | South Plantation High School          | <b>Mr. Joel Herbst</b>            | <b>Riverdeep</b>                                  |
| November 20    | Tamarac Elementary School             | <b>Ms. Nancy Seiler</b>           | <b>Compass Learning</b>                           |
| December 11    | BECON                                 | <b>Dr. Phyllis Schiffer-Simon</b> | <b>Friends of BECON</b>                           |
| January 15     | Piper High School                     | <b>Mr. Anthony Taylor</b>         | <b>Apple Computers</b>                            |
| February 5     | Robert Arthur Ashe, Jr. Middle School | <b>Mr. Johnny Duncombe</b>        | <b>Apple Computers</b>                            |
| February 19    | Monarch High School                   | <b>Ms. Kathy Collins</b>          | <b>netTrekker</b>                                 |
| March 18       | Sawgrass Springs Middle School        | <b>Ms. Adeline Andreano</b>       | <b>Epson</b>                                      |
| April 15       | Nob Hill Elementary School            | <b>Dr. Patricia Patterson</b>     | <b>Epson, Kinko’s, Nob Hill Elementary School</b> |

See the next page for more on the DETA Learning Community





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



Grace Fernandez and Steven Fernandez from Flanagan High School helped by taking pictures and video.



Brenda O'Neal from Northside Elementary always had a smile to share!



Claudette McAplin works hard to complete the end-of-year survey online.



Adrienne Nelson from Northeast High School talks about her project.



Angela Tucker, Nob Hill El.; Ronette Yarborough, Tedder El.; Winnica McLean, Broward Estates El.; and Susan Slimack, North Lauderdale El. were the big winners at the end-of-year raffle drawing. These teachers were eligible for the drawing because they completed and submitted a project-based learning plan to VTRP.

The DETA Learning Community is an initiative of the Customer Staff Development Services/Student Support department, Dr. Jeanine Gendron, Director. The DETA Learning Community will resume meeting in the fall of 2004 and welcomes new members. Any teacher who has taken one or both Digital Education Teacher Academy (DETA) courses is invited to participate. Details about next year's program will be publicized in Tech TALK and via district announcements and flyers.

# Maximize the potential of the CAB E-mail system!



*Roadside Assistance* is only a *TIP* away!



**Coming soon** is a new TIPS Conference that will assist you in fully utilizing the capabilities available to you in the CAB E-mail system.

## How will this work?

**(For a period of time) CAB TIPS** will be mailed to all CAB users on a weekly basis. **TIPS** are created as a result of the most commonly asked questions and issues presented to the CAB Q&A Conference. Once the **TIP** is mailed, it will remain available through the “**TIPS Conference**” located in the CAB Q&A for future reference.

## What kind of tips will be available?

Some **TIPS** that will be available include:

- Effective organization of your mailbox
- Simple steps to scheduling meetings and tasks
- Organizing your Address Book
- Customizing your Toolbar

The **TIPS** conference is **not a replacement** of end-user training, but rather a supplement - a “**Did You Know?**”

We hope you will find this tool a valuable resource and welcome suggestions and TIPS from all. If you would like to submit a TIP, it will be reviewed for content, quality of presentation, and utility by the TIPS Review Team. If it meets the TIPS team criteria, it will be made available to the district.

Soon you will be able to direct your suggestions and TIPS to the CAB TIPS Suggestions Conference. (You can enter CAB TIPS in the “To” line of your message to locate this conference.

See Page 7 for the first **TIP** - How to create a “phone message” template.



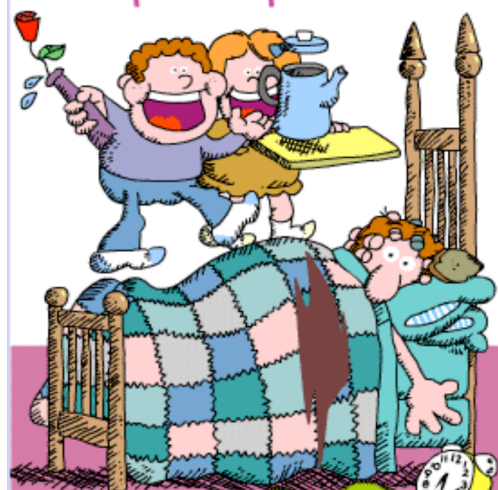
## Atomic Learning CONTESTS

Through the month of May students K-12 can access one of two contests hosted on Broward Schools' Atomic Learning portal.

Have your student's login to Atomic Learning <http://broward.atomiclearning.com> and select the CONTESTS link on the left. Students should then select either the ELEMENTARY contest or MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL contest. Contest rules are available on the web site. Winners will be contacted before school ends!

**For those of you who are also mothers....**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**  
It's your day to relax.



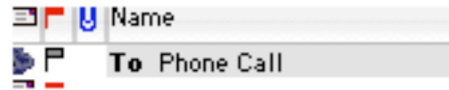
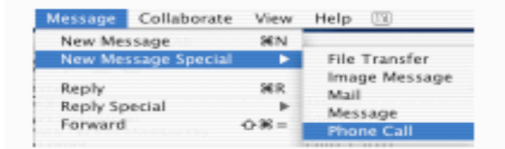


## CAB TIP #1: How to create a "phone message" template

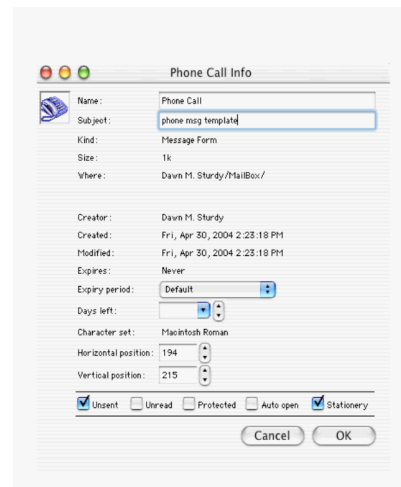
By default, to create a phone message, you have to select message>new message special>phone call, each time you need to generate a "phone message."

There is no shortcut or toolbar icon that can be used to accomplish this, so creating a template that can be used and reused is a recommended solution.

Select Message>New Message Special>Phone Call



Go to file>get info (mac) or file>properties (win). From the "get info" or "properties" window, give your "phone call" a name and subject and select "stationery" to make it a "template". Select "OK".



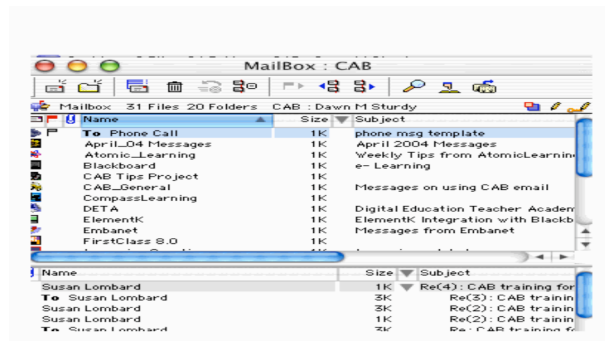
When the "phone call" window opens, close it immediately. (see screen shot below)



Your "phone call" template will now appear with your folders and not with your messages. You can use this template over and over again by selecting it each time you need to generate a "phone call" message. (see screen shot below)

If your mailbox has a split view, the newly closed "draft" phone call" message will appear with your messages and not with your folders. (See the CAB TIP on Splitting your window)

Select the draft "phone call" message (see screen shot at the beginning of the next column).





# Whole School DETA Implementations Produce Results

## Pompano Beach High School

Pompano Beach High School prepared for their move into a brand new, state-of-the-art facility by doing more than just packing. The entire faculty, including Principal, Mr. William Bell, all three Assistant Principals, the Guidance Counselors, Magnet Coordinator, physical education teachers, art teachers, science teachers, English and foreign language teachers... in fact all teachers... took the Digital Education Teacher Academy together. They used their time to plan ways to meaningfully engage students in higher order thinking, collaboration, and interdisciplinary learning. They also planned ways to maximize the impact of technology integration with the move to the new school building.

The hands-on, constructivist learning model of DETA engages teachers in designing project-based learning experiences to implement in their classrooms. As a result, students in Ms. Vanessa Bruton's Business Systems and Technology class wrote, illustrated, and published children's picture books for the "Create-A-Book" project which were shared with students at nearby elementary schools. Students in Mr. Jeff Williams's American History class created powerful multimedia presentations set to music in "Let the Music Move You... Through History!" Ms. Gregory Zolna's art students explored the timeless essential question of why humans are compelled to create in the WebQuest, "Why Create?"



State of the art computer labs

The move into the new school has facilitated the integration of technology with project-based learning for teachers and students. The state-of-the-art facility features wireless technology and multimedia wireless computer carts for anywhere, anytime learning.



PBHS students are ready for the real world!



The wireless laptop carts are up and running!



The new outdoor courtyard - wireless access and dining *al fresco*!

# Whole School DETA Implementations Produce Results

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## Blanche Ely High School

Congratulations! to Blanche-Ely High School which has had the greatest number of faculty members participate in the Digital Education Teacher Academy in the entire district! Through a whole school implementation, and faculty who attended DETA sessions at FAU, Blanche-Ely teachers continue to develop strategies for infusing technology with their curriculum.

Betty Wirth and Andrea Angelucci's project "Let's Change the Copyright Law" was one of the winning submissions to this year's Virtual Technology Recognition Project. Through the leadership of Principal, Dr. Wright and Assistant Principal, Mr. Marshall Thomas and a dedicated faculty, Ely looks forward to following the outstanding projects as they find success in the classrooms.



## Summer DETA Dates Set

Taking into consideration both the FAU and SBBC academic calendars, the following dates have been identified for summer 2004. Location and facilitation team remain undetermined at this time. Continue to check the DETA web site at: <http://web/etscsds/deta> for further information.

| BE #     | Date                        | Course Type | Capacity           |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 10222832 | June 21-25                  | DETA 1      | 80 (4 grps. of 20) |
| 10222898 | June 21-25                  | DETA Two    | 20                 |
| 10222840 | June 28-July 2              | DETA 1      | 80 (4 grps. of 20) |
| 10222900 | July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7 | DETA 1      | 20                 |
| 10222893 | July 12-16                  | DETA 1      | 80 (4 grps. of 20) |
| 10222896 | July 19-23                  | DETA 1      | 80 (4 grps. of 20) |
| 10222897 | July 26-30                  | DETA 1      | 80 (4 grps. of 20) |
| 10222899 | July 26-30                  | DETA Two    | 20                 |

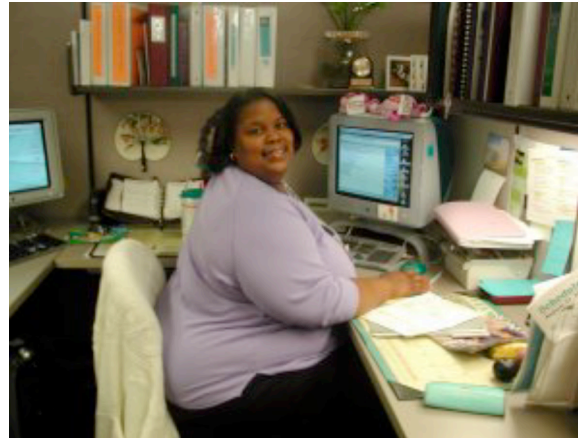




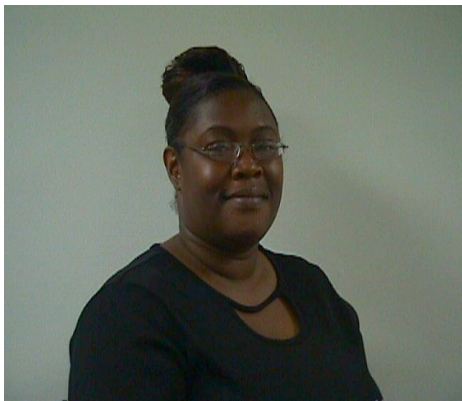
## CSDS Welcomes New Staff

Joining CSDS on May 7 are two dynamic employees from elsewhere in the district.

**Shernell Dozier** will be transferring from Piper High School and filling the Customer Service Analyst IV position left open after Donna Crumb retired last year. Shernell has worked in various schools and departments within the district - Walker Elem., HRD, Multicultural Education, Magnet Program Office, Strategic Planning - for over 17 years and has served as a trainer for several course offerings at Wingate Oaks Technology Labs.



Shernell enjoys singing, listening to music, home decorating & decorating shows (a fanatic!!), computers, reading inspirational books, and enjoying life, it's a Gift!!



**Dayna Mullings-Jones** will be leaving the Switchboard and taking the Clerk Specialist IV position. Instead of answering phones for the entire county, she will now be answering the phone for CSDS. She has also been a DPC at Westpine Middle School.

What Dayna has liked best about her jobs, "...the variety of tasks involved...and the opportunity to deal with many District employees and parents." Three words that describe her best: straight-forward, caring and giving.

Dayna also says that if she won the lottery, "I'd get out my list and start making some calls! Her motto: Laugh when you can!



### Remember:

Your CAB accounts are active throughout the summer. Please **DO NOT** turn on the "out of office" preference setting!

Thanks!

This is our last issue of Tech TALK for the 2003-04 school year. Thanks so much for all the support we've received from across the district! See you in August.



Thanks for reading!  
Rose Parsons, Editor