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## Atomic Learning Curriculum Integration Training Coming Soon

### Capture the excitement!

Integrate technology in your classroom. Discover how Atomic Learning supports curriculum integration.

Two instructional staff members from each school will be selected to attend staff development training on integrating Atomic Learning into the curriculum. Upon completion, participants will have received the necessary resources to share this information with their peers.

Your Principal will receive a memo regarding this staff development. Consult your Principal if you are interested in attending this staff development opportunity.

The Atomic Learning course outline includes:

- Modeling a lesson plan
- Exploring resources
- Utilizing technology resources with existing lesson plans
- Aligning standards to lesson plans

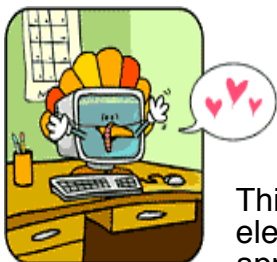
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## Web site of the Month

<http://www.missmaggie.org>

Maggie's Earth Adventures

This site provides free online lessons, animated stories and games for elementary school teachers and students. You may find some of the activities appropriate for middle school as well.

The stories and activities that comprise each unit introduce students to actual environmental issues and motivate students to delve deeper into the issues presented. Standards based activities are also a part of each of these adventures. Teachers will find online activities and printable lessons in the Teachers' Lounge section to correlate with the animated stories. Requires the Flash plug in.



# ***Wizard of the Month***



**John Gibson**

Eagle Ridge Elementary  
VTRP 2002-2003 Winner

## ***Story Grammar-Hyperstudio Presentation in Literature***

How does one increase reading comprehension, vocabulary AND a student's motivation to read? Simple! Just follow the steps in this lesson as students map their way through literature using a 'story grammar' format and use a few technology tools that bring learning to life!

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

## **Tech Tip of the Month**

Webpage layout tips by Judy Turboss:

When you design your site, keep five basic rules in mind.

1. Keep your design **simple** and **informative**. Pages must load as fast as possible. Otherwise, visitors will simply go elsewhere.
2. Keep your navigation menu simple.
3. Know your target audience. Most people don't connect with high-speed Internet connections. It's important not to pack your site full of flash and fluff when it's going to take too long to load. Have information for parents, students & staff members. Pictures and information about students get the students to visit the site.
4. Set realistic goals for your site in terms of what you want. Don't start out thinking you have to have a drop-dead gorgeous site with tons of features. Let it grow like a seed.
5. The most important aspect is to **update often!**

## **School Web Site Acknowledgement**

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is highlighted this month for its school web site. Check it out at:

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/douglashigh>

Not only does this site provide eye appeal, it also provides access to a complete repertoire of resources for staff, students, and parents.

The Student Research button links to the District's online databases and other sites for references, news, weather, libraries, and curriculum links. The Technology Training button links to Broward's Atomic Learning Portal where students, staff and parents can learn how to use particular software programs.

**Congratulations** go to the web master and everyone who provides input to make this site super!

If you'd like to nominate a school's web site for this column, please email the URL and key points of how technology infusion is highlighted in the site to [rose.parsons@browardschools.com](mailto:rose.parsons@browardschools.com).



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



**Next Meeting....Model Lessons/Project Based Learning  
Thursday, November 20 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Tamarac  
Elementary School, 7601 N. University Drive, Tamarac, FL.**

**December 11 Learning Community will be at BECON!**

We had a wonderful turnout for our first Learning Community meeting of this year. Thank you EVERYONE for attending and showing your support!



in a hands-on demonstration classroom targeted for the elementary, middle, or high school. We'll also have time to share your and our ideas for extending projects!

So what are you waiting for? Remember to RSVP to Margaret-Peggy Livingston your intention to attend the November Learning Community meeting so that we may plan for sufficient materials and refreshments!

A special thanks goes to Compass Learning who will be sponsoring our November program!

See you soon!

Our on-line Blackboard Learning Community should be accessible by the November meeting. In the meantime, handouts and resources from the October meeting are posted in your CAB Instructional Resources conference. The files are attached to the message called "DETA Learning Community" which reside in the folder for Oct. 20 to Oct. 24.

If you missed the Oct. 16th meeting, you can download all of the handouts and resources we gave out and not be more than one step behind your fellow DETA Learning Community members on implementing the new Atomic Learning initiative with your students, parents, and staff!

## November 20

We'll break into smaller groups for the heart of our meeting. You'll have the choice of attending one of three National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) model lessons

## Thank You, Kinko's!

We would like to THANK Kinko's who sponsored the October 16 DETA Learning Community by providing food, drink, and special prizes for all the participants.



One lucky teacher won a large size "Student of the Month" poster to display at her school every month for one entire school year.

# DETA Dates for November & December

Get **FIRED up** with knowledge, resources, and tools to help you integrate technology into your curriculum through the **Digital Education Teacher Academy**. Please make sure you enroll at FAU and register for the course in HRMS before attending. DETA dates during the month of January and February are as follows:

BE NUMBER	DATES CLASS WILL BE HELD	LOCATION
BE 10173963	January 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7	DETA ONE - FAU Davie Campus
BE 10174043	February 14, 21, 28 March 6, 20	DETA ONE - FAU Davie Campus

An Open House will be held on December 3, 2003 at FAU Davie to register for DETA. A flyer with all DETA BE numbers for the 2003-04 school year and dates of the Open House meetings where you can enroll is provided at the end of Tech TALK.

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## ***You are Invited to Join the Kids Who Read! Telecollaborative Project!***

Have your schools registered to participate in the Kids Who Read! interactive literacy project? There are no fees involved to participate and it is a great opportunity for all children to read and write together.

The goal of the *Kids Who Read!* project is to get students

excited about reading and writing. During *Kids Who Read!*, students from around the world will have the opportunity to communicate online with participating authors who write books for children and young adults.

[Downloadable curriculum](#) will be available from the *Kids Who Read!* Web site, including reading and writing projects that teachers can incorporate into their classrooms at any time, as well as lesson plans directly related to the authors and their selected books.

This project will highlight National Book Award Finalist [Gary Soto](#), author of *Baseball in April*; [Sharon Flake](#), author of *The Skin I'm In*;

[Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard](#), author of *Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys*; RITA award winner [Lurlene McDaniel](#), author of *Garden of Apples*; [Robert Munsch](#), author of *Love You Forever*; and [Frank Asch](#), author of *Moonbear*. The authors have published several other titles that can be seen on the *Kids Who Read!* Web site as well.

Log onto the Web site at <http://kwr-connect.net/index.html> to get the latest author updates and to register to join the project. Beginning on November 1st, students can go online and submit their opinions on the greatest book of all time. They will also be able to read about the selected authors and their work. Then, during the week of November 17-21, the authors will be online to answer students' questions about their writing.

□ *Kids Who Read!* also supports the No Child Left Behind agenda by providing an authentic purpose for reading, discussing, questioning, and writing.



Thanks for reading!  
Rose Parsons, Editor



# DIGITAL EDUCATION TEACHER ACADEMY

2003 - 2004

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Is *HERE!* Do you have a Digital Strategy?

AN INTENSIVE TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE COURSE FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS



"No Child Left Behind" Act states that by 2006 every eighth grade student shall be technologically literate (Section 2402 (b)(2)(a)).

## Attention Classroom Teachers!

Come together as a team to learn and collaborate on best practices in integrating technology into the curriculum.

### FAU GRADUATE COURSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SBBC

**TUITION WILL BE PAID BY SBBC!**

**For Instructional Staff Only!**

Graduate Credits (3 Hours)

Held at FAU Campus – 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

**Description:** Participants of the Digital Education Teacher Academy (DETA) will explore technology to improve student achievement in the core curriculum areas; learn strategies for integrating technology that can be incorporated into daily practice; and learn how to use new technologies such as Internet-based curriculum and digital tools. Participants will also receive a digital toolbox of resources (software, CDs, online subscriptions and more!) and receive follow-up support.

**STEP 1: BE COMFORTABLE USING TECHNOLOGY**

**STEP 2: CHOOSE A DATE AND BUSINESS EVENT NUMBER AND HAVE AN INSERVICE FACILITATOR REGISTER YOU**

**STEP 3: MUST ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE EVENT TO ENROLL AT FAU AND REGISTER FOR CLASS**

DETA 2003-2004 FAU OPEH HOUSE & COUSE CALENDAR

BE NUMBER	OPEN HOUSE FAU Davie Student Activity Ctr. 4:30pm	DATES CLASS WILL BE HELD	LOCATION (As posted)
BE 10173792	Oct. 22	November 8, 15, 22 December 6, 13	DETA ONE FAU Davie-
BE 10174072	Oct. 22	November 8, 15, 22 December 6, 13	DETA TWO Tamarac Elem.
BE 10173963	Dec. 3	January 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7	DETA ONE Location TBA
BE 10174043	Jan. 3	February 14, 21, 28 March 6, 20	DETA ONE Location TBA
BE 10174048	Mar. 3	March 27, April 3, 17, 24, 30	DETA ONE Location TBA
BE 10174065	Mar. 24	April 5 – 9 (Spring Break)	DETA ONE Location TBA
BE 10174097	Mar. 24	April 5 – 9 (Spring Break)	DETA TWO Location TBA
BE 10174052	Apr. 21	May 8, 15, 22, 29 June 5	DETA ONE Location TBA

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<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/etscsds/deta/> or [web/deta](http://web/deta)

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