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Hello - The ***Counselors Only Conference*** was a huge success! 500 counselors from across the state joined together for a great conference. This was a partnership between the SDE (Melissa White and co-workers) and ODCTE (CAC Staff) and we have plans to partner again in the coming year! Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

- ✿ ***If you missed the conference***, we have some extra packets that were handed out at registration. Please contact me if you would like to have one mailed to you. t1eac@okcareertech.org
- ✿ Presentations from the ***Counselors Only Conference*** will be online for viewing at the following link for 60 days. <http://bit.ly/AxAVzf>

On another note, as you are working on schedules for 2012-2013, you will want to use the OCAS codes that have been assigned to the Career Majors at the Technology Centers. A list of these codes can be found at the following links: ***Tommi***

<http://www.okcareertech.org/educators/ocas-codes> or

<http://www.ok.gov/sde/documents/2011-12-16/2012-oklahoma-cost-accounting-system-ocas-manual>

SAVE THE DATE!!! - GuidanceFest 2012



October 23rd - Tuesday - Wes Watkins, Wetumka
October 30th - Tuesday - Central Tech, Sapulpa
November 1st - Thursday - Francis Tuttle, Reno
November 7th - Wednesday - Great Plains, Lawton
November 9th - Friday - Northwest, Fairview



- ✿ ***Boys Dying to be Thin: The New Face of Anorexia*** - from MSNBC
<http://dailynightly.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/02/22/10477185-boys-dying-to-be-thin-the-new-face-of-anorexia>
- ✿ Just a reminder: The OSRHE Summer Counselor Institute will be June 25-28, 2012, in the Tulsa area. If you have attended an OSRHE Counselor Retreat in the past 3 years, please register at <http://www.okhighered.org/epas/prof-dev.shtml>. For questions, contact Lisa Nelson lnelson@osrhe.edu
- ✿ ***Online GED seekers presented with bogus diplomas, lawsuit alleges*** - MSNBC.com

First-graders use Twitter in class - from ASCD SmartBrief

Students in a first-grade class at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Glen Ellyn, Ill., maintain a daily Twitter feed to inform parents about their day in the classroom and remind them about upcoming events. "It's kind of our class meeting at the end of the day," teacher Jodi Conrad said. "This is really great for reflection." The students also write a classroom blog, create videos for a private YouTube account for parents and use computer software to write books. (*Why wouldn't this work for any classroom? Tommi*)

- ✿ [A Great Resource for iPad Features and Shortcuts](#) - from CareerTech Testing Blog
[40+ Super Secret iPad Features and Shortcuts](#) is a great resource article written by Joel Bankhead in iPad.AppStorm.

[Bullying and Bar Graphs: Part 1](#) - from School Counselor Blog

While planning bullying lessons for 5th grade classes, I found a great lesson, "[Bullying Survey](#)," from [Teaching Tolerance](#). This activity not only starts a conversation about bullying, but can easily be integrated into a math class!

[Kids Listen When Parents Say No To Teen Drinking](#) - Minnesota Public Radio - HS Counselor Week

Parents are divided on how best to handle teenage drinking. Should they prohibit it outright, or let teenagers drink with parental supervision?....

Here's a couple of good videos from SchoolCounselor.com:

- ✿ **Shawn Achor: The happy secret to better work | Video on TED.com**
<http://counselingvideos.blogspot.com/2012/02/shawn-achor-happy-secret-to-better-work.html>
- ✿ **Anti-Bullying PSA: The Price of Silence**
<http://counselingvideos.blogspot.com/2012/01/anti-bullying-psa-price-of-silence.html>

[Tool estimates education's cost](#) - from HS Counselor Week

Whenever I've written about financial aid issues, it's always been directed toward high school seniors, but a new tool in the marketplace has been developed that assists families of high school underclassmen predict the cost of college....

[Counselors for Computing](#) - from National Girls Collaborative Project

Counselors for Computing (C4C), a project of the National Center for Women & Information Technology empowers school counselors to increase student interest in and preparedness for computing and technology jobs. C4C brings school counselors the information and resources they need to advise students about careers in computing and technology and paths to these careers. Resources help students connect their interests with next steps toward computing and IT careers.

[1000 Recommended Apps Sorted by Subject Area](#) - from Apps in Education

With more than 500,000 apps available for use on the iPad, which ones are best for education? TCEA (Texas Computer Education Association) helps by testing and recommending great apps for the classroom. They regularly try out new apps and list those that make the grade in the shared document available [here for iPad](#). Apps are categorized into 46 different subject areas and 14 different personal use areas. Apps that are free are listed in white. Make sure you check out the rest of their site for some great resources - <http://www.tcea.org/>

And just for you... I recently saw this app on the Apps in Education blog and tried it. I love it and it's free! Give it a try... *Tommi*

Skitch: FREE <http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/skitch-for-ipad/id490505997?mt=8>

Use shapes, arrows, sketches and text annotation to get your point across fast. Mark up photos, screenshots, maps, and webpages then share them with anyone you like. Skitch lets you annotate, add arrows, shapes and text to existing images. You can draw something new. You can edit images with reposition, recolor and remove your annotations at will.



For those of us who enjoy the football halftime show but don't get to see it because someone has to analyze what we just watched...here is a fantastic performance by the West Virginia University Marching Band. Enjoy... *Tommi*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjPmmCtHmfE>

If you know someone who is not receiving this email and would like to, or if you have questions or comments, please contact me:

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