Microsoft Innovative Teachers Newsletter

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Welcome to the Classroom Teacher Edition of the Microsoft® Innovative Teachers Newsletter. The Innovative Teachers <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563726> program provides free, ongoing, high-quality professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers.

Innovative Teachers Thought Leaders <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563730> Showcasing people and organizations that provide leadership and new thinking on using technology in teaching and learning.

Intelligence Online (IO) Helps Teachers Create Compelling Inquiry-Based Projects <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563732> Great teachers guide their students to understanding by asking Essential Questions. IO is an internet application that uses the same method to help teachers create inquiry-based projects.

        Visit our new Thought Leaders showcase to learn how IO can help you integrate technology, develop authentic assessment tools, choreograph a complex learning environment, collaborate with peers and mentors, and create learning communities of teachers, parents and students. Over the next three months we will share with you some of the methodology, tools, and support used by the IO community.

What's New

Innovative Teachers Grant University Offers Summer Training to Illinois Educators <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563733> The University of Illinois, an award-winning Innovative Teachers grant organization, has launched the seventh year of A Moveable Feast, a one-week summer institute. This project-based institute provides technology training to K-12 teachers and emphasizes ways to integrate technology in conjunction with national and state content and technology standards as well as Illinois Engaged Learning standards.

Participants receive hands-on training, Microsoft Office software, a curriculum guide, an option for graduate school credit or continuing professional development credits, and demonstrations of classroom applications of educational technologies.

Free CyberSmart®! Curriculum <http://www.cybersmart.org/home/> CyberSmart®! offers a free, comprehensive K-8 curriculum to help busy teachers make students' technology use more efficient, safe and responsible or, in a phrase, to "Be CyberSMART!"

Correlated to the National Educational Technology Standards, the curriculum consists of non-sequential and flexibly integrated original

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Educator Resources

Creating and Presenting a Keyword Outline
<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563734>
Students practice their outlining skills using Word or PowerPoint, and
learn how outlining a topic will help them when they need to write
reports or create presentations.

Using MapPoint to Track Family Migration
<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563735>
Students learn about different areas in the United States and other
countries by studying their family history. Using MapPoint, they locate
the towns and cities where their ancestors were born, then draw lines
from their great-great grandparents to relatives in succeeding
generations and, finally, to themselves.

Creating Multimedia Timelines <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563736>
Adding photographs, illustrations, and music to timelines enables
students to grasp the relationship of events in compelling ways. As
they select, analyze, and organize timeline information they will
construct a lasting understanding from the curriculum. This activity
provides step-by-step instructions on creating multimedia timelines in
Microsoft Word or Visio.

Brainstorming, Idea-mapping, and Organizing Information
<http://www.microsoft.com/education/Analytical.aspx>
How can a digital tool assist in the capture and organization of ideas
and thoughts? Brainstorming and idea-mapping are educational practices
that have been proven to aid understanding for learners of all ages.
This project will teach you to help teams of students use Visio 2002 to
create "mind maps".

Protect Your PC

Lifecycle of a Computer Worm: Infection to Extermination
<http://www.microsoft.com/security/articles/wormcycle.asp>

Microsoft Security & Privacy Site
<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563737>
Get the latest critical Windows security updates and information.

Notice of Spoof Innovative Teachers Email
<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=563738>

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