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“Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal” by Vaull Starr

As this will be the last newsletter/links page for the year, I would like to thank all my ICT Liaison Team members for all the “sharing” they have done on my behalf and to wish everyone a healthy and happy summer holiday. Have fun and be safe.

I was recently asked to provide some names for free (or very cheap) Keyboarding software for students. Most of these are “freeware” and must be downloaded and installed into the computers themselves. Some have to have the typists register on-line and the web site keeps track of the typist’s results.

JDN Speed Typing 1.32 (rated 4/5)

<http://www.tucows.com/preview/305120.html>

Bruce's Typing Tutor 3.1.7 (rated 3/5)

<http://www.tucows.com/preview/252911.html>

Home Key

<http://www.downloads.ukprofessionals.com/index.html#Additional%20free%20shareware%20and%20software%20links>.

Typing Battle! 32-bit v1.0

<http://www.joelesoftware.com/tbattle/index.html>

Captain Keyboard Typing Tutor v2.1

<http://www.zoogma.com/>

Learn 2 Type

<http://www.learn2type.com/>

Bruce's Typing Tutor

http://www.qcalculus.com/typing_tutor.htm

Kid's Typing Skills

<http://kidwaresoftware.com/kidtype.htm>

Typing Tutor

<http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~cs302/resources/basics/typing.html>



GAMES

AI Bunny's Typing Class (for PC)

<http://www.sunmoonusa.com/TryAI.htm>

10 Finger Breakout

<http://www.giletech.com/Typing-Tutor.htm>

Letter Invaders - A typing game (MAC)

<http://www.fooledya.com/games/letters/>

Joining the ranks of active participants on the Internet, the Canadian Museum of Civilization now unveils the Virtual Museum of New France. This venture allows cybernauts free entry into the first virtual universe devoted to New France: a new world.

<http://www.civilization.ca/vmnf/vmnfe.asp>

Primary Resources is a web site with a vast selection of ideas and lessons for all subject areas and domains. It offers resources in Math, Science, Language Arts, ICT, the Arts, History, Geography, MRE/ME and also Phys. Ed.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/re/re.htm>

Teacher-Developed Resources is a free downloadable set of resources that have received funding through the Curriculum Services Canada Foundation. They have such resources as Aboriginal Literature in Canada for Grades 9-12, Building Personal and Career Portfolios for Grade 9-12, Expository Writing for Grades 3-7, Kindergarten Music, Narrative Writing for Grades 3-7, Resources for Canadian Criminal Law and Procedures Curriculum for Grades 9-12, Scored Group Discussion: An Assessment Tool, for Grade 7-12, Standards-Based Assessment: A model for Grades 6-12 and Talk Box for Grades K-3.

<http://www.curriculum.org/tcf/teachers/projects.shtml>

The Community Learning Center, in conjunction with the BC Ministry of Education, has a new clouds unit whose goal is to help teachers find curricular resources to help them learn about a the topic.

<http://www.cln.org/themes/clouds.html>

Johnson Country School District in Wyoming has put together a Physical Education Assessment Scoring Rubrics for all grades from Kindergarten to High School. The components seem rather general, though it would certainly be worth looking at as a tool to aid with the creation of rubrics in a PE curriculum

<http://www.jcsd1.k12.wy.us/Standards/Assess/PER.htm>

Under the category of Free Stuff for Teachers, the following freebies are available:

1. National Pork Board - Healthy eating kits, including a "Porkfolio." Healthy eating for hungry kids tear pads and more. http://www.porkandhealth.org/ed/health_order_form.asp
2. The American Plastics Council - Posters, teacher's kits and lots more. All about plastics and recycling. http://www.plasticsresource.com/top_level/info.asp

3. Student Vote 2003 - Receive a curriculum and election packages, about the Canadian election process, when you register your school.
<http://www.kidsvotingcanada.com/go.htm>
4. The Earth Observing System - A free set of posters about observing earth from space, to be used for "educational purposes."
http://eospsso.gsfc.nasa.gov/eos_homepage/for_educators/order_form/index.php?type=eos_poster
5. Bernie Book Club - Get a fun filled reading adventure pack including a bookmark, magnet, reading list and book review form. <http://annies.com/arthur/berniesbookclub.html>

Financial Literacy, 2010 offers free classroom teaching guides for teachers of secondary school students.

"Basics of Saving and Investing" is available in both print and online formats. "Basics" is designed for use by business, family and consumer science, and social studies high school teachers. Among the five units of "Basics" is a unique focus on spotting and avoiding investment fraud, including an in-classroom simulation of a scam. "Personal Finance for the Economics Classroom" is only available in a print format, though an electronic edition is planned for future. "Economics" focuses specifically on the unique needs of high school economics teachers. This five-unit guide includes more than 20 specific lesson plans and features charts showing how it stacks up relative to state-specific standards for economics instructors."

There does not seem to be any restriction for Canadian teachers.

<http://www.fl2010.org/teach.htm>

On of my fellow RECIT from QESN RECIT has recently found some PowerPoint Templates to create and play Jeopardy, and Hollywood Squares. They can be found at:

Jeopardy Template

<http://itech.fcps.net/trt10/Documents/jeopardytemplate25.ppt>

Hollywood Squares

<http://itech.fcps.net/trt10/Documents/HollywoodSquares.ppt>

Jeopardy Template #2

http://www.meadowthorpe.fcps.net/powerpoint_jeopardy_template.htm

Time Life has just put together a web site on "100 years of Flight". It includes People, Moments, Planes and Fashion that have effected or been effected by "mans desire to fly".

<http://www.time.com/time/2003/flight/>

A new web site from the U.S. National Library of Medicine focuses on Greek Medicine: From Gods to Galen. It covers Olympian healers, Hippocrates, Aristotle, Galen and other Greek physicians. I found it to be interesting.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/greek/index.html>

Dramaction is a French pedagogical site for teachers of the dramatic arts. It was create for teachers, animators who often feel isolated in their school milieu and require some resources to help with the teaching of dramatic arts in a school setting.

<http://www.dramaction.qc.ca/index.php>

The education Network has a number of links for “end of year activities” covering such subjects as Education World End of Year, Create a Class Yearbook, June Holidays and End of Year Activities, Blackwell’s Best End of Year Activities, End of School Year Ideas, Lessons & Activity Sheets, End of the Year Summer Activities for School and Home, Wind Up Learning as the Year Winds Down, ABC Teach End Of School, End of School Lesson Plans, End of School Year Poster and Thinking Ahead to Next Year.

<http://www.theeducatorsnetwork.com/main/unitfeature.htm>

“Exemplar has pioneered the field of providing performance assessment tasks that meet national standards to improve assessment AND instruction. Founded in 1993, Exemplars began by assisting educators using K-8 mathematics problems and assessments that met NCTM Standards. We added Mathematics 9-12 two years later. Due to the popularity of math, we started publishing Science K-8 in 1997. RWR Exemplars (Reading, Writing and Research in the Content Areas) was published for grades 5-8 in 1999. Exemplars materials are now used by educators in 50 states and world-wide”.

They have rubrics for “everyday” math standards for Grades 1-6

<http://www.exemplars.com/everydaymath/EDM.html>

They also have rubrics for various science and technology concepts including Physical sciences, Life Sciences, and Earth Sciences all for K-2. They also have Physical sciences, life sciences, earth sciences and design technology for Grades 3-5.

http://www.exemplars.com/lit_link/science_kit.html

A new “cool” website on Antarctica has photographs, facts about Antarctica, animals of Antarctica even information on planning an Antarctica vacation.

<http://www.coolantarctica.com/>

For those of you who like “useless information” (as I do), will enjoy the following web site.

Maintained by Bill Turner (a programmer for Yahoo), this site is a helpful and entertaining compilation of “best of” lists. Taken from a variety of sources, along with several lists created especially for the Web site, Turner got the idea for the site after deciding to attempt to read all the books on the Random House “Best 100 Books of the 20th Century.” Currently, the site’s lists are divided into the categories of books, movies, and music.

<http://www.listsofbests.com/>

TheatreCrafts.com’s web site has, as it’s goal “to eventually be the best resource for practical information and advice about technical theatre techniques for theatre folk at any level.” It covers Administration, Audio-Visual, Beginners, Amateurs, Books store, Effects, Glossary of Technical Theatre Terms, Humour, Lighting, Marketing, Props, Rigging, Scenic, Sound, Stage Management, Themed Entertainment, Venues and Wardrobe.

<http://www.theatreCrafts.com/>

Nation Master is a web is a handy way to graphically compare nations. Using the form provided, you can generate graphs with ease on all kinds of statistics. What's more, you can select exactly which countries you want to include.

<http://www.nationmaster.com/>

Pour les profs de français

Le Musée canadien des civilisations qui a joint les rangs des participants actifs du réseau Internet inaugure le Musée virtuel de la Nouvelle-France. Cette initiative vous permet d'entrer, sans laisser-passer, dans le premier univers virtuel consacré à La Nouvelle-France: un monde nouveau.

<http://www.civilization.ca/vmnf/musee/musee-fr.htm>

ScienTIC est un site web avec un projet local de soutien aux activités scientifiques intégrant les technologies de l'information et des communications qui est une initiative du RÉCIT local en collaboration avec les services des Ressources éducatives de la Commission scolaire des Chênes.

<http://www.csdeschenes.qc.ca/scientic/>

Il y a un nouveau theme dans le coffre aux tresors....L'été et les vacances.

<http://www.csdm.qc.ca/recit-adapt-scol/coffre/ete/ete.html>

Dramaction est un site pedagogique pour des enseignants de theatre. Il a été crée pour les enseignants, les animateurs et les metteurs en scène dans les milieux scolaires sont souvent isolés et les ressources pour les aider et s'entraider se résument à peu de choses. Le site DRAMACTION vise à rétablir la situation..

<http://www.dramaction.qc.ca/index.php>