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It's Midnight: Are Your Kids Online?

Today's Internet is a fascinating and helpful community. But, like any community, it has its own particular dangers. This workshop focuses on proactive steps you can take to protect your family, students and yourself. The concentration covers malware, cyberbullying, and "sexting."

Digital Storytelling

Take digital storytelling across the curriculum to the next level with Photo Story 3. Create exciting sound-enhanced videos and learn ways to involve your students in the creation process. The sky is the limit with this program.

Teacher Tech Utilities

Get the most bang for your buck with this all in one class. Make screen captures with Snagit, create pdf files for free, learn the ins and outs of a file compression program like 7Zip, and convert video and other files into a format

that works for you.

World Book 2010

Come and see World Book 2010's exciting new features (many just for Rapides Parish) with the World Book Web, featuring new sites that make research easier and more successful thanks to the new resources. Sessions exist for both Region VI as a whole and Rapides Parish only.

Intel Leadership Forum

The Intel Teach Leadership Forum provides face-to-face professional development focusing on the importance of leadership in promoting, supporting, and modeling the use of technology in instruction. Through the forum, participants explore relevant research and behaviors related to supporting effective technology integration and associated professional development: LaSalle and Grant sessions. Administrators and Supervisors.

Proficiency Express

Proficiency Express, an interactive, technology rich, totally online professional development initiative, is designed to provide participants with basic technology proficiency skills as they apply them in the development of instructional classroom resources. Participants will be introduced to a variety of software applications and technology tools that can be utilized in the classroom.

Let's Have a Clay Day

Mold the minds of your students by bringing clay alive in the classroom. Clay animation can be used to target difficult concepts and skills for students in new and exciting ways.

Read about these and other professional development offerings from Region 6 TLTC and register at <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/coursebyinterest.asp>

February Grants



Make Music Matter

The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation's grants focus on educational reform in school music programs and independent music programs. Grant amounts from \$1,000 to \$12,000 each will be made on an annual, one-time basis. To be eligible, U.S. schools must already employ a music educator and have an existing music program. Grant requests must articulate specific music program needs for existing and/or planned programs.

Deadline: February 5, 2010

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Use Science to Solve Real-World Problems

The **Christopher Columbus Awards Program** combines **science** and **technology** with **community problem solving**. Students work in teams with the help of an adult coach to identify an issue they care about and, using science and technology, work with experts, conduct research and put their ideas to the test to develop an innovative solution. Deadline: 2/8/10

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New Free Online Web 2.0 Resources

NBC Learn Olympics

<http://www.nbclearn.com/portal/site/learn>

NBC Learn interviews athletes, coaches, and scientists in this original 16-part series, and unravels the physics, biology, chemistry, and materials engineering behind the Olympic Winter Games. The Science of the Olympic Winter Games is made possible through a partnership with the National Science Foundation. Free videos explore the science behind the Olympics. Find these and a lot more 21st Century video and other content. A+ resource site!

Leading to Read

<http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/preschoolers/read.htm>



The **Reading Is Fundamental** site has excellent audio and animated online books and people reading books aloud for young children. Younger children learning to read and younger ELL students can profit greatly from these free resources.

Math TV

<http://mathtv.com/>

It's here; it's real; it's MATHTV! Students and others can receive tutoring and review through videos which cover a number of math topics in Basic Math, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Calculus.



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