

WHAT'S **new**

Parat Solutions has released the **V32 Paradidact**, a mobile IT transport system. The Paradidact can synchronize, recharge, and store up to 32 notebook computers. Other features include an embedded USB speaker system, ergonomic docking, and a wireless access point. The product is guaranteed to accommodate network and power supply connectivity for most computer manufacturers' products.

MORE INFO: PARAT Solutions, 1.866.647.5976
<http://www.paratsolutions.com>



of students' health, creativity in the classroom, and development of financial literacy. Applications must be submitted by March 30, 2007.

MORE INFO: Quest Network, Inc. 1.612.252.1739
<http://www.bluezones.com>

Mitsubishi has released a low-cost projector, the **SD105U SVGA**. The projector performs at an 800 x 600 pixel resolution, and uses 1,600 ANSI lumens with an 1,800:1 contrast ratio. The company has eliminated the use of a filter, thereby decreasing the prevalence of filter and lamp problems such as clogs or overheating. The projector is available for around \$599.

MORE INFO: Mitsubishi Digital Electronics America, 1.888.307.0312
<http://mitsubishi-presentations.com>



Lapstyle.com has released **notebook covers** available in a variety of designs and suitable for most notebook computers. The exclusively online store sells covers in an assortment of colors, textures, and styles. The company says that the laptop covers are constructed from breathable materials that allow air to flow freely, and are safe to use with almost any notebook computer. The covers are priced at around \$25.

MORE INFO: Lapstyle.com, 1.877.527.7895, <http://www.lapstyle.com>



TeacherVision.com, an online site that provides comprehensive resources for teachers from grades PK–12, has added new materials such as lesson plans, inexpensive downloadable books, and 5,000 articles and reviews. In addition, the revamped site has been enhanced with simplified navigation, new content, and an improved internal search engine. Teachers are provided with materials from all school subjects, as well as a featured focus study that is updated each month. The site allows teachers to use the Internet and incorporate technology into their classrooms.

MORE INFO: TeacherVision, 1.617.671.2614
<http://www.teachervision.fen.com>



Allianz is offering **\$50,000 in rewards** to teachers who incorporate the Blue Zones mission of living healthy lives into their classrooms, schools, or districts. Teachers who implement at least two Blue Zones programs and complete the online award application are eligible to receive a \$1,000 reward. The Blue Zones board of education advisors and the Allianz Corporate Giving Community will select the educators who receive rewards based on the improvement



BenQ has introduced four models to its line of digital projectors. The models—the **MP721**, **MP721C**, **MP611**, and **MP611C**—offer brightness values ranging from 2,100 to 2,500 ANSI lumens and a 2,000:1 contrast ratio. The projectors will be available through Ingram Micro and Tech Data Distributors at MSRPs of \$1,499 for the MP721, \$999 for the MP721C, \$899 for the MP611, and \$749 for the MP611C.

MORE INFO: BenQ America Corp, 1.949.255.9500, <http://www.benq.us>

Vernier Software and Technology is offering **free hands-on workshops** beginning in March. Educators can register online or be notified about specific workshops by e-mail. Registration information is available at <http://www.vernier.com/workshop/evaluation.html>. The 4-hour sessions include information about how to integrate data-collection technology into various curriculums. Workshops include lunch and a Workshop Training Manual. Educators can also elect a training and software/hardware package for \$250. The workshops will be held in 42 U.S. cities.

MORE INFO: Vernier Software & Technology, 1.888.837.6437
<http://www.vernier.com>



Mitsubishi Digital Electronics has released the **XL650U LCD projector**. The projector uses 4,200 ANSI lumens, allowing it to have a clear image in high-ambient light settings such as bigger classrooms, auditoriums, or boardrooms. It features an RS232c connection, and can integrate with third-party control systems. The XL650U is available for around \$5,995 from Mitsubishi's professional dealer network.

MORE INFO: Mitsubishi Digital Electronics America, 1.888.307.0312
<http://www.mitsubishi-presentations.com/projectors.asp>

eChalk announced the addition of **eChalk version 7.5** to its online learning environment programs. Version 7.5 contains new organizational and lesson plan tools. The eChalk Online Learning Environment provides school and district members access to a variety of information including calendars, assignments, discussions, resources, and grades.

The hosted service can help students and parents to stay on track with daily assignments while saving time for teachers. In addition, eChalk automatically updates through the host so that users are immediately able to access the site's upgrades and additions.

MORE INFO: eChalk, 1.212.809.8400, <http://www.echalk.com>

Leeds Corporation of Long Island and Drexel University Online have announced an online partnership, allowing associates from Leeds Corporation of Long Island to select and complete **degree and certificate programs** at Drexel at special tuition rates. Drexel specializes in Internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations. The classes are targeted at professional adults and reflect Drexel's dedication to higher learning and career development.

MORE INFO: Drexel University Online, 1.877.215.0009
<http://www.drexel.com>

CoffeeCup announced the availability of its **Educational Software Package**, a free application that teaches students how to create

a functioning Web site. The five applications available to teachers include a VisualSite designer, Web calendar, news flash, form builder, and photo gallery. The software is available to qualified teachers who fill out an online form.

MORE INFO: CoffeeCup Software, 1.866.734.4865
<http://www.coffeecup.com/>



LearnStar, Inc. announced the **"Get on TRAX" Spring Grant opportunity for K–12 students**. Three grants for 100 student licenses (one each for an elementary, middle, and high school) will be awarded to schools at values of \$1,700–\$2,400. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. CST on April 27, 2007. Winning applicants will be announced on May 4, 2007. Grant winners will be chosen based on need, enthusiasm, technology integration,

innovation, and methodology. Applications can be found on the company's Web site.

MORE INFO: LearnStar, Inc., 1.800.292.1505, Ext. 324
<http://www.learnstar.com>



StudyDog, Inc. has released two **reading software products** designed for K–12 educators. The School Version includes teacher management and reporting features,

as well as the reading lessons included in previous versions. The software can manage up to 30 students' progress in the StudyDog reading program and displays the number of lessons each student has completed, as well as how students performed on the lesson. Each volume is available for around \$24.95.

MORE INFO: StudyDog, Inc., 1.503.643.4449, <http://www.studydog.com>

E-Cycling Central

is an online guide to electronics recycling and management options across the country. Created by the Environmental Issues Council of the Electronics Industry Alliance

(EIA), E-Cycling Central provides a database of management options and information for consumers making decisions about how to manage their used electronics products. The E-Cycling Central Web site contains information on where to find electronics recycling, reuse, and donation programs in every state across the United States.

MORE INFO: E-Cycling Central, 1.703.907.7500
<http://www.ecyclingcentral.com>



Toshiba has announced the **TLP-XD2000U**, an LCD projector that uses 2,000 ANSI lumens and features a 600:1 contrast ratio. Designed for mobile professionals and educators, the projector has a XGA 1024 x 768 resolution and a “blackboard” feature that allows wall color adjustment when projecting on a non-screen surface. The projector is available for around \$849.

MORE INFO: Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc., 1.800.631.3811
<http://www.toshiba.com>



Vantage Learning announced the release of the **MY Access! Home Edition**, an online assessment and automated essay scoring tool. MY Access! was previously used in classrooms at a variety of levels and is now available in four Home Edition versions. MY Access! is designed

to give users feedback on grammar, focus and meaning, organization, content and development, language use and style, and overall writing proficiency. The software is available for around \$75–\$100.

MORE INFO: Vantage Learning, 1.800.832.2213
<http://www.vantagelearning.com>

Space Shot is a free online game site that offers students an opportunity to fly to the moon. To win the Free Space Shot skill game, students research and predict the weather for Central Park in New York City for the next day. Students' predictions are then paired with opponents' predictions, and the winning student proceeds to the next milestone. Each milestone is played in the same way, and students who are



correct at all milestones win trips to space. Students may make as many predictions as

they like. Registration and more information is available at <http://www.freespaceshot.com>

MORE INFO: Space Shot, Inc., 1.877.722.3874
<http://www.freespaceshot.com>

Magnatag Visible Systems has released a magnetic conference and meeting scheduling board. Schools are able to organize a full school year with the board's display of 31 dateline columns and 12 month rows. Color-coded magnetic cardholders and magnet status symbols denote types of activities, events, and meetings. **The School Conference and Meeting Schedule board system** is 4' by 6' and holds up to 7 appointments per day. The system is available for around \$829, and includes magnets to communicate a variety of scheduling factors.

MORE INFO: Magnatag Visible Systems, 1.800.624.4154, <http://www.magnatag.com/yearround>

The Center for Social and Emotional Education (CSEE) has released the **Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI)**, a data-driven survey instrument that is now available online to help schools measure and improve their school climate. The CSCI allows schools to evaluate the safety of their schools, the quality of teaching and learning, schools' physical environments, and relationships within the school community. The 15-to-20-minute online survey gains comprehensive information about schools' environments by using input from all constituencies in the community—educators, administrators, parents, and students.



MORE INFO: Center for Social and Emotional Education, 1.800.998.4701, <http://www.csee.net>



MINDsprinting has released **Live Homework Help**, a tutoring service that allows enrollees to interact with a live tutor using voice and virtual whiteboard technology. Live Homework Help is part of an overall group of tools that diagnose student abilities and needs, create tailored programs, and assign students lessons

that permit them to learn at their own pace. Students only advance when they have mastered the subject material.

MORE INFO: MINDsprinting, 1.800.500.6463, <http://www.mindspring.com>

GTCO CalComp announced the release of **InterWrite Software version 3.0** for Macs, an interactive software program designed to be used with the InterWrite SchoolBoard, SchoolPad, and iPanel. The software contains interactive content and resources for many subject areas, including math, science, geography, and language arts. The software is available in Windows, Mac, and Linux versions.

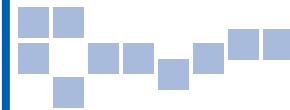
MORE INFO: GTCO CalComp, 1.800.344.4723, <http://www.gtccalcomp.com>

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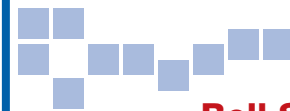
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