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Broward Well Represented at FETC

Several Broward County Schools' personnel presented informative workshops and/or concurrent sessions at the Florida Educational Technology Conference (FETC) held in Orlando at the end of January.

Ann Ayers – Monarch High and **Jeff Ayers** – Core Curriculum - presented a session entitled: *Communicate, Learn, Interact, Create: Introducing CLIC & Project Cam.*

Ramon Dawkins – Principal at Oriole Elementary - presented: *Using Benchmark Assessments to Make Data Actionable for Instruction.*

Jeanine Gendron – Customer Staff Development Services, **Angela Coluzzi** – Education Technology Services, and **Nancy Barba** – Program Development & Alignment - explained *Changing the Learning*

Environment for our Students: Vision into Action.

David Lazerson, **Larry Bisceglia**, and **Andrea Wilk** – all from The Quest Center presented: *Yes I Can! Involving Profound Special Needs Students In Learning.*

Rick Reece – Customer Staff Development Services - conducted a two-day workshop entitled: *Streamline your Web Design* and also presented a session called *Harnessing the Power of Collaboration.*

Michele Rivera, **Peggy Livingston**, **Sally House** and **Jeanine Gendron** – all from Customer Staff Development Services - presented *Sparking Digital Fires through the Digital Education Teacher Academy!*

Cheryl Zuckerman – Dillard High - *Help Desk Project: Leave a Legacy.*

**Software
 got you
 stuck?
 Ask AL.**



<http://broward.atomiclearning.com>

Web-based software training & support.

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Wizards of the Month



Fern Brooker
Health Teacher

Sawgrass Springs Middle

VTRP 2003-2004 Winner

“Drugs and Teens”



Fern Brooker, health educator, Sawgrass Springs Middle. submitted **Drugs and Teens**, a thought-provoking, highly engaging series of activities leading middle school students to understand that saying **NO** to Drugs means **YES** to living a healthy, productive, and successful life! After researching the effects drugs can have on one’s development, students shared their findings with their peers through a variety of innovative and creative approaches.



Cheryl Zuckerman’s student, Chris, teaches Mrs. Williams sign language.

Cheryl Zuckerman

Foreign Language

Dillard High School

VTRP 2003-2004 Winner

**American Sign Language “Help Desk” –
Leave a Legacy**

A picture is worth a thousand words for Dillard High students through an Internet-based project initiative: **American Sign Language “Help Desk” – Leave a Legacy.**

Students *in Cheryl Zuckerman’s* American Sign Language classes I and II capitalize on Blackboard, a web-based server software platform, to keep up with lessons if absent or to use an additional resource for remediation, reinforcement, or enrichment!

More importantly, students *leave their legacy* as they apply their ASL skills to produce and maintain content via this online delivery system throughout the school year for other students to access anytime and anywhere there’s Internet connectivity!

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



How do I do that? AL CAN HELP!

Atomic Learning is a district license with full access to short, on-line, video tutorials that show you how to use many of the software applications you have in your classroom.

Does your class use graphic organizers? Atomic Learning can help you learn **Inspiration** or **Kidspiration** (K – 5). **AL is available 24/7.**

Are you taking a class on **Blackboard** and could use a little help with navigation? Atomic Learning has short, easy videos that can show you the way.

Is your school using a **Promethean** board? Atomic Learning can guide you step-by- step to utilize all the features of this dynamic tool!

How do you get to Atomic Learning?

Click on the following link: <http://broward.atomiclearning.com>

Login with your CAB ID

Password for all Employees = **broward**

Atomic Learning also has a curriculum tab filled with lesson plans and other valuable resources.

Need more information? Would you like a training at your school?

Contact: Kristine Haller
Customer Staff Development Services
754. 321.0448

Teachers & Students - Keep on using this great resource!

The following schools have used Atomic Learning the most since the start of the school year (2004-2005):

1. Miramar High
2. Deerfield Beach Elementary
3. (tie) Tedder Elementary & Pine Ridge Alternative Center



Congratulations!

Keep the Digital Fires Burning!

In the 2004-2005 DETA Learning Community!

What is the DETA Learning Community?

It's a hands-on, digital support group for sharing best practices and helping teachers create dynamic learning environments for students that integrate technology into the curriculum.

**All sessions will be held at the
Rock Island Professional Development Center
2301 NW 26th Street,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Spring 2005 DETA LC sessions begin February 16 and 17 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Rock Island Professional Development Center, rooms 301 and 1201. This longer time span will allow for best practice sharing, demonstrations, hands-on practice and development of technology-infused projects.

Virtual Technology Recognition Project (VTRP), assistance will be available every session from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Fifteen Inservice points are available for DETA LC attendance and follow up. You must sign up via the HRMS system, attend at least three different sessions, and complete all follow up activities. The BE # is 10286738

For more information, directions and a map to Rock Island Center, follow the link on the DETA LC Home Page at http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/etscsds/deta/deta_LC.htm

All DETA LC participants are eligible for free licenses to netTrekker. Get the details at each meeting!

DETA LC

The next step for DETA Grads!

Come join the excitement!



DETA LC Feb. & Mar. Dates & Topics

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

Alternative Assessment Strategies using Multimedia
by Coby Enteen and Joanna Hayes

OR

Developing Your Own WebQuest - All the tools to get you started creating your own WebQuests!
by Ralph Buccì

Thursday, February 17, 2005

Rock on With Garage Band -
Turn your computer into a recording studio!
by Rick Reece

OR

Advanced Digital Storytelling with iPhoto
by Michele Rivera and Kristine Haller

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Digital Communications - Advanced CAB for Teachers - Productivity tools to make your life easier!
by Dawn Sturdy

OR

Advanced Appleworks Presentation Strategies for the Classroom - Every student can create dynamic, interactive projects quickly and easily!
by Charlotte Cannizzaro

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Advanced Power Point in the Classroom
by Yamilette Williams

OR

Raising Infotectives: Getting Students to Think Using The Research Process Model!
by Michele Rivera

April dates are posted on the DETA LC web site and will appear in the March Tech TALK

FETC Highlights and Valuable Web Sites



Several members of the CSDS staff attended the Florida Educational Technology Conference in January and would like to share some of the accessible resources and information that was gleaned from the sessions attended.

Digital Devices

Alphasmart “Dana” – This one-to-one computer solution utilizes the Palm operating system along with wireless technology to connect to network and Web resources. The strength of this product lies in its affordability, durability, and versatility. The “Dana” ships with word-processing and other productivity tools, keyboarding, Inspiration, Filemaker Pro Mobile, digital graphing tools, and many other software applications.

Web-based Products

Grokker – This dual platform, content clustering tool affords both students and teachers the ability to organize search results from major search engines such as Google and the Library of Congress. The unique functionality of this tool lies in its highly usable graphical interface, which allows the user to access specific content in a simplistic manner by clicking on circles containing various categories of information. For more information, see their site at <http://www.grokker.com>

Learning Point Associates – This for-profit company has purchased the NcREL, SEIR-TEC, and other regional consortium research content. The federal government has discontinued funding for regional educational “think tank” organizations and they will be dismantled in the near future. All previous content will remain free of charge, however, future research materials will require a fee.

Software

GarageBand - Part of the iLife products from Apple, this program lets you easily perform, record and create your own music. You can record multiple tracks at the same time, sing as you play the guitar, harmonize with your best singing bud or jam with the band, and GarageBand will record every note. After recording, you can view the tracks in full music notation and fine tune your recordings. For more information, go to <http://www.apple.com>.

Web Sites

<http://www.fledtools.com> - Although this is a vendor site for Florida Educational Tools, Inc., some FCAT resources and practice exams are available for all levels. You can also sign up for their free monthly e-newsletter - FCAT Impact.

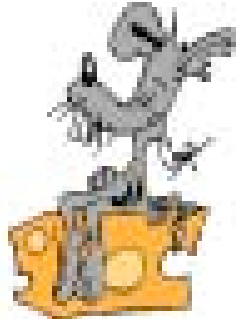
<http://www.wam.umd.edu/~toh/templates> - Tom and Mary O’Haver have put together some easy-to-use templates to assist in producing web-publishable multimedia projects. Using these templates, content can be emphasized rather than web skills and graphics, images and sounds can be incorporated with only beginner technology skills. Step-by-step tutorials are also included on the web site above.

eSchool News selected 50 conference attendees to become part of the press and report on the sessions at FETC 2005. You can read the session reviews these reporters filed on the eSchool News’ Conference Information Center at the following web site: <http://www.eschoolnews.com/cic/fetc/blog/2005/01/000622.php>

For more information, click on the FETC web site below and then click on Virtual Handouts. <http://www.fetc.org>

Are you an E-mail pack rat ?

Do you let messages pileup in your mailbox? What will happen if you have too many? To ensure that CAB's resources are shared equally by everyone in the District, each CAB user has been allocated 500 MB of disk space on the centralized server at ETS.



So, check your disk space frequently and don't let it get to more than 250 MB before you begin saving, then deleting your messages.

It's easy to find out if you are getting close to your space limit.

At your limit of 500 MB, you will not be able to send mail – but you will be able to receive messages. At 1000 MB, you will be locked out of the E-mail system, until you save and then delete messages from your mailbox. While you are locked out, those sending you E-mail will receive an “undeliverable” message and you will be unable to receive or send messages.

- Log on to your CAB E-mail account.
- Double-click on the BCPS Resources icon (conference).
- Double-click on the “disk space” icon.

For more information, refer to Message Management/Archiving. You will find it at: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/cab/learninresources.htm>.

TLC February Broadcast

Information for TLCs will be posted on the TLC web site on February 24, 2005. A few topics to look for are:

- School Based Servers
- Updates from HRMS
- Status of the OS Upgrades
- Wireless Network Equipment
- Things to know about Video Conferencing
- News on Wiring Portables

Check it out at: <http://web/tlc>

CAB Training is for You

Don't be left by the roadside – sign-up for CAB training today! Customer Staff Development Services offers monthly trainings at Wingate Oaks Center. You'll find a copy of the training schedule posted each month on the internet <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/etscsds/trainingcalendars.htm>. Training schedules are also posted in several CAB conference areas.

Too busy to attend training? Check out the CAB Video Tutorial Library at <http://broward.atomiclearning.com>.

Web Site of the Month



<http://www.vocabulary.com>

This is an excellent resource for vocabulary activities based on Greek and Latin roots.

Inspiration and Kidspiration District Licensing Has Arrived!



The district recently obtained a large number of Inspiration and Kidspiration software licenses provide instructional staff and students with direct access to dynamic concept mapping and curriculum integration tools.

This software affords both teachers and students the opportunity to organize, outline, conceptualize, and present information in a manner that is developmentally appropriate, academically enriching, and visually appealing. Students can build graphic organizers to represent concepts and relationships and use the integrated outlining capability.

Schools received installation instructions and the applications should be available for use by teachers and students beginning in March. A teacher-focused, staff development program will be offered to meet the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) guidelines and assist teachers with incorporating National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) into the curriculum.

Look for specific Inspiration and Kidspiration training information and resources in the March Edition of Tech TALK.



Presentation Templates Abound on Internet

Are you tired of the same PowerPoint and/or Keynote backgrounds? Various sites on the Internet have free downloads of templates/backgrounds available to give you more options and variety. We've included some below.

PowerPoint Sites:

<http://www.soniacoleman.com/templates.htm>

<http://www.presentersuniversity.com>

<http://jc-schools.net/ppt.html>

Keynote Sites:

<http://www.keynotehq.com/downloads.shtml>

<http://www.keynoteuser.com/downloads/themes.html>

If you've found other sites and would like to share them in Tech TALK, please email Rose Parsons at Customer Staff Development Services. Thanks!



Teachers...Have You Taken DETA Yet?

Enroll Today!

The Digital Education Teacher Academy (DETA) is designed to provide contract teachers with strategies and resources to infuse technology into their teaching & learning environments.

If you are a teacher and haven't yet gone through DETA, many opportunities are available this school year and during the summer of 2005.

| BET 10127314 BE # | Dates Time: 8:30 a. - 4:00 p. | Course Type | Open House Registration - Presentation FAU Davie LA Bldg. Rm. 139 Starts at 4:30 p.m. Dates |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| 10254246 | March 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 | DETA 1 | March 2, 2005 |
| 10254325 | April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7 | DETA 1 | March 30, 2005 |
| 10254329 | June 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 | DETA 1 | May 25, 2005 |
| 10254330 | June 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 | DETA 1 | May 25, 2005 |
| 10254331 | June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30 | DETA 1 | May 25, 2005 |
| 10254332 | July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 | DETA 1 | May 25, 2005 |
| 10254333 | July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 | DETA 1 | May 25, 2005 |
| 10254335 | July 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 | DETA 1 | May 25, 2005 |

Prerequisite for DETA 1 -

Participants must have intermediate technology skills & meet all the criteria as listed on the DETA web site:

<http://www.coe.fau.edu/tlc/content/deta-index.htm> Attendance for all five, full days of training is required in order to receive credit for this FAU course.

For more information, please call Customer Staff Development Services at 754-321-0475 or visit the web site above.

**Happy Valentine's
Day!**



Thanks for reading!
Rose Parsons, Editor

VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY RECOGNITION PROJECT

A LESSON PLAN SHARING OPPORTUNITY

WANTED: TEACHERS ...

and your classroom-tested, **LESSON** and **PROJECT PLANS** that ...

- Infuse technology into the curriculum!
- Engage students in real-life problem solving experiences
- Provoke thoughtful inquiry
- Promote collaborative learning
- Support the Sunshine State Standards and National Educational Technology Standards



If this sounds like **YOU** ...

Here's your chance to **SHOW** and **SHARE** the **MAGIC** in your classroom through the **Virtual Technology Recognition Project 2004-2005!**

- Win **FABULOUS TECHNOLOGY PRIZES!**
 - Gain **Districtwide RECOGNITION...**
- For your **BEST PRACTICE**, ***NOW through May 27, 2005!***

For further information and project details log onto:
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices> or Contact

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