

The Career Advisor

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Hello - The Counselors Only Conference is just a few days away! We are looking forward to seeing all of you. If you have any questions or concerns, look for the Career and Academic Connections Staff in the blue denim shirts!

Career Advisor QR Code - (Quick Response Code) - I decided to make a QR Code for the link to my newsletter. Download a QR Reader to your SmartPhone, scan the code, and it will instantly take you to the website to see the latest edition or any of the archived editions. This would be a great way for your students and parents to find the link to your website. (There will be a session on *Social Media for Counselors* at the Counselors Only Conference.) Let me know how you are using QR Codes.



Thanks for reading... *Tommi*

- ✿ Counselors: Check this out from CNN: Sweetie High empowers young girls online <http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/10/living/sweetie-high-profile/index.html>

Career Ready 101 Webcast Training Opportunities - Register for a session now by clicking a date below:
Fri, Mar. 9, 2012, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST www2.gotomeeting.com/register/712760954
Fri, Apr. 13, 2012, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST www2.gotomeeting.com/register/553200874
Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the Webinar. System Requirements: PC-based attendees - Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server
Macintosh®-based attendees - Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer
Contact Susan Kuzmic (skuzm@okcareertech.org or 405.717.4923) if you have questions.

Hot Apps 4 HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) - from Apps in Education Blog
This is another great publication by Lisa Johnson and her Appy Hour partner Yolanda Barker. The first, however, was released on iTunes. These guys spend so much of their time and energy developing fantastic resources simply to share with other teachers and educators. This is one of their most comprehensive publications and it is easy to obtain, simply download it for FREE from iTunes into your iBook collection - search Hot Apps 4 HOTS. HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) are directly related to Bloom's Taxonomy and as such gives us a scaffold in which to situate the learning experiences of our students.

Should districts adopt a four-day school week? - from ASCD SmartBrief
A minimum of 292 school districts across the country -- up from an estimated 120 just two years ago -- have switched to a four-day school week to help cut costs and manage budgets, a new survey shows. Districts that adopt the practice often extend instruction during the remaining four days to ensure seat-time requirements are met. Some say, however, the schedule is hard on working families, who must find child care one day each week. [The Washington Post](#)

20 facts you didn't know about college freshmen - from High School Counselor Week
When students head off to college, they don't go far. Nearly 55 percent of freshmen attend school no more than 100 miles from home. More than 37 percent selected a college that's no more than 50 miles away from mom and dad. ...

[Is higher tuition what the public wants?](#) From Washington Post - College Inc

If you are wondering why college tuition keeps rising, let me tell you the reason: College presidents think that's what you want. ...

[Steering Clear of Cyber Tricks](#) - from the CareerTech Testing Blog - Although the videos are geared toward students, I believe they are a great resource for parents and employees as well.

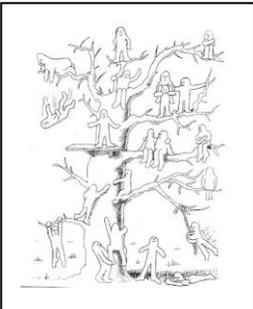
The [Google Digital Literacy Tour](#)...is dedicated to the education of families on how to stay safe online.

[iKeepSafe](#) teamed up with Google to create a free curriculum for educators to teach what it means to be a responsible digital citizen. The curriculum is designed to be interactive, discussion filled and allow students to learn through hands-on and scenario activities. Each workshop contains a resource booklet for both educators and students that can be downloaded in PDF form, presentations to accompany the lesson and animated videos to help frame the conversation.

The three workshops available are:

1. [Detecting Lies and Staying True](#)
2. [Playing and Staying Safe Online](#)
3. [Steering Clear of Cyber Tricks](#)

They also have a fourth video entitled, "[Staying Safe on YouTube](#)."



[Emotions Tree](#) - from School Counselor Blog

I am so excited to share the [Emotions Tree](#) with you because it is one of my favorite counseling techniques! There are so many ways you can use the [Emotions Tree](#) with students. (Check out the rest of this article by following the link above.)

[12 Facebook Photos You Should Delete Now](#) - High School Counselor Week

We may like to think that only our friends are looking at our Facebook accounts, but anyone who wants to know more about us is likely to investigate our online identities...

And just for you... I'm on Pinterest and love this idea - *Tommi*

[Pining Over Pinterest!](#) - From School Counselor Blog

Here's a new favorite way of finding School Counseling ideas...[PINTEREST!](#) Some of you may know about [Pinterest](#) already but did you know you can use [Pinterest](#) as a school counselor to find, organize, and share ideas?!

Some things I've learned about getting older:

1. When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
2. Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
3. The older we get, the fewer things seem worth the wait in line.

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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