



April 21-22, 2008

Community of Practice Event – **Bring your Laptop**

The Community of Practice event is being held on April 21, 2008 at SAIT in Calgary. April 22, 2008 is a planned Professional Learning day and all project participants are welcome to join us for a day of hands-on learning. To register for the event please click [here](#). To see the agenda, please click [here](#).



Wiki Discussion Forums at 1to1alberta.ca

If you have not received your invitation to join the Emerge One-to-One wiki space at www.1to1alberta.ca, please contact Galileo at (403) 220-8942 or e-mail Alix or Darlene at galileonetwork@gmail.com as soon as possible. If you have not yet accepted your invitation and registered in the wiki – do it now! Many resources have been posted there for you to use.

The Wiki environment at <http://1to1alberta.ca> will be used for the presentation on the morning of April 21, 2008. Chris Toy will model effective teaching strategies using a wiki during his presentation.



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Summer Institute

The Emerge Summer Institute will be held at SAIT in Calgary. If you are booking rooms for the April Community of Practice event and are planning on attending the August event, consider pre-booking your room for August at that time. Click the link below for a list of hotels in the SAIT area. A list of hotels near SAIT is available [here](#) and a list of hotels offering government rates is available [here](#). (**Please Note: Registration confirmation for the event will be required to get the government rate.**)

News from Metiri Group

Thank you

The evaluators from the University of Calgary and Metiri Group would like to thank those of you who have completed the MTIPS surveys and encourage those who have not to complete it yet to please do so by March 7, 2008, the new due date.

Evaluation Webinar

The next evaluation webinar is March 7, 2007 from 9:00 to 10:00 am Mountain Time. The topic will be assessing critical thinking. Materials will be posted at <http://www.metiri.com/alberta.html>. Please come prepared to share, discuss, and comment. If you would like to share instruments or rubrics that you currently use, please send them to clemke@metiri.com to be posted prior to the webinar.

When: 03/07/2008 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Time Zone: Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Dial-In: 1-888-296-6500 **Pass-Code:** 322454#
To join the meeting: <http://metiri.acrobat.com/ae4/>



News from Galileo Education Network

Podcasts

Watch for podcasts in the www.1to1alberta.ca wiki spaces discussion forum. Current podcasts feature topics that include planning for and using Web 2.0 technologies in the one-to-one classroom, networking learners to enhance and extend their learning, and jurisdiction exemplars of teaching and learning 21st century skills. Registered users can post their own podcasts to the Community of Practice wiki.

Jurisdiction Sharing Sessions

The first online jurisdiction sharing sessions will be held April 23 and 24, 2008 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. The first session will feature Westwind School Division's Emerge project. Please register for the session via e-mail at galileonetwork@gmail.com or (403) 220-8942.

Creating 21st Century Learning Classrooms

One of the features that exemplify a 21st century classroom is the extent to which students are engaged in authentic work. Authentic work is a form of authentic pedagogy as it allows students to construct knowledge, engage in disciplined inquiry, and to engage in learning that connects to their lives beyond the walls of the school. But exactly what is meant by authentic work?

In the Emerge 1:1 Laptop Initiative all teachers have been provided with a membership to a design environment, Intelligence Online (io <http://www.iomembership.com>) that guides them through the design process to create authentic intellectual work for students. If you are experiencing difficulty accessing your membership, please contact Galileo at (403) 220-8942 or e-mail Alix or Darlene at galileonetwork@gmail.com.

Highlighted Resources

LearnAlberta.ca Update

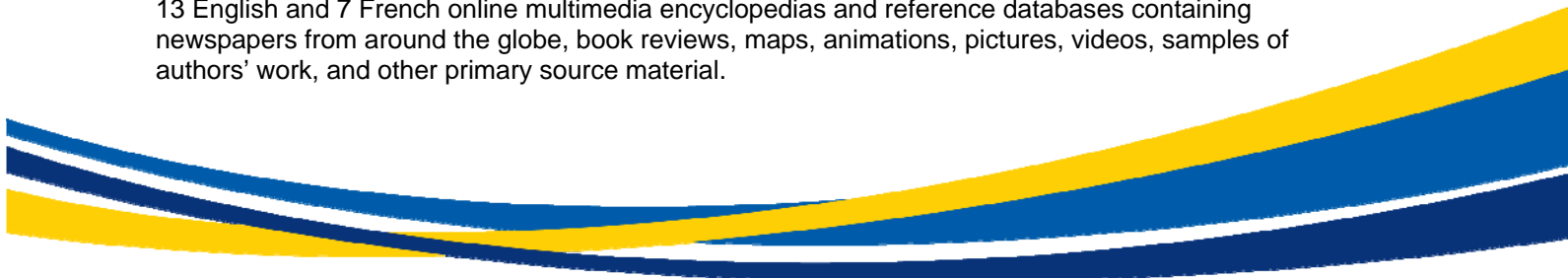
Gizmos

Within the science resources found on LearnAlberta.ca are a group of specialized learning resources called "Gizmos" that allow students to visualize and manipulate abstract ideas and concepts. The effectiveness of Gizmos was brought to the attention of the LearnAlberta.ca team through feedback made by Alberta teachers.

There are currently more than 170 Gizmos available through LearnAlberta.ca, licensed by Alberta Education from ExploreLearning and correlated them to specific outcomes in the science programs of study. A valid UserID and password is required in order to access the Gizmos.

Online Reference Centre

The Online Reference Centre (ORC) is a suite of online databases and multimedia encyclopedias, in both English and French, available through the LearnAlberta.ca website. The ORC currently features links to 13 English and 7 French online multimedia encyclopedias and reference databases containing newspapers from around the globe, book reviews, maps, animations, pictures, videos, samples of authors' work, and other primary source material.



Teachers and students find the ORC an invaluable resource and a safe place to start inquiry or research projects. Much of the content is Canadian and all of the content has been vetted for relevance in an educational context. In some cases, general correlations to specific Alberta programs of study have been made by the vendors to provide even more context for Alberta teachers and students. Many of the products are accessible using screen readers and have text-only options.

The databases licensed for the Online Reference Centre have been recommended by Alberta teachers. A valid UserID and password is required in order to access the ORC. If you are interested in providing feedback on any of the digital learning resources found on the LearnAlberta.ca website or in sharing any success stories or problems you encounter using the resources on LearnAlberta.ca, please contact Cathy Simpson, Stakeholder Involvement Manager, Learning Technologies Branch at Cathy.Simpson@gov.ab.ca.

APPLE CANADA welcomes you to join the Apple Learning Interchange

The Apple Learning Interchange is a social network for educators that features a wealth of content ranging from simple lesson ideas to in-depth K-12 curriculum units.

Users can create a free account to gain access to an environment for publishing and collaboration rich with movies, images and sounds. The Apple Learning Interchange can be accessed at <http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali>.

MICROSOFT's Innovative Teachers Network

The Innovative Teachers Network is part of the Innovative Teachers program, a global community of educators sponsored by Microsoft Partners in Learning. Through the Innovative Teachers Network, teachers can access lesson plans, how-to articles, inquiry-based student projects, and step-by-step implementation instructions—the tools needed to help create a technology-rich environment. Through working in a worldwide network of portals in the familiar Microsoft Office SharePoint environment, teachers can participate in online discussions and create virtual project teams with other innovative teachers in participating countries around the globe.

To take a tour or become a member and start enjoying the benefits today, visit the [Innovative Teachers Network](#) page and select a country from the drop-down menu. On the selected country page, you will find information about upcoming events, new tools, and dates for the Innovative Teachers Forums.


SMART Learning Marketplace

SMART Technology Inc. has announced the release of the SMART Learning Marketplace, a content subscription service of learning resources for lesson creation. The Web-based service offers access to more than one million professionally developed, copyright-cleared multimedia learning resources through SMART Technologies Inc. and Cambridge University Press. The search engine options allow educators to search by subject area, curriculum, or grade level to find images, text documents, audio files, video clips and learning objects. Subscribers can search from SMART Notebook collaborative learning software or the SMART education solutions Web site. The service is also integrated with the SMART Board Interactive whiteboard. For more information, visit <http://www.education.smarttech.com/ste/en-us/>.

TakingITGlobal

TakingITGlobal.org is an online community that connects youth to find inspiration, access information, get involved, and take action in their local and global communities. TakingITGlobal's highly interactive website provides a platform for expression, connection to opportunities, and support for action. More information on TakingITGlobal is available at <http://www.takingitglobal.org/about/>.

A link to TakingITGlobal's feature resource on Aboriginal Canada is available [here](#).



Elevate 2008

Alberta Education is hosting Elevate 2008, an international educational videoconferencing event, August 24-27, 2008 in Banff. This conference focuses on educational applications for videoconferencing and related technologies.

Elevate 2008 will feature four leading-edge keynote presenters:

- Dr. Etienne Wenger , a globally recognized thought leader in the field of communities of practice and co-author of the “Technology for Communities” weblog;
- Carol Daunt, an experienced educator and businesswoman who has been a visionary in the design, application and effective use of eCollaboration technologies;
- Julia Shildmyer-Heighway, the Director of Content Services for the Centre for Interactive Learning and Collaboration, who works with over 140 organizations that deliver educational programming to schools through videoconferencing and supportive technologies; and
- Ted McCain, an innovator and pioneer in technology education, who has written or co-written numerous books on the future and effective teaching with technology.

A special registration fee of \$375 for Elevate 2008 is in effect from now until May 20, 2008. Please visit <http://www.vcalberta.ca/elevate2008> for more information or to register.

