

Quick Tips

For ePortfolios...

- Digitize student work! Scan, take pictures, and make audio and video recordings.
- Use file formats that are easily shared across platforms (pdf, jpg, mp3, mov, etc.)
- Collect and organize the work in a folder and subfolders
- Make a table of contents with hyperlinks to the artifacts for easy navigation.
- For more tips go to <http://electronicportfolios.org>

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The end is near...

The countdown has started and in the next few weeks you'll all be busy collecting and counting laptops and waiting for news about the next deployment. In the meantime, here's all the MLTI news that's fit to print.

Student Tech Team Conference

The Third Annual MLTI Student Tech Team Conference was held at USM on May 25. This conference was a collaborative effort of MLTI and the University of Southern Maine's School of Applied Science, Engineering, and Technology.

The purpose of the conference was two-fold: to learn to organize and/or improve a Student Tech Team with students and adults as active participants and to acquire both technical and interpersonal skills for supporting others as their school communities increase their utilization of MLTI technology as an educational tool. Like the MLTI itself, this conference is not only about the computers and the wireless networks - it is about what can be done with them.



Drawing for door prizes at the John Mitchell Center at USM

This year's conference was bigger and better than ever. Many new sessions were added and several of them were offered more than once to accommodate everyone. Topics ranged from the technical (troubleshooting the laptops) to the historical (using the *MaineMemory* Network) to the artistic (creating impressionist paintings digitally), to the musical (*GarageBand!*) and beyond. A new feature this year was an ongoing game of "Not So Trivial Pursuit," where kids sharpened their web search skills and won individual prizes while earning points toward a school prize. Lunchtime offered a special surprise when members of the international One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) joined the students.

There was also a drawing for door prizes at the end of the day, but maybe the best prize of all was the opportunity for kids to network with other kids and to visit a college campus.

York Regional Meeting Rescheduled

Because of the flooding in southern Maine this month, the York Regional Meeting, originally scheduled for May 17 has been rescheduled and will take place on June 7 at Marshwood High School. This is also an opportunity for those who missed the meetings in their regions to attend.

This meeting is critical for all schools that are planning to continue to participate in the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. The agenda for the Regional Meetings includes an update on MLTI procedures for the end of the year, as well as an overview of what the next four



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years will look like. There will be information about the buyout timeline, responsibilities at the state, district and building level, professional development, and much more.

Although much of this information can be communicated through email and web postings, a face-to-face meeting allows you to ask questions and discuss issues and gives us the timely feedback we need to make decisions.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please visit the registration site:

<http://www.maine.gov/mlti/events/regional>

Expedition to Bali

One of the benefits of one-to-one computing in our classrooms is the ability our students now have to communicate with experts all over the world.

Patti Irish, former 7th grade Science teacher at Brunswick Junior High, has embarked on a new career as an underwater photographer and videographer and she is interested in sharing her research, photos, and video with teachers and students who are interested in the coral reefs. Since leaving the teaching profession,

Patti has explored reefs near Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Solomon



Islands, Hawaii, Mexico, and Belize. In May she left for a month in the Bali and Irian Jaya reefs.

If you are interesting in following Patti's expedition to Bali, visit her web site at <http://web.mac.com/pirish1> where you can read her blog and email questions to her.

AALF Conference

The Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation will hold its annual conference at Northeastern University in Boston, June 21-23. This conference is for K-12 teachers, administrators, curriculum coordinators, school board members and anyone else interested in one-to-one computing in schools.

One-to-one initiatives from all over the world will be represented and keynote speakers



include Ben Shneiderman, author of *Leonardo's Laptop*, John Bransford, one of the authors of *How People Learn*, and former Maine Governor Angus King.

MLTI staff members including Bette Manchester, Jeff Mao, Barbara Greenstone, Phil Brookhouse, and Jim Moulton will be among the presenters.

To learn more about the Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation and to register for the conference visit their web site at

<http://www.aalf.org>

Maine EcoScienceWorks

At Camp Kieve in Nobleboro, over the weekend of May 5th and 6th, 22 middle school teachers from across the state of Maine participated in initial curriculum development for the *Maine EcoScienceWorks Explorer Program*.

The Foundation for Blood Research put together a workshop that included information from the SimBiotic Software developers, a study of their existing curriculum and how it can apply to Maine, an introduction to Maine Audubon Society's partnership, Camp Kieve team-building, and simple enjoyment of a great Maine



woods setting on our first two beautiful Spring days.

Five college labs in ecological modeling with *EcoBeaker* were given to the teachers for analysis. The goal is to have 5 Maine-specific custom computer modeling labs developed for the participating teachers to build lesson plans around, and to work with field units that Maine Audubon Society developed in partnership. These labs will be available specifically for the new MLTI laptops in the fall.

Celebrating MLTI

On May 16 the Gulf of Maine Research Institute was the scene of a celebration of MLTI as we end the first four years of our journey and begin the next leg. Governor Baldacci joined GMRI along with Seymour Papert, Bette Manchester, and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Jack Cashman in lauding MLTI and the recognition it has received around the world.

According to Seymour Papert, "In China,



Maine is known for its lighthouses and lobsters, not lighthouses and lobsters." Governor Baldacci praised the Maine Legislature for approving funding for another four years, noting how MLTI

is helping to provide a tech-savvy work force in Maine.

The celebration ended with a demonstration of *Google Earth* and *SketchUp Pro*, two programs Google is donating to the new MLTI image.

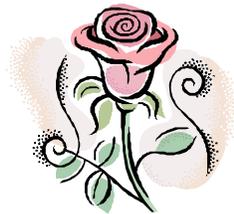
What's in a Name?

When we hear M-L-T-I, we think of only one thing, the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. But we've been wondering what else MLTI might stand for.

A quick Google search for "MLTI" produced more than 120,000 hits. Most of the first hundred or so refer to the Maine Learning Technology Initiative but there are a few other MLTIs out there.

We found MLTI also could be Multi-Tech International Corp., a company in Ohio that manufactures biological products. It also stands for Michigan Laborer's Training Institute, although

they recently added "Apprenticeship" to their title becoming MLTAI. For a web design company, MLTI is Multi Language Template Integration, and in the medical community it represents the Mixed Lymphocyte-Tumor Interaction test.



In most cases MLTI was simply an abbreviation for the prefix "multi" meaning many or multiple and we think that's appropriate as in our MLTI we try to meet multiple needs of educators and students..

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Kudos to...

...all the Maine middle schools that successfully administered the MEAs online this year.

Barbara's and Phil's Picks

Phil's picks this month are two Canadian sites.

The first is *iEARN-Canada*: The Canadian affiliate of the International Education and Research Network, <http://www.iearn-canada.org/>. According to their site "*iEARN* is the world largest and longest-running k-12 global learning network. *iEARN* is a non-profit global telecommunications community of over one million students and teachers in over 20,000 primary and secondary schools and youth organizations in over 110 countries. *iEARN* enables students and teachers worldwide to undertake projects designed to make a meaningful contribution to the health and welfare of the planet and its people. Through their

educational projects, young people develop the skills needed for the 21st century. *iEARN* has helped to facilitate and support projects to this end since 1988."

Another Canadian resource from Alberta is *2learn.ca* <http://www.2learn.ca/> It's a very comprehensive education website that can be used as a place to store bookmarks, arrange them into WebQuest type experiences, and actually manage students' work. Their resources span disciplines, grade levels and even spotlight the importance of assistive technologies.

Next Month: Barbara's Picks.



No new cartoon this month, so please enjoy this favorite from the MLTI Update archives.

Quote of the Month

"Maine's laptop program goes beyond the classroom. It includes strengthening math, science and technology skills that will prepare students to thrive and succeed in the 21st century global economy. By providing the next generation of workers with technology education, our workforce will continue to make Maine the place of choice to live and do business."

- Governor John Baldacci