

WHAT'S new



TweenTribune is a free news site created by and for tweens. The site includes stories selected by tweens

working closely with professional journalists, links, tween-produced stories and photos, and commentary on the stories that contributors read. The TweenTribune is updated daily and aims to encourage tweens to seek out news on a daily basis. It fosters a daily news reading habit by enticing tweens with offbeat stories of interest to this age group.

MORE INFO: www.TweenTribune.com

Learn Share Act is a free social network created to connect people who share a passion for a cleaner, sustainable, peaceful, and brighter future. The site contains a wide range of environmental information on topics such as climate change, organic gardening, tips for living green, and green business ideas. This website allows members to share their ideas for responsible living, network with those who have similar interests, and learn about the newest ways to improve the environment.

MORE INFO: www.learnshareact.com

Canvastic is offering a free online version of its educational software. **Canvastic.net** is a graphics and text publishing tool for K–8 students. It provides students and faculty with easy-to-use, customizable features that will allow them to create graphic, text, and presentation documents.

MORE INFO: <http://canvastic.net/net.html>

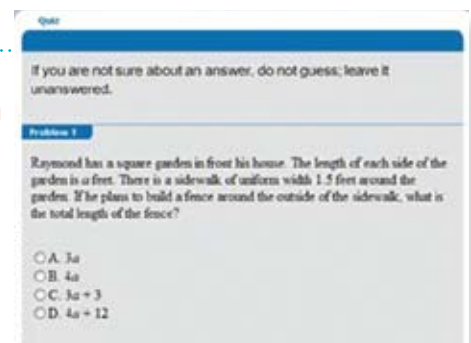


ISTE has released three new titles, *The Best of Learning & Leading with Technology: Selections from Volumes 31–35*; *1-to-1 Learning: Laptop Programs that Work, Second Edition*; and *National Educational Technology Standards for Administrators*. *The Best of Learning & Leading with Technology* includes articles, commentary, and short essays from the original authors. It costs \$24.45 for members and \$34.95 for nonmembers. *1-to-1 Learning* by Pamela Livingston is a guide to developing a one-to-one laptop program, from planning to implementation. It costs \$26.55 for members and \$37.95 for nonmembers. *The National Educational Technology Standards for Administrators* booklet is a look at what best indicates accomplished school leadership for comprehensive and effective use of information and communication technologies in schools. The booklet completes the set of refreshed NETS. It costs \$9.05 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

MORE INFO: www.iste.org/bookstore

Catchup Math by Hotmath is designed to improve at-risk students' math performance.

This online program offers a cycle of quizzes, reviews, and practice questions geared to increase pre-algebra, Algebra 1 and 2, and geometry scores. Catchup Math includes quizzes, videos, activities, and games to help students with their state exit exams. The math problems can be written on an online whiteboard, allowing teachers to review their students' work.



MORE INFO: www.catchupmath.com

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Mimio is offering schools and organizations a chance to raise money to buy mimio technology. The **ArtStamps** program transforms kids' artwork into stamps and other merchandise that can be sold as fundraisers. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be applied toward the purchase of a mimio interactive unit or mimio accessories, such as whiteboards and projectors. Additionally, if the program has at least a 25% participation rate, ArtStamps will donate up to \$150 for mimio products.

MORE INFO: www.myartstamps.com

KeyRight is a standard QWERTY color-coded keyboard offering an easy approach to touch typing. The keyboard comes with a software tutorial, typing tips, and universal computer compatibility. KeyRight is available for \$39.95.



MORE INFO: www.keyright.com



Epson has introduced a new short-throw, wide-screen projector. It's designed to fit small K-12 classrooms. The **PowerLite 410W** features WXGA resolution with 2,000 lumens for use with wide-screen computers and 16:10 interactive whiteboards. It features reduced shadow and glare and an optional adjustable wall mount that can be used with a variety of screen sizes. Epson is offering the wall mount plus the projector for a discounted price of \$1,199 for schools.

MORE INFO: www.epsonbrighterfutures.com



Web Wise Kids, WILL Interactive, Verizon, and the ESA Foundation have developed **It's Your Call**. This online interactive educational game allows children to practice responsible cell phone use and personal safety. Players take on the role of live-action characters in an interactive movie, make decisions, view the consequences, and learn important lessons about cell phone use. It's Your Call is free.

MORE INFO: www.webwisekids.org

Key Curriculum Press now provides a set of online tools at its **Key Online** webpage. Sketchpad Lesson Link is a library of geometry lessons aligned to state standards. KeyTo Tracker workbooks cover fractions, decimals, percents, and algebra problems. Online textbooks and teacher resources include free electronic teaching materials for schools that have Key textbooks. Fathom Surveys allows educators who use the Fathom Dynamic Data software program to compile lab results and conduct surveys for free.

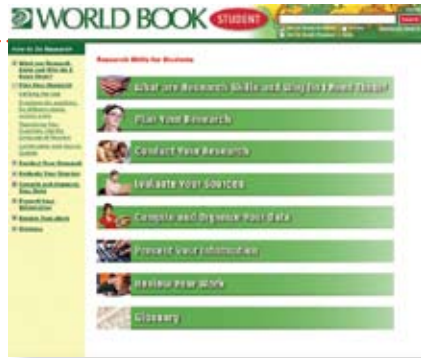
MORE INFO: <http://keyonline.keypress.com/home/login>



The U.S. Department of Energy, the X PRIZE Foundation, and Discovery Education have created a dynamic online knowledge center inspired by the Progressive

Automotive X PRIZE. **Fuel Our Future Now** is designed to engage students in the science of alternative fuels and energy-efficient engineering by offering targeted curriculum and lesson plans for all grade levels, high-quality video, interactive programs, and additional resources from the U.S. Department of Energy.

MORE INFO: www.FuelOurFutureNow.com



World Book has created the **How to Do Research** tool to teach students how to do comprehensive research. Available online, this program offers tutorials on 21st-century literacy skills. Students are guided step by step through planning research, conducting research in both print and online formats, evaluating sources, compiling and organizing data, and presenting research.

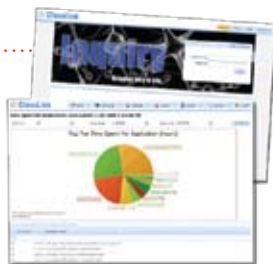
MORE INFO: www.worldbookonline.com/training/student/html/stu_11.htm



To help learners ages 3–5 build foundational reading, language, and cognitive skills, Scientific Learning has a new reading intervention program called the **Fast ForWord Early Learning Series**, designed for struggling readers, English language learners (ELL), and special education students in preschool and kindergarten. Included in the product package are the Fast ForWord Language Basics, Fast ForWord Reading Prep, and Fast ForWord Language v2.

MORE INFO: www.scilearn.com/k-12-educators/early-learning/index.php

Inquiry is an instructional technology decision support tool for administrators created by Class-Link. This tool uses Web-based reports to show administrators real-time use of instructional software, Internet, and computer hardware. It provides real-time metrics, such as what software program is being used the most, which students are using what software, and which computers are getting the least amount of use.



MORE INFO: 1.888.963.7550; www.classlink.com/products/inquiry



PCI Education has launched the **Turbo Solutions Builder**, an online reading tool for students with special needs. It's designed to help administrators and educators select instructional materials with IDEA and Title I stimulus funding. There are more than 200 vendors included on the Turbo Solutions Builder website.

MORE INFO: www.pcieducation.com/solutionsbuilder.aspx



Serif, a developer of desktop publishing, design, and graphics software, is now offering special pricing for educators on **Digital Scrapbook Artist**. Students can use the program to tell a story, record events, explore design techniques, or create printed projects, such as posters and storyboards. Features include high-resolution images, built-in photo editing tools, and digital versions of traditional scrapbooking and crafting tools, such as stickers, glitter, and stylized scissors. All work can be saved as a high- or low- resolution file, providing the flexibility of sharing it with others electronically or printing it out for classroom walls or home refrigerators.

MORE INFO: www.serif.com/scrapbook

Lynda.com, an online software training provider, is now offering a **Certificate of Completion** for subscribers who complete a course. Students can list the certificate on their resumes or offer it as proof of meeting prerequisites for computer courses. Lynda.com offers online video tutorials on a variety of software programs, including Windows Vista, Mac OS, Microsoft Office, and specialized software for various professions. Schools can set up lynda.com accounts for faculty, students, or multiple users in the library or in computer labs.

MORE INFO: www.lynda.com



The UK-based nonprofit Peace One Day (POD) is offering a free online **curriculum focusing on conflict resolution and nonviolence** for grades 6–12. The curriculum aims to foster discussion among young people about peace and nonviolence in their schools, local communities, and the world at large. It is designed to be used in conjunction with the documentary *The Day After Peace*. POD will distribute free copies of the film to schools using the curriculum.

MORE INFO: www.peaceoneday.org



PeeWee PC has released the **PeeWee Pivot Tablet Laptop**, a tiny, rugged, spill-and-drop-resistant notebook for children aged 3–10. The laptop features the Intel Atom processor, a convertible rotating screen and touch tablet with stylus, a free Walt Disney Windows XP Theme, and a 1.3 megapixel webcam that rotates 180 degrees. The PC comes with 10 software and game titles for prekindergarten, early elementary, or upper elementary students. PeeWee also includes its proprietary security suite on each laptop, allowing parents to limit time spent browsing the Internet and gaming, block inappropriate sites, take screen shots, view browsing history, and even control the laptop remotely. The suggested retail price is \$600.

MORE INFO: www.peeweepc.com

Coming Next Issue in **I&L**

Online Learning Success Stories

From Alaska to Arkansas, districts are experimenting with e-learning to solve access problems. We'll tell you about three online learning programs that address the needs of students in three very different educational settings: one serving a small-population district spread over a vast area, one in a large inner-city school district, and a third that serves students from numerous districts across the state.

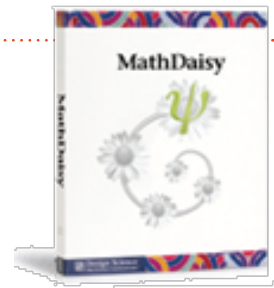
Learners First, Technologies Last

Successful technology integration must focus on standards-based, curriculum-related learning outcomes rather than on the technologies themselves. In the first installment of an eight-part series, Judi Harris and Mark Hofer illustrate a grounded approach to technology integration based on content, pedagogy, and how teachers plan instruction.

Walk, Fly, or Teleport to New Learning

Multiuser virtual environments (MUEs) teach students social, technical, and practical life skills in a setting that is engaging and playful. Maureen Yoder of Lesley University writes that delving into MUEs may seem intimidating, but it's worth the effort. You might be surprised at how much these virtual environments teach students about global awareness.

The DAISY Consortium and Microsoft have developed a way for educators to make their own accessible content for students with special needs. **Save As DAISY** with the MathDaisy add-on allows Microsoft Word content, including math notation, to be saved in a format that can be played on DAISY e-book readers as well as other portable devices.



MORE INFO: www.daisy.org/projects/save-as-daisy-microsoft



Toon Boom Animation Inc. has released **Toon Boom Studio 5**, a new version of its

software that brings stop-motion animation to its existing array of animation capabilities. Aimed at hobbyists, educators, and students, Studio 5 offers traditional, digital, cut-out, and rotoscoping animation methods and combines them for greater creativity. Some of the new features will allow users to speed things up with time-lapse imagery, see images exactly as they will appear in the movie, easily export animation directly to YouTube or Facebook, and import Flip Boom Classic and Animation-ish projects.

MORE INFO: www.toonboom.com/products/toonBoomStudio