

News You Can Use

Weekly Newsletter

Employee Discounts from Phone Providers

January 5, 2011

Great news! As a public school employee, you may be eligible for a discount on your phone bill! Please check with your provider to see if they offer anything for public sector employees.

Example: AT&T advertises that you can take advantage of your organization's qualified discount by presenting your employee badge, a copy of your paystub, or your student/union ID at any authorized AT&T retailer.

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2011 Special Education Summer Programs Job Opportunities Preschool, Elementary & Secondary

WANTED

Teachers: Certified (current) in Special Education or General Education

Specialists: Speech/Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists,

Physical Therapists, Autism/Behavior Consultants, Therapeutic

Paraprofessionals: Classroom, Individual, Shared

Please see the attached flyer for complete information and an application. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer at 362-1834 or Debb at 362-1833.



Technology Conference - Call for Presenters

The Technology Education Partnership (TEP) of Western Mass. is holding it's first annual Technology Conference and Exposition on April 7, 2010. The keynote speaker will be Alan November, senior partner and founder of November Learning. There will be a variety of one hour breakout sessions scheduled throughout the day.

Teachers, media specialists, administrators, and technical support personnel who have effective instructional technology programs and management strategies to share are invited to be a presenter to share methods, plans, and successes. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

If you have any questions or need more information, please email Angela Burke at aburke@grsd.org.

Dates to

Remember

- **1/17**
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **1/27**
 Studying Skillful Teaching Course Begins
- **2/21—2/25**
 Winter Break
- **1/28**
 Teacher Workday

Care of Whiteboards

As we install more whiteboards and projectors, it's important to understand how to care for the equipment. Please keep in mind the following tips when cleaning your whiteboard:

- Never use harsh chemicals or abrasives to clean the whiteboard. Use only the eraser, or whiteboard cleaner and a soft cloth. **Never use a Scotch Brite pad or other abrasive.**
- If you accidentally write on the whiteboard with a permanent marker, simply write over the permanent marker with a dry erase marker. Use a regular dry erase marker, not a low odor marker. You should then be able to erase the permanent marker using the eraser or white board cleaner.

If you have any questions about the maintenance or care of any technology product please call David Wheeler at 362-1886.

Professional Development

The Museum Institute for Teaching Science (MITS) presents the 2011 Professional Development Seminar Series

January 25, February 15, March 24 & April 14, 2011
9:30am - 3:30pm

For more information please visit the [Museum Institute for Teaching Science website](#).

Endicott College has partnered with Virtual Education Software, inc. to offer graduate level continuing education courses for K-12 educators online or via CD-Rom. These interactive courses provide expert instruction at a pace that fits your schedule.

For more information please visit <http://www.virtualeduc.com/e-announcements/endicott.htm>.

School Cancellations

School cancellation announcements are first made on our **School Cancellation Line at 413-362-1898**. Every effort is made to make this information available by 6:00 AM.

Cancellations are also posted on:

TV stations:

WWLP Channel 22, WGGB Channel 40 and CBS3

Radio stations:

WVHI 98.3, WPVQ 95.3, MIX93.1.

