



**April Community of Practice Event
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April 21, 2008

Community of Practice Event Featuring Chris Toy

In Calgary at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Chris Toy, who presented at the Summer Institute this past August, will present again on "Leading Change". Chris has been closely involved with Maine's successful one-to-one laptop program.

Jurisdiction Sharing Session

It is through both our successes and our challenges that we learn and grow as a community. Evaluations from previous events have indicated that participants would like time to share with colleagues at the Community of Practice events. All jurisdictions will have the opportunity to present their projects and engage in conversations with other districts. [Click here for presentation guidelines.](#)



April 22, 2008

Professional Learning Day

In Calgary at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
A professional learning day will be held in addition to the Community of Practice event. This day is designed to provide you with hands on professional learning activities in a variety of areas..

Research Update from Metiri



The student surveys (two engagement surveys and Self-Regulated Learning Inventory) should be completed by February 8, 2008. The teacher, school administrator, and point-of-contact surveys are due on February 15, 2008. Thanks to all who are making that extra effort to complete the surveys!



Professional Learning Update from Galileo

Classroom Teachers: Using Web 2.0 Technologies in the One-to-One Classroom

Galileo Educational Network will be hosting a two-session online webinar to support teachers in conceptualizing, setting up and implementing a variety of Web 2.0 technologies in one-to-one classrooms. Sessions will highlight, but are not limited to, the use of wikis, blogs and pod-casting to enhance and extend teaching and learning in 21st century classrooms. There will be an opportunity to attend follow-up sessions after the initial webinar concludes to share best practices.

Session dates are February 28 and March 6, 2008 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Please contact Darlene Bridger at galileonetwork@gmail.com or by phone at (403) 220-8942 by Monday, February 25, 2008 to register for this series.

Classroom Teachers: Digital Storytelling in the One-to-One Classroom

Visual literacy is the ability to interpret, use, appreciate, and create images and video using both conventional and 21st century media. Visual literacy advances thinking, decision making, communication and learning skills. Digital Storytelling is one of the most exciting emerging art forms of our time. This form of expression develops expression skills such as voice, perspective, impact, timing and audience awareness. Through this webinar, teachers will learn digital storytelling skills by creating a digital story themselves (through drafting a narrative and working with photo design and digital multi-media software), and planning for taking their students through the process.

PC Session dates are February 26, March 4, March 11 and March 18, 2008 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Please contact Darlene Bridger at galileonetwork@gmail.com or by phone at (403) 220-8942 by Tuesday, February 19, 2008 to register for this series.

Mac Session dates are February 27, March 5, March 12 and March 19, 2008 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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Highlighted Resources

From Alberta Education

The **Distributed Learning Resources Branch** has now completed the development of field-test versions of Biology 20, Chemistry 20, and Physics 20. These resources can be accessed either from one of the jurisdictional partners involved in the project or from the ToolsforTeacher's website. Students have the option of downloading the resources onto their laptops, giving them the flexibility of learning wherever they are—not only in the classroom.

LearnAlberta.ca provides online digital learning resources correlated to Alberta Education's Programs of Study. By signing up for our e-mail updates, educators can receive notifications about new resources as well as information on updates to current resources.

For those who attended the Discovering the Resources at LearnAlberta.ca sessions at the 2007 Emerge Summer Institute and are interested in providing feedback on any success stories or problems using these resources, you are invited to contact Cathy Simpson, Manager, Stakeholder Involvement, Learning Technologies Branch at Cathy.Simpson@gov.ab.ca.



Resources from ISTE (International Society of Technology in Education)

TeachersFirst - <http://TeachersFirst.com>

TeachersFirst is a collection of lessons, units and web resources designed to save teachers time by delivering just what they need in a practical, user-friendly and ad-free format. TeachersFirst offers its own professional and classroom-ready content along with thousands of reviewed web resources, including practical ideas for classroom use. Busy teachers, parents and students can find resources using our subject/grade level search, keyword search or extensive menus.

K-12 Instructional Media Center - <http://www.k12imc.org/iste>

The K-12 Instructional Media Center houses over 2,100 carefully selected and annotated resources to provide teachers with the tools they need to create exciting, topical lesson plans and curriculum.

Elevate 2008

Alberta Education is hosting Elevate 2008, an international educational videoconferencing event in August 2008 in Banff. This conference focuses on educational applications for videoconferencing and related technologies. Registration for this conference is now open, and a special registration fee of \$375 is in effect from now until May 20, 2008. Please visit <http://www.vcalberta.ca/elevate2008> for more information and to register.

For more information please contact Danny Maas at Daniel.Maas@gov.ab.ca or by phone at (780) 415-0820.

