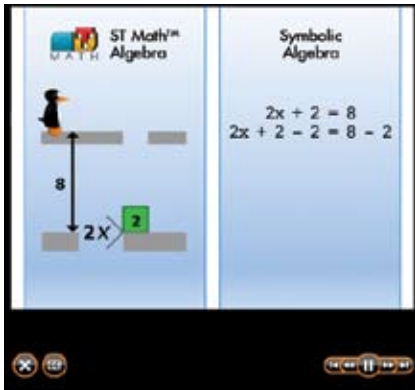


# WHAT'S new



The MIND Institute has partnered with Yamaha Corporation of America. MIND's ST Math+Music for grades K–5 joined with Yamaha's Music in Education system to create a combination of visual math software

and a piano keyboard music curriculum. The software takes a visual approach to teaching math and is the core of MIND's mathematics education program. The Yamaha MIE system provides a K–8 music solution using networked electronic piano keyboards. The system uses technology through a combination of hardware, software, and content. MIE software also includes built-in classroom management features, including integrated assessment and a grade book.

**MORE INFO:** MIND Institute, 1.888.751.5443  
<http://www.mindinstitute.net>

The Turnaround Management Association is accepting nominations for the **2007 Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Awards**. The program honors primary and secondary school teachers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill in shaping the lives of students and the communities in which they live. It provides \$5,000 cash stipends to three to five public or private school teachers and pays for travel and lodging expenses to the 2007 TMA Annual Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. The award is open to currently licensed and active primary or secondary school teachers employed by accredited schools for at least five years. Nomination guidelines and applications are available online at <http://www.turnaround.org/about/awards.asp>. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2007.

**MORE INFO:** Turnaround Management Association, 1.312.578.6900,  
<http://www.turnaround.org>

eLearners.com has launched the **"Guide to Online Education,"** a free handbook for prospective and current online students. The guide is located at <http://www.elearners.com/guide>. It features research resources, advice, and "how-to" sections to answer online learners' questions. In addition, the guide helps online learners to prepare themselves for going back to school and supplies students with details about the various ways they can use and provide for an online education.

**MORE INFO:** eLearners.com, LCC, 1.866.353.2765  
<http://www.elearners.com>

LeapFrog SchoolHouse announced the release of **The Literacy Center V2.0**, a technology-based curriculum that provides targeted instruction for English language learners as well as tools for managing instruction for students in special education. The curriculum includes interactive books with Spanish language support, teacher resources for multilingual classrooms, and activities specifically designed for students learning English. The Literacy Center is available in three editions—PK, Grades K1+, and English language development. Pricing for the package is around \$2,000; options and specific prices are available at the company's Web site.

**MORE INFO:** LeapFrog SchoolHouse, 1.800.883.7430  
<http://www.leapfrogsschoolhouse.com>



Thinkronize has partnered with several education companies to add multimedia resources to **netTrekker d.i.** and to provide users with an update to the suite of educational search products. The newly affiliated companies include PBS TeacherSource, Fourier Systems, and Blackboard, Inc. The netTrekker product line includes education Internet search products for K–12 students, and is available in both the education and consumer markets. According to the company, the new affiliations will provide



educators with additional tools such as lesson plans, teaching activities, video assets, and interactive games.

**MORE INFO:** Thinkkronize/netTrekker, 1.877.517.1125  
<http://www.thinkkronize.com>



Interwrite Learning has announced the **Interwrite Virtual PRS**, software designed for use with networked computers or Windows-based PDAs in a classroom. The Virtual PRS application functions as a “virtual” clicker to allow those devices to operate in the same way as other wireless PRS RF clickers. Interwrite PRS allows users to create their quizzes and lessons within the PRS software, and also offers grading, reporting, and data management features. The software is compatible with Windows, Mac, and Linux operating systems, as well as Windows-based PDAs with integrated Wi-Fi.

**MORE INFO:** Interwrite Learning, 1.866.496.4949  
<http://www.interwritelearning.com>

Discovery Education has released **ThinkLink Assessment**, a measurement tool designed to help educators and administrators improve student achievement through predictive analysis. ThinkLink evaluates student progress through a research-based continuous improvement model that maps diagnostic assessments to state tests. The tests within the ThinkLink Assessment products are created to match student proficiency requirements as defined by each state’s unique No Child Left Behind plan. In 2007, ThinkLink services will be available in 21 states and Washington, D.C.



**MORE INFO:** Discovery Communications, Inc., 1.800.323.9084  
<http://www.thinklinklearning.com>

Valiant USA has released the **Roamer-Too**, a speaking educational robot that can be used to teach math, science, reading, language arts, social studies, and more. According to the company, the programmable robots can adjust to fit curriculum and student needs. Each robot targets a different grade



range and comes with a basic platform that makes the robot perform certain behaviors and activities. As students progress, the robot gains more powerful features and programming capabilities that develop as students investigate and understand more complex concepts. Roamer-Too is available for around \$100 per robot.

**MORE INFO:** Valiant USA, 1.888.366.6628  
<http://www.valiant-technology.com>



Califone introduced two headphone sets using antimicrobial technology: the **Anti-Microbial Switchable Stereo/Mono Headphone** and the **Anti-Microbial Deluxe Monaural Headphone**.

The antimicrobial compound, created by AglON Technologies, is built into the headphones. The silver-based compound limits the growth of bacteria by inhibiting cell division and interrupting cell metabolism. The headphones have been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency, listed by the Food and Drug Administration, and certified by the National Science Foundation and are available for around \$18.

**MORE INFO:** Califone, 1.800.722.0500  
<http://www.califone.com>



AVerMedia Technologies released the **AVerVision300AF Portable Document Camera**. The camera features a 3.2 megapixel sensor, auto focus, 16X zoom, and 24 frames per second video rate. The AVerVision300AF provides students with a visual learning tool through its ability to display documents, 3-D objects, and microscopic images through a multimedia projector, monitor, or TV. The classroom presentation device includes an attached control panel and remote control. The device is compatible with both Mac and PC computers. It is available for \$999.99.

**MORE INFO:** AVerMedia  
 1.408.263.3828  
<http://www.avermedia-usa.com>





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NewSoft introduced the **WMS 100 Wireless Projector Adapter**, a projector adapter that allows users to wirelessly link a Wi-Fi-ready laptop directly to the projector using 802.11 a/b/g wireless technology. The adapter allows presenters to broadcast from anywhere in the room, and others can access the same projector for additional information. The WMS 100 includes NewSoft's Presto! WMS sending software with a hardware receiver, and can be programmed to allow all meeting participants to receive content. The adapter is available for \$280.

**MORE INFO:** NewSoft Technology Corporation, 1.408.503.1200, <http://www.newsoftinc.com>



MakeMusic Inc. announced the release of **Finale Allegro 2007**, a music notation software that is compatible with both Intel- and Power PC-based Macintosh, as well as Windows computers. Users can enter music notes with the mouse, computer keyboard, MIDI keyboard, or a brass or woodwind instrument. Orchestrations can be created with up to 32 staves that can be transposed to any key and for any instrument. Allegro offers lyric verses, automatic guitar chords, and customizable percussion notation and string instrument tablature.

**MORE INFO:** MakeMusic, Inc., 1.800.843.2066  
<http://www.finalemusic.com>

KnowledgeTree today announced the release of **version 3.4** of the



**KnowledgeTree Document Management System**, which now includes Web 2.0 collaboration features such as Tagging, Tag Clouds, and Really Simple Syndication. KnowledgeTree provides a low-cost and open source alternative to commercial applications. These enhancements are available now in KnowledgeTree Open Source Edition. The Web-based application is built on the open source LAMP (Apache/MySQL/PHP) system. KnowledgeTree is available in three editions: KnowledgeTree Enterprise, KnowledgeTree SMB, and KnowledgeTree Open Source. The commercial editions of KnowledgeTree are sold with access to priority support and include additional functionality.

**MORE INFO:** KnowledgeTree, 1.415.670.9759, <http://www.knowledgetree.com>

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