

The Ability Advisor

"Focusing on Student Abilities"



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Quote of the Month:

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

Stacia Tauscher

Upcoming Events:

- August 4th, 5th, 6th – Summer Conference in Oklahoma City
 - <http://www.okcareertech.org/confer/summer/index.htm>
- September 1st – Guidance Fest: Moore Norman Technology Center
 - <http://www.okcareertech.org/techprep/guidancefest.htm>
- September 3rd – Guidance Fest: Tulsa Technology Center
 - <http://www.okcareertech.org/techprep/guidancefest.htm>
- September 7th – Labor Day
- September 9th, 10th, 11th – Oklahoma Transition Institute: Metro Technology Center, OKC
 - <http://education.ou.edu/zarrow/oti/>
 - See attached save the date flyer
- September 10th – Guidance Fest: Kiamichi Technology Center – Atoka
 - <http://www.okcareertech.org/techprep/guidancefest.htm>
- September 13th, 14th, 15th – North Central Accreditation (NCA) Fall Conference
 - <http://sde.state.ok.us/Calendar.aspx>
- September 15th – Guidance Fest: Western Oklahoma State College – Altus
 - <http://www.okcareertech.org/techprep/guidancefest.htm>
- September 17th & 18th – Encyclomedia – Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City
 - <http://sde.state.ok.us/Services/Conference/Encyclomedia/default.html>
- September 22nd – Guidance Fest: High Plains Technology Center – Woodward
 - <http://www.okcareertech.org/techprep/guidancefest.htm>

Reminders:

- **OkACTE Special Needs Division Members:** Remember at summer conference registration the name of the division has changed from the Special Needs Division to Education Services – Special Populations (ESSP)
- **Summer Conference Information:** Summer conference will be held, August 4-6, 2009 in Oklahoma City. General session will be at the Cox Convention Center. Guidance, Special Needs / ESSP, Equity, Tech Prep, and Financial Aid, Drop out Recovery, Assessment sessions will be at Moore Norman Technology Center South Penn Campus. Conference agendas will not be found in the program book this year. To find the divisional agenda and the divisional at a glance please go to the following web site.
<http://www.okcareertech.org/confer/summer/index.htm>
- **Summer Conference Agendas & Links:**
 - <http://okcareertech.org/confer/summer/index.htm>

Word of the Month:

Dulcet \DUHL-sit\, adjective:

1. Pleasing to the ear; melodious; harmonious.
 2. Generally pleasing, soothing, or agreeable.
 3. (Archaic) Sweet to the taste.
- Just as my eyelids started to get heavy and my brain began to relax its hold on wakefulness -- bam! -- the less than **dulcet** tones of Britain's top breakfast DJ started to emanate from my radio alarm.-- "Secs in the City", *The Guardian*, July 30, 2001 www.dictionary.com

Useless Fact of the Month:

- The World's Largest Catsup Bottle stands proudly next to Route 159, just south of downtown Collinsville, Illinois. This unique 170 ft. tall water tower was built in 1949 by W.E. Caldwell Company for the G.S. Suppiger catsup bottling plant. In 1995, due to the efforts of the Catsup Bottle Preservation Group, this piece of local history was saved from demolition and beautifully restored to its original appearance. <http://www.catsupbottle.com/>

Resources for Educators:

New CIMC Products

- Career Connection for 7th Grade through high school students is a 20 page, full-color publication jam-packed with important information to help students identify a career cluster using an assessment inventory, do career exploration, and develop a backup plan for highly competitive occupations. Career Connection is an outstanding tool for school counselors, teachers, career and technology teachers, and resource center coordinators. A teacher's guide is located at http://okcareertech.org/cac/Pages/career_info/career_info.htm. Select "Resources/Products" from the menu and then select "New Career Connection Magazine Teacher's Guide." Revised 2009. CS9014 \$18 (Pkg. of 25)

- Career Connection: Elementary Level. Get a head start on career development with your students by introducing them to career awareness in a fun, hands-on way. This 12 page magazine introduces four major themes within career awareness:
 1. Understanding career clusters
 2. Understanding the relationship between work and learning
 3. Understanding the importance of personal respect and good work habits
 4. Understanding how to relate their interests to career clusters

A teacher's guide is located at http://okcareertech.org/cac/Pages/career_info/career_info.htm. Select "Resources/Products" from the menu and then select "Classroom Teachers." Select "Elementary." Revised 2009. CS9013 (Pkg. of 25)

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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