

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Mark your calendar!



April 21, 2008

Community of Practice Event Featuring Chris Toy

In Calgary at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Chris Toy, who presented at the Summer Institute this past August, will present again on “Leading Change”. Chris has been closely involved with Maine’s successful one-to-one laptop program.



April 22, 2008

Professional Learning Day

In Calgary at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
a professional learning day will be held in addition to the Community of Practice event. This day is designed to provide you with hands on professional learning activities in a variety of areas.

Anywhere, Anytime Learning Foundation (AALF) Spring Summit

In Calgary at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
This event for principals is also open to Emerge participants at no additional cost. AALF has invited Bette Manchester from Maine as a keynote speaker. For detailed program information, visit http://www.aalf.org/Events/cf_summits.aspx. Emerge participants can register for this event through the Emerge Community of Practice registration which will be open in early February.

Anne Davies Resource

At the Community of Practice event in November, Alberta Education distributed a copy of Anne Davies’ **Finding Proof of Learning** book. One copy per school was purchased. If your school did not receive your copy, please e-mail Karen Shipka at Karen.shipka@gov.ab.ca, with “Anne Davies Resource” in the subject line and your school’s mailing address in the body of the e-mail.

Research Update from Metiri

Jurisdictions are asked to ensure that students complete the online engagement survey and the self-regulated learning inventory (SLI) by January 18, 2008. Directions for the online surveys for teachers, administrators and points-of-contact will be sent out mid-January, with a request that they be completed by February 15, 2008.

Professional Learning Update from Galileo



The Galileo Education Network and Alberta Education are sponsoring “**Leading For Today’s Learners,**” a professional learning program for school administrators. The program will address emerging technologies, technology integration, the potential of technology to positively affect the learning environment and the “essential conditions” for technology integration. Participants will collaboratively develop a rubric for effective classrooms that integrate technology. These free two-day workshops will be held in Grande Prairie (January 22-23), Edmonton (January 28-29) and Calgary (February 11-12).

A one-day visioning event will also be held in Calgary on January 14, 2008. The visioning event will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss the effective implementation of technology and explore ways to create a vision for school level technology implementation.

The workshop brochure is available online at <http://www.galileo.org/ICT%20Principal%20Invitation.pdf>. For more information, please contact Brad Clarke, Education Manager with Stakeholder Technology Branch, at Bradley.Clarke@gov.ab.ca or by phone at (780) 427-0246. To register for the workshop, please contact Darlene Bridger at drbridge@ucalgary.ca or (403) 220-8942.

Please pass information about these workshops on to any principal, assistant principal, or vice principal in your school jurisdiction that would be interested in attending.

Highlighted Resources

Online Course Materials from Alberta Education

In the previous issue you received information regarding the resources and access to ‘Tools4Teachers’. Distributed Learning Resources Branch is developing the following courses online for September 2008.

The courses are divided into modules or units, and further divided into lessons, and those pieces can be used separately.

Available courses:

- Social Studies 6
- Mathematics 7
- Biology 20
- Biology 30 (field-test version)
- Chemistry 20
- Chemistry 30 (field-test version)
- Physics 20
- Physics 30 (field-test version)
- Social Studies 10-1
- Social Studies 10-2

Currently, there are also field-test versions of Biology 20, Chemistry 20, and Physics 20 available on the Tools4Teachers website.

Elevate 2008

Alberta Education is hosting Elevate 2008, an international educational videoconferencing event in August 2008 in Banff. This conference focuses on educational applications for videoconferencing and related technologies. Registration for this conference is now open, and an early-bird registration fee of \$275 is in effect from now until January 31, 2008. Please visit <http://www.vcalberta.ca/elevate2008> for more information and to register.

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