

# The Ability Advisor

"Focusing on Student Abilities"



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## Quote of the Month:

"Your ability to learn faster than your competition is your only sustainable competitive advantage." Arie de Gues

## Upcoming Events:

- April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - OK-AHEAD Spring Conference at Francis Tuttle Technology Center Reno Campus. You can find out more information about the conference by going to the OK-AHEAD web site <http://www.ok-ahead.org/confnce.html>
  - Keynote Presenter – Bill Dittmeier from the Office of Civil Rights
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder – Participants will gain an understanding of students on the autism spectrum, including assessment, learning styles, impacts in the classroom as well as strategies and interventions. This session will be held at Kiamichi Technology Center. For registration click the following link. <http://se.sde.state.ok.us/ses/calendar/View.aspx?EventID=593>
- April 8<sup>th</sup> – Math Success for All Students - This presentation is designed for regular and special education teachers who provide math instruction. The presentation will introduce accommodations and modifications and provide basic ideas. The participants will be given hands-on ideas for accommodations in a math classroom, ideas for modifications, and resources to help students enjoy everyday math assignments. The session is located at North East Technology Center for registration, please click the following link. <http://se.sde.state.ok.us/ses/calendar/View.aspx?EventID=705>
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder – Participants will gain an understanding of students on the autism spectrum, including assessment, learning styles, impacts in the classroom as well as strategies and interventions. This session will be held at Southwest Technology Center. For registration click the link below. <http://se.sde.state.ok.us/ses/calendar/View.aspx?EventID=594>
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Oklahoma Association of Minorities in Career and Technology Education (OAMCTE) annual Leadership Conference to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Moore Norman South Penn Campus, Oklahoma City. See the attached document for more information.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder – Participants will gain an understanding of students on the autism spectrum, including assessment, learning styles, impacts in the classroom as well as strategies and interventions. This session will be held at Tulsa Technology Center. For registration click the following link. <http://se.sde.state.ok.us/ses/calendar/View.aspx?EventID=713>

## **Reminders:**

- **Summer Conference Information:** Summer conference dates are Tuesday through Thursday, August 4-6, 2009 in Oklahoma City. General sessions will be at the Cox Center. Guidance, Special Needs, Equity, Tech Prep, and Financial Aid sessions will be at Moore Norman, S. Penn Campus.

## **Word of the Month:**

**spoonerism** \SPOO-nuh-riz-uhm\, *noun*:

The transposition of usually initial sounds in a pair of words.

Some examples:

- We all know what it is to have a half-warmed fish ["half-formed wish"] inside us.
- A well-boiled icicle ["well-oiled bicycle"].
- It is kisstomary to cuss ["customary to kiss"] the bride.
- Is the bean dizzy ["dean busy"]?
- Let me sew you to your sheet ["show you to your seat"].

*Spoonerism* comes from the name of the Rev. William Archibald *Spooner* (1844-1930), a kindly but nervous Anglican clergyman and educationalist. All the above examples were committed by (or attributed to) him. <http://dictionary.reference.com/>

## **Useless Fact of the Month:**

- Grand Rapids, Michigan is the "SpaghettiOs Capital of the World" because per-capita consumption is highest in that city, per the Franco-American Company. Reportedly, there are more than 1,750 "O's" in a 15-ounce can of SpaghettiOs.

## **Resources for Educators:**

- This is an article that was sent to me by Denise North of Metro Technology Center. She found the article in the March 2009 edition of the Association of Career and Technology Education (ACTE) "Techniques" magazine. This article discusses transition plans for all students that extend beyond high school. It highlights the need for Career and Technology educators to get involved in the transition process for all students. You can view the article by clicking on the following link or by opening the attachment to this e-mail.
  - [http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Publications\\_and\\_E-Media/files/files-techniques-2009/theme2\(1\).pdf](http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Publications_and_E-Media/files/files-techniques-2009/theme2(1).pdf)

- Another “Techniques” article you may want to take a look at is “Tips for Teaching Math to CTE Students”. You can view the article by clicking on the following link or by opening the attachment to this e-mail.
  - [http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Publications\\_and\\_E-Media/files/files-techniques-2009/theme6.pdf](http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Publications_and_E-Media/files/files-techniques-2009/theme6.pdf)
- If you have not had to opportunity to check out the Department of Education website for free articles go ahead and take a look. They have just recently released three updated publications:
  - [\*Tips For Helping Students Recovering From Traumatic Events\*](#)
  - [\*Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide To Safe Schools\*](#)
  - [\*Preventing Bullying: A Manual For Schools And Communities\*](#)
  - <http://edpubs.ed.gov/>

If you have any information you would like shared or have suggested topics you would like to find more information about please feel free to contact me.

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