

AFTER SCHOOL HELP AND HELP

Just a reminder that we are available every Wednesday at Harriett Gibbons. It is an opportunity for you to receive help on anything technology related. For those of you who attended summer training you need to make sure your summer project is ready to be uploaded to the website by December.

Additionally, if you need professional

development hours this is a great opportunity to create something you can immediately use in your classroom.

We have also had teachers create classroom web pages to communicate with parents.

We have had teachers create online courses to use with their students.

This is an opportunity

for you to create what you need in terms of professional development. Just let us know you are coming.

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ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

With the start of the new school year it is a good time to re-view our acceptable use policy.

• Explicitly indicates the rights and expect-

tations of the district and users;

• Explicitly identifies district ownership of all content/material (email, folders, documents,

files, etc.)

• Explicitly indicates there is no right to privacy.

For more detailed information:

<http://webhelp.albany.k12.ny.us/instructional/docs/AUP.pdf>

BLINDED BY SCIENCE!

Every year one of our goals is to cover each content area. This month we are going to focus on science. Since it's part of my teaching background, I know that it can be difficult to teach concepts that are viewed by our students to be esoteric on a good day. However, with the expansion of technology and the Internet we have access to show and teach concepts that were almost impossible before.

www.jove.com

Journal of Visualized Experiments. This site is a high school level site. It actually contains videos of the types of experiments that only PhD stu-

dents would have access to.

www.scivee.com

Funded by the National Science Foundation Phil Bourne, a pharmacologist at UC San Diego, launched SciVee this summer after seeing his students hooked on YouTube. Bourne wanted a reputable virtual place where researchers could trade techniques without the potpourri of topics found on general video-sharing sites.

www.labaction.com

This site focuses on biological techniques, again for older students.

www.dnatube.com

This site has a wide range of lectures, seminars and experiments.

www.exploratorium.edu

This is one of my favorite sites. This site covers the gambit of grades and topics. It has grown dramatically since its inception. There are now second life sections, videos, games and microscope images.

http:// feeds.feedburner.com/ bytesize

Bytesize Science translates cutting-edge scientific discoveries from ACS's 36 peer-reviewed journals into stories for young listeners about science, health, medicine, energy, food, and other topics. New installments are posted every Monday and are available free of charge.

WEEKLY READER?

Google Inc. and Weekly Reader have teamed up to offer free tools and materials to help educators teach "digital buddy writing," in which two or more students work together from different computers to write and revise the same paper at the same time. The free lesson plan, available on Google for Educators, contains tips and

checklists—culled from teachers all over the country—for incorporating digital buddy writing into the classroom, using Google's free Google Docs online word processor. With this new curriculum, students can work together online to review each others' work simultaneously and watch as

their peers' comments and edits appear instantly and legibly across multiple computers, Google says—whether they are in the same lab or incompletely different locations anywhere around the world.

http://www.google.com/ educators/weeklyreader.html

ELECTION RESOURCES

This year offers the chance to teach any number of lessons in any number of disciplines through the election. So, while this section is usually designated for a large article for you to ponder, this election is worthy of some space and resources for you to use!

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/election2008.htm>

Always a good site. This has great information geared toward younger students. However, don't discount it for older students because there are quizzes that allow the students to guess where each candidate stands on issues and if it matches with their beliefs.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/election08/>

This site is for younger students but the resources are great. It looks at issues, has games, has meet the candidate sections, and talks about Congress.

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson331.shtml

This has more paper resources to run off than online activities but works great and great resources.

<http://www.ciconline.org/cicmagazine-sept08>

Who knew Cable in the Classroom was still around? The September issue of the magazine was dedicated to the election. They have podcasts and worksheets and other great resources.

<http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/>

Don't underestimate the resources good old fashioned news sources can have. The reading definitely is geared to older students but it's comprehensive.

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/elections/teacher-resources/6615.html>

This site has many, many printables.

<http://nationalmockelection.org/>

This is a great project. October 30th is National Student Mock Election Day. Please consider participating in this great project.

http://www.nytimes.com/learning/issues_in_depth/20080204.html

Geared for students in Grades 6-12 and created by Bank Street College. There are articles and quizzes and other great resources.

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/vote2008/index.html>

This is my favorite. If you only have time to go to one site make it the PBS site!!!



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HEALTH RESOURCES



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Taking Notes on Global Health

Students chart facts about global health.

<http://etgredirect.1105web.com/redirect.aspx?id=74>

LearntoBeHealthy.org

This online health science learning site is designed to help educators communicate important health concepts to children K-6.

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

KidsHealth

Timely topics that relate directly to health and quality of life. The section for each age group provides different, appropriate information.

<http://kidshealth.org>

PE Central: Health Lessons

A large number of Health lesson ideas for you to use in your Health education program.

<http://pecentral.com/lessonideas/searchresults.asp?category=58>

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Kids' Pages

Help kids make the connection between the environment and their health.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/home.htm>

edHelper: Health Theme Units

Directory of Health lesson plans on topics including: Alcohol, Circulatory System, Digestive System, Disabilities, Drugs, Hygiene, Nutrition, The Five Senses, and more!

<http://www.edhelper.com/Health.htm>

National Center for Health Education: Growing Healthy

Features planned, sequential curriculum and activities that provide a sound framework for a comprehensive health education program.

http://www.nche.org/growinghealthy_gradespecific.htm



Tech Committee Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for open positions on the Technology Committee.

The next meeting is October 28th at 4PM at Essex Street. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Sandy Paben at spaben@albany.k12.ny.us or call 441-5605