

The Career Advisor

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Hello - I know I'm a little late in getting out the Career Advisor for this month but I just had a new baby granddaughter, Aydri Jean, and I took a few days off to help my daughter. It's a pretty tough job rocking and holding a new baby! :) *Tommi*



The Counselors Only Conference Monday was great! Some of you were unable to attend due to the weather conditions last week and other school issues. We missed you! If you would like a packet (or several packets) from the conference, just email me. tleac@okcareertech.org Please let me know topics of sessions you would like to see us include next year!

I Agree!

Poll: Counselors are more important for school safety than police ... – from HS Counselor Week - Ed Source
To improve school safety, Californians overwhelmingly believe that having guidance counselors in every school would be more effective than deploying armed police officers. ...

- ✿ **Animated Bullying Poem - "To This Day" by Shane Koyczan** – from School Counselor Blog
I saw this amazing animated spoken word poem about bullying, "To This Day," by Shane Koyczan on Mashable. It is a must watch and a must share!
- ✿ **College Admissions: High School Classes Colleges Look For** – from HS Counselor Week
GoLocalProv College Admissions - At most schools, course selection for next year is around the corner--leaving many families wondering what the best choices are for college-bound students. How many years of a lab science or language are really necessary? What is the right balance of honors and AP courses? ...
- ✿ **10 Tips for Women Starting Their College Careers** – from HS Counselor Week - Huffington Post
The summer after I turned 18, I packed up my teenage life and loaded it into my dad's car. I was moving to Cincinnati, five hours away, to live in a tiny dorm room with someone I'd never met...
- ✿ **4 Ways to Make Your Scholarship Essay Stand Out** – from HS Counselor Week - US News & World Report - It's not easy to separate your scholarship application from the crowd. After all, even if you fit the criteria to a "T," you're still likely to be one of a number of applicants with similar grades, goals, activities, and aspirations...
- ✿ **Kindness Boomerang - Here is a terrific lesson on the true meaning of kindness. The video is fantastic! It could be adapted for any age group. Check it out - (I found this on Pinterest! Follow me!) www.schoolcounselorscrapbook.blogspot.com**

Supporters line up on both sides of flipped instruction debate – from ASCD SmartBrief

The flipped instructional method has become increasingly popular in New Jersey and elsewhere, despite criticism that the approach is unfair to students who lack access to technology at home. Despite opposition, supporters say the approach allows students to learn at their own pace and use class time more effectively. "This way, I can show them that they do know how to solve the problem. It gives them a sense of tenacity and I

think that's been huge," said Kathleen Chesmel, a science teacher at New Egypt High School in New Jersey. [Asbury Park Press \(Neptune-Asbury Park, N.J.\)/The Associated Press](#)

A Student's Guide for Conducting Online Research – CareerTech Testing Center

Do your students only use Google, Bing, or Yahoo to conduct their research? Is Wikipedia their greatest source? How about Facebook? I believe that many of us, especially our students, have limited research skills. We have more information available at our fingertips than ever before, but how do you find it? The infographic on this link was created by **Inmotion Hosting** and features various web 2.0 research tools that you or your students may not have heard of. I believe it's a tool that will help you find additional information and sources that is useful and relevant for your research.

Found recently on Twitter:

- ✿ First, Drop the Word 'Guidance' from Counselors' Titles...[schoolbook.org/2013/02/12/fir...](#)
- ✿ From PJ Caposey@PrincipalPC on Twitter: The best school in five years will be the one trying to be best ten years from now - not the one trying to simply keep up [#edchat](#)
- ✿ Follow me on Twitter @TommiLeach

Solution Focused Parent-Teacher Conferences – Russell Sabella

Traditional conferences focus on the student's deficits, issues, and problems. By focusing on these, we tend to amplify them and make them worse. The assumption is that "you get more of what you focus on." Instead, we need to focus on what the child, parents, and teachers will be doing more when the student is back on track <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKpyVEPd6pc&list=UUxXmSCQPNIIEV2oNdc69R90w&index=9>

The Family Center on Technology and Disability has published the **Family Information Guide to Assistive Technology and Transition Planning in both English and Spanish**. The guide includes an overview of transition planning and assistive technology, guidance on how to make a successful transition with assistive technology, information on laws governing accommodations and transition, and a glossary. The guide is available at: www.fctd.info/show/fig_summary

OKCIS Blog – (Okla. Career Information System) - Follow the OKCIS blog to receive the latest information on updates, changes, training, news and more. Join at www.okcis.blogspot.com and subscribe via email on the left hand column. The Oklahoma Career Information System (OKCIS) is designed to support lifelong career exploration, and career planning and decision-making through easy-to-use; straightforward search and sorting utilities; and an online portfolio for saving information from all system components.

And just for you... A very inspiring video

<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-special-needs-student-scores-two-three-pointers-in-prep-basketball-game/article/3754986>

True story:

On Valentine's Day, an older, wiser Walmart checker in Stillwater asked a college student if the fake flowers he was buying were for his girlfriend.

"Yes," said the young man.

The checker shook his head and said,

"Boy, you'll pay for that!"

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