



The 2-Minute Briefing for Busy Educators

DistrictAdministrationDaily

www.DistrictAdministration.com

Top K-12 News for Friday, October 20, 2006

[Forward to a Friend](#)

[Florida Teachers, Some Districts Balk at Merit Pay](#) *(Orlando Sentinel)*

The state has approved a merit pay plan, but there are questions of fairness and union disputes. [More...](#)

[Oregon's Sixth-Graders Get New Laptops Free](#) *(The Oregonian)*

A pilot program will provide new laptop computers free to sixth-graders in three yet-to-be-determined Oregon middle schools. [More...](#)

[No Test Tubes? Debate on Virtual Science Classes](#) *(The New York Times)*

A dispute has flared over how far the Internet can go in displacing the brick-and-mortar laboratory. [More...](#)

[Ohio's Class of 2011 Faces Harder Course Work](#) *(The Enquirer)*

Ohio legislators are close to passing tougher course requirements for high school students. [More...](#)



Think Outside the Bubble
Leap Into Science Vocabulary and Improve Test Scores
Win a FREE Classroom Set

CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES

[Executive Search Position of the Day](#)

[Chief, Human Resource Services, Richland County School District One, Columbia, S.C.](#)

[Denver's Schools Chief: Public to Drive School Reforms](#) *(The Denver Post)*

Denver's schools chief believes communities are key to designing what will work best for their kids. [More...](#)

[College Prep a Booming Business](#) *(PhillyBurbs.com)*

A growing number of parents are investing in tutors and consultants to bolster her child's chances of getting into college. [More...](#)



Free Product Information
Your direct connection to advertisers in District Administration.

[East Meets West in U.S. Schools](#) *(International Herald Tribune)*

There's growing interest in Chinese language and culture. [More...](#)

[Program Aims to Steer Students into Engineering](#) *(The Arizona Republic)*

With U.S. demand for engineers expected to rise in coming years, Arizona high schools are responding by offering a pre-engineering program. [More...](#)

[Teen Questioned for Online Bush Threats](#) *(The Washington Post)*

Upset by the war in Iraq, Julia Wilson vented her frustrations with President Bush last spring on her Web page on MySpace.com. [More...](#)

[Dropout Crisis in Philadelphia Emerges from Research](#) *(The Philadelphia Inquirer)*

Half of 9th graders don't graduate on time. [More...](#)

Oct '06 Issue Online



DA Feature of the D

Administrator Profil

Kanold Superintend

Adlai E. Stevenson

High School District

The Perfect Equation

'06)

Oct '06 Table of Cor

[Subscribe to DA Ma](#)

New Products and Services

GTCO CalComp Brings Better Clicking into the Classroom

InterWrite PRS version 4.10 includes a new interface and screen capture capability, making it easier to use with the company's related classroom software and instant response system.

Pearson Assessments Launches Prosper Version 4

The new version of the program includes enhanced reporting applications for teachers and administrators and advanced networking capabilities.

Cisco Systems Foundation Funds Research Study

The foundation is giving \$78,000 to the Research Institute for Learning and Development to conduct a year-long pilot and research study that measures the efficacy of two software applications on academic performance.

Enhancing Security

CBORD and NICE have integrated security systems to provide better coverage. The CBORD's CS Gold campus card system and NICE Systems' NiceVision can be used to monitor events and provide video playback.

Contract News

Florida District Selects Scantron's Achievement Series

Volusia County Public Schools will use the technology as a platform for its testing series.

Posted October 19, 2006

eChalk Helps with Lesson Plans

The company has released Lesson Planner, a framework that helps K-12 schools align curriculum with state and local standards.

From Bloodsucking Leeches to Mythic Beasts, Making Science Cool for Kids

Scholastic.com, Science World, and SuperScience, begin a second year of a behind-the-scenes look at the American Museum of Natural History's exhibits.

Pew Report Covers Education Trends

The Pew Center has released, "The Changing Landscape of American Public Education: New Students, New Schools."

IntraLearn Software Expands Customer Support

Connected Learning Network will provide a full range of support services for IntraLearn's new LearningServer for SharePoint e-Learning platform.

Posted October 18, 2006

Johns Hopkins University Center for Technology in Education Selects Sensics Virtual Reality System for Educational Gaming and Simulations Project

CTE will investigate the educational impact of virtual reality, and its potential applications for special-needs students.

Discovery Education and WGBH Boston Partner to Deliver Highly Acclaimed PBS Series to U.S. Schools

“ 63

Million

Dollar

for a Sch

with

no BOOK

READ
ON
WITH

Susan
Ohania

The
puls
Education's Place f



Dr. Hotlist

The Creative Conn Project

Linking K-12 classroom
partner classes in
countries for cross-c
understanding

[Web Site of the W
Archives](#)

Filtered for spam and viruses
100% Free Enterprise-Class service

[Acclaimed PBS Series to U.S. Schools](#)

Discovery Education and leading PBS station WGBH Boston today announced a new media partnership that will provide digital distribution of some of the station's most highly acclaimed kids' programs to schools across the United States.

[Sunburst Technology Introduces Comprehensive Writing Program with Write Brain](#)

Write Brain's research-based, next-generation writing curriculum for grades 2-8 engages students in a way consistent with their native digital lifestyles.

[MakeMusic, Inc. Releases Finale Notepad 2007](#)

Free downloadable music notation software offers Mac-Intel support and compatibility with Finale 2007.

[Dates that Matter, Free Daily History-in-Context Teaching Resource, Launches on TeachersFirst.com](#)

Fun, engaging quiz format challenges students to guess the day's historical event, and why it matters today.

DA Daily Archives:

- [Today](#)
- [Thursday 10/19/06](#)
- [Wednesday 10/18/06](#)
- [Tuesday 10/17/06](#)
- [Monday 10/16/06](#)

[Subscribe to DA Daily](#) | [Subscribe to DA Magazine](#) | [Forward this DA Daily to a Friend](#) | [Unsubscribe](#) | [Change](#)

The publishers of District Administration Daily do not share, sell, or rent any personal information collected from our s

We despise SPAM and assume you do too. If, for any reason, you do not wish to continue receiving District Administr reply to this email. Rather, click [unsubscribe from your newsletter](#) in order to remove your e-mail address from our li should take no more than a few days for your e-mail address to cycle out of our system. If you have any problems bey free to contact us directly at webeditor@districtadministration.com or call 203-663-0119.

District Administration Daily is published by [District Administration](#), the award-winning magazine for district superinten 12 education executives. If you are not receiving *District Administration*, and wish to, [complete our short application](#) a eligibility to receive a free subscription.