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- **Internet Safety Tips**
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- **Articles, articles**

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A New Year Full of Opportunities



Happy New Year to All! January is always about new beginnings, but this January seems very special. The news is filled with both difficult economic news and the hope of a new president and congress. My high school students tell me that they now have hope that things will be better. We in Illinois have hope the gridlock that has held our state in turmoil may be resolved soon. There is talk of a 1-cent local sales tax to support local school infrastructure. This eternal optimist is certainly more hopeful.

Since I teach semester classes, I always start with new class lists in January. Some of the students I have taught before, and some are new. However, the lessons I am presenting are at least in part, a repeat of the lessons I taught during the first semester. Since I teach technology skills, I am constantly dealing with changes to my network or software. The resources I find through RICE and ICE help me stay fresh and energized. My Atomic Learning login has saved me more than once. I look forward to the RICE meetings and the opportunity to learn something new from my fellow members and presenters. I am especially excited to tour Glenview since many of my students attended Glenview before coming to UT.

I am always excited by the process of registering for the ICE Conference. I know I will be attending one of the best education conferences in the nation. Even more remarkable is the gathering of excellent educators, administrators, technology specialists, library/media specialists and more – all from Illinois!! The workshops I have attended in the past always provide me with ideas and resources I can take back and implement in my classroom. But equally as important are the opportunities to connect with other educators. I can connect a face to the name on the blogs and nings. I learn a new way to do something. I find a new resource. I visit the vendors and find new resources and books full of activities and classroom ideas.

In short, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Glenview Junior High School in East Moline. I am also hoping to see many of you at the ICE Conference in St. Charles. This is especially important for some of you who cannot attend our RICE meeting. I will be at the ICE Conference on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday morning I will be in the ICE booth in the Exhibition Hall for a presentation on Moodle. Send me an email to let me know when you will be at the conference. Maybe we can set up a RICE table in the Atrium for a late afternoon break. Regardless, I hope to see all of you soon. It's a new year full of new beginnings and opportunities.

Passport to Digital Citizenship

By: Mike Ribble

So what is digital citizenship? According to the new NETSoS, it is:

Students understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practice legal and ethical behavior. In this students will:

1. Advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology.
2. Exhibit a positive attitude toward using technology that supports collaboration, learning, and productivity
3. Demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning
4. Exhibit leadership for digital citizenship

We need not only to educate our children on the issues that re occurring with technology but provide resources for our teachers and parents as well. That is why we created the four stage cycle of technology integration.

Stage 1: Awareness

Awareness means engaging students to become technologically literate.

Stage 2: Guided Practice

Following awareness activities, educators need to provide their students with opportunities to use the technology under their guidance by focusing on “appropriate use of technology.”

Stage 3: Modeling and Demonstration

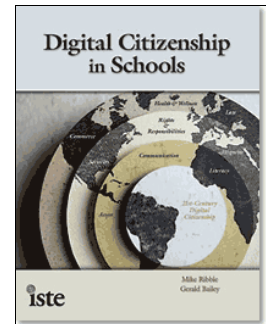
Teachers need to plan time with their students to focus on appropriate technology use at school, home, and in society. Students need to see that their teachers are following the proper technology-based citizen behaviors being taught to them.

Stage 4: Feedback and Analysis

We see and hear about students who have to “gear down” when they are in schools because there is such a difference between their use of technology at home and at school. The school should be a place where students and their teachers can discuss their use of technologies to see how they can use them more appropriately.

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Building a Digital Locker: Personal Learning Networks Explained

By: Vicki Davis



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A PLN (personal learning network) becomes a student’s virtual locker, and its content changes based on the student’s current course work. When I assign them a term paper, the students comb the Web to sign up for information that will feed into their personalized Web page to construct a PLN for that topic. When they get a new project, they assemble another page.

Perhaps the most telling response on the subject of PLNs is from my student Hope, who says, “My iGoogle page is very helpful and helps me keep things organized. It lets me know when my agenda changes.” The fact that a 9th grader would talk about her own research agenda gives a glimpse into the power of the PLN; she is using a term here that is often reserved for grad students!

Constructing a PLN is the essential skill that moves my students into the driver’s seat of their own learning. It helps them sort through and manage the proliferation of online materials that jam the information superhighway. It is also indispensable to our project-learning curriculum, which includes challenging projects such as the Plat Classroom Project, the Horizon project, and Digiteen.

Tony Wagner, from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, lists assessing and analyzing information as one of the seven survival skills in the new world of work. I think the ability to create a PLN is fundamental information-management skill that will help my students succeed in the future.

RSS technology enables the students to create a PLN. The RSS button, often called a chicklet because of its resemblance to a piece of Chicklets chewing gum, contains all the programming required to add customized sources of news and information to a PLN with just a click. These buttons are on just about every blog, wiki, and mainstream media Web site. Clicking the button provides a free subscription to that site’s latest information.

To read Vicki’s whole article and more go to:

www.edutopia.org/personal-learning-networks-technology

Planned Meetings 2008-2009

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Location: RIROE (ROE Moline)

4:00 - 4:30 PM Meeting

4:30 - 5:30 PM ICE Conference Showcase/Election of Officers

Members who attend the ICE Technology Conference will share the best of their conference session resources.

Stay for Pizza and Questions 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Please share this information with your co-workers. We have some exciting presentations this year we would like to share with you and your fellow educators. Have a great fall!

10 Internet Safety Tips

1. Create clear and simple ground rules for children to follow.
2. Place a computer with Internet access in a location that is visible to other members of the family (not in a child's bedroom).
3. Explain to your children that they should never give out identifying information-name, home address, school name, or telephone number-in a public forum such as a chat room or a bulletin board (newsgroup) or to people they do not know.
4. Discuss the importance of telling you or a trusted adult if something ever makes your child or teen feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused while online.
5. Get to know the Internet and any services your children use.
6. Become familiar with blocking and monitoring programs.
7. Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user without parental permission or accompaniment.
8. Tell your children never to respond to messages or bulletin board items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or make them feel uncomfortable.
9. Report messages that present a danger to local law enforcement.
10. Remind your children that people online may not (and likely are not) who they seem; and that everything people say online may not be true.



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RICE Information

"Illinois Technology Conference for Educators occurs every February at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, Illinois. Over a 100 national vendors displaying products and offering more than 250 breakout sessions."



Next RICE Meeting
February 4, 2009 at
Glenview Middle School,
East Moline

ICE/RICE Membership Benefits

STAR Online (www.star-online.org) has over 50 modules in a virtual teaching and learning community. It is an interactive, self-paced staff development model, which allows participants to gain knowledge and skills in the application of educational technology. Email the ICE office for your access password (info@iceberg.org).

Illinois Technology Conference for Educators (IL-TCE) occurs every February at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, Illinois (www.il-tce.org). There are two days of pre-conference intense training workshops on a variety of technology topics, followed by two full days of the conference. We have over a hundred national vendors displaying their products and offer more than 250 breakout sessions, with leading innovators in technology as our keynote speakers. CPDUs are available.

ICECube is our quarterly newsletter of professional articles about technology in education. Written by leaders in the field throughout the state and beyond, information is provided to enrich your experiences and knowledge. All members are encouraged to contribute to our newsletter.

TECH2008 is a student technology showcase that continues to impress state legislators and their constituents from year to year. For the past sixteen years, public policymakers from around the state have banded together to promote the most comprehensive and diverse demonstration of classroom technology in the Midwest by those who use these technologies on a daily basis -- students and teachers.

The "Collaboratory in Your Classroom" eCourse is for educators who want to use the Collaboratory to develop technology enriched, standards-aligned, project-based learning activities for their students that meet Illinois Learning Standards and Goals. Librarians, media specialists, and technology facilitators who are collaborating with classroom teachers attending the Collaboratory online class are encouraged to participate. The eCourse is free, and Illinois participants may receive 15 CPDUs for completing this class.

<http://collaboratory.nunet.net>

Web Services

ICE provides to its members free email, 5 MB of server space to post personal or classroom web pages, and FTP access to personal documents on the server. Contact info@iceberg.org for more information.

Scholarships

Ice provides annual scholarships to its members and families given in the following categories:

- ICE members pursuing advanced degrees
- ICE members attending professional development workshops and conferences,
- ICE members taking online classes

ICE members' children pursuing a degree in Education



“This site includes information on child pornography, online predators and guides for parents and teachers.”

www.cybertipline.com



Web Safety Links

ISBE Curriculum & Instruction web page with many resources

http://www.isbe.net/curriculum/html/is_resources.htm

Collinsville web site devoted to Internet Safety. One of the oldest on the internet.

<http://www.kahoks.org/safeweb/>

Urbana School District Web Safety Pages

<http://www.usd116.org/home/internetsafety.html>

District 129 Aurora Web Safety pages

http://www.sd129.org/parents/internet_safety.asp

District 95 Lake Zurich Web Safety Pages

<http://www.lz95.org/websafety.htm>

District 128 Vernon Hills Web Safety Pages

http://www.district128.org/index.php?PAGE_id=122&PAGE_user_op=view_page&module=pagemaster

Video and newspaper articles about Kacie Woody

<http://www.wiredsafety.org/wiredlearning/videos/kacie/>

Safe Searching, Social Networking, Online safety, Tools for families, Web sites for kids, Reporting Trouble

<http://kids.getnetwise.org>

Kacie Woody who was killed by an internet predator at age 13. Produced by high school students

<http://www.wiredsafety.org/wiredlearning/Einstein/kacie/>

Mother relating that her daughter was killed

<http://www.wiredsafety.org/wiredlearning/videos/4P/Chrissyystory.mov>

Internet Predators are discussed by an adult voice-mentions Chrissy Long and a lengthy interview with Katie Tarbox

<http://www.wiredsafety.org/wiredlearning/videos/4P/Porn.mov>

First person account by a girl who was abducted

http://www.katiesplace.org/alicias_story.html

Many resources for teachers

http://www.wiredkids.org/wiredkids_org.html

Leader in internet safety training. Online training as available as well as many resources

<http://www.isafe.org/>

A multitude of materials for educators. Includes a large number of activities for students

<http://cybersmartcurriculum.org>

ICE Conference 2009

One of the most important components of the ICE Conference is the diverse schedule of half-day and full-day workshops that are offered. Enrollment in workshops is limited and so we encourage you to act quickly if you want to reserve a spot in one or more of the many great sessions that are scheduled this year. Since most of these workshops are designed to provide "hands-on" experience, they are an ideal way to immerse yourself in a productive and meaningful learning experience.

Continuing in our ongoing countdown of the "top ten" reasons to come to ICE Conference 2009:

Reason #8: Nationally recognized keynote speakers like Dr. Yong Zhao who will address "Never Send a Man to do a Machine's Job: Reconstruct the relationship between Teachers and Technology" and Jim Fruchterman who discusses how technology can "Raise the Floor for People with Disabilities."

Reason #7: A new and expanded ICE Booth in the Exhibit Hall that will feature special presentations, ISTE books for sale, ICE information and materials, and some special games and events. Be sure to stop by to get a free reusable ICE water bottle.

ICE Conference 2009, formerly known as the Illinois Technology Conference for Educators, is titled **"Connecting to the World of Tomorrow"**
 Dates: February 24 to 27th at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles
 Register online at <http://www.iceberg.org>
 or by clicking this [link](#) to take you directly to the online registration form.

Here are just a few of the outstanding workshops that are still available:

Teaching Digital Natives to Read
 Moodle Magic: Make It Happen
 STAR in Your Own Movie
 Hands-on Science with a Digital Microscope
 Resource Building with iLife
 Making Your Lessons Universal: Technology Tools for UDL
 Kidspiration & You
 Keep It Clean
 Polish Your Pics With Online Tools

Go to <http://www.iceberg.org/page.php?pid=38> and register today!



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