

Season's Greetings from the Distance Learning Lab,

Below you will find information pertaining to collaborative Distance Learning programs as well as spotlighted programs and providers. If you are interested in these or any other programs please fill out a [Distance Learning Request Form](#) located through the Online Documents system. If there is a topic that you are interested in and would like me to research, please send me an e-mail or stop down in at room 508 and let me know.

If you haven't done so already, please register as [General User](#) with the *Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration*.

The web address is: <http://www.cilc.org/index.aspx>

Just Click on the [FREE MEMBERSHIP](#) button on the bottom of the home page. By registering you will receive notifications of new videoconference programs and special events that match your profile.

Don't forget to visit the Distance Learning Web Pages!!!

You can find lists of available videoconference programs as well as search tools by going to the district Distance Learning Web Pages at

<http://www.gehrhsd.net/technology/distancelearning.htm>

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Thank you, Eric Ganter
Distance Learning Coordinator

International Education and Resource Network

Started in 1988, **iEARN** is the world's largest non-profit global network that enables teachers and young people to use the Internet and other new technologies to collaborate on projects that both enhance learning and make a difference in the world.

Thanks to the efforts of Aurora Boyette and the grant awarded by the Ralph W. Martin Education Foundation, Absegami High School is now part of the iEARN network. This means that all teachers have access to the iEARN network/database for a full year. The network provides access to over 200 collaborative projects. Teachers may join the already existing projects or create there own. This is a great opportunity to use videoconferencing to connect with other classes. For more information go to the IEARN website at <http://www.iearn.org> or speak to Aurora.

PROGRAM PROVIDERS TO CHECK OUT

Louisville Science Center

The Louisville Science Center encourages people of all ages to enjoy science, mathematics, and technology in a stimulating and engaging environment. Our distance learning programs are connected to the National Standards. We offer distance learning, guided visits, live labs, demonstrations and much more. Content is available for Grades 2 - 12.

http://www.louisvillescience.org/teachers_distance-learning.shtml

NASA Digital Learning Network

NASA's Digital Learning Network (DLN) is about connecting with the next generation of Explorers. The DLN assists in the fulfillment of NASA's demanding mission, "to inspire the next generation of explorers," by sharing the knowledge and expertise of NASA scientists, engineers, and researchers with students in today's classrooms. Through the DLN, learners at all levels have the opportunity to interact directly with NASA experts, often from their workplace, to gain a new appreciation for the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

Note: the NASA DLN is a one stop shopping place for all NASA VC programs. However, the programs are all listed here separately for the providers due to keeping the contact information for each NASA provider correlated to the programs they offer. - August 5, 2005.
<http://nasadln.nmsu.edu/dln/>

Neuhaus Education Center

Live video-conferencing makes professional development available to educators at off-site locations. The instruction is interactive, with participants at the far site able to engage and ask questions as if they were at the center. Neuhaus Education Center has been involved with video-conferencing technology since 1997 and has served districts throughout the state of Texas as well as national locations. The following are available:

All workshops
Language Enrichment
Multisensory Reading and Spelling
<http://www.neuhaus.org/en/cms/?63>

HealthSpace Cleveland

Spend the day in and relax. It's quick and easy to set up a live, interactive videoconference, complete with pre- and post-connection activities.

As the country's number one provider of health and life science education, HealthSpace Cleveland brings real-life learning experiences into your classroom.
<http://www.healthspacecleveland.org/education/education.asp?detail=9>

Virent Broadcasting

On March 29, 2001, Virent Broadcasting held a premiere videoconference with four Ohio Schools to open its Interactive Video Distance Learning (IVDL) program. Over the last five years, Virent Broadcasting has been averaging 105 videoconferences a year. Our presenters have spoken with over 18,750 students in seventeen states and we plan on being in all 50 states soon. If you are interested in being a part of a new educational "tool", please do not hesitate to request information on your favorite Historical Personality! Below is a listing of some of our historical impersonators.
<http://www.virent.net/Conferencing.htm>

Collaboration Opportunities

The projects listed below have been submitted by schools and organizations looking for partner classes to participate in there programs. Please look though them and feel free to contact the project organizer for more information. Absegami would be able to participate in any of the programs below.

PROJECT: HURRICANE KATRINA AND THE REBUILDING OF NEW ORLEANS

Status: Seeking Partners
Contact Information: Kenneth Hoffman
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Arts/Cultural/Museum
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Objective of Collaboration: When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in August 2005, it disrupted the lives of millions of people. Now the future of this great American city hangs in the balance. The National D-Day Museum's Director of Education Kenneth Hoffman offers an opportunity for your students to explore the storm and its aftermath. This will be an informal discussion/Q&A session, 15-45 minutes in length.

Time Frame: December 2005 - December 2006

PROJECT: THE FRENCH CONNECTION

Status: Seeking Partners
Contact Information: Tim Smith
Frankfort Independent School District
Education: High School
Frankfort, KY
United States
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tim.smith@frankfort.kyschools.us

Objective of Collaboration: The Frankfort High School French classes are looking to collaborate/communicate with other French classes in the United States and abroad. Please contact Tim Smith at tim.smith@frankfort.kyschools.us or by phone at 502.875.8655 x102 if you are interested.

Time Frame: April 2006 - December 2006

PROJECT: RACIAL DIALOGS OVER VIDEOCONFERENCE

Status: Seeking Partners
Contact Information: Martha Bogart
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Objective of Collaboration: Cooperating School Districts will conduct a series of videoconference dialogs between 3-4 high schools on the topic of race relations. High school students from different demographic areas of the U.S. (urban, suburban, and rural) will have an opportunity to talk with each other in a series of five videoconference dialogs. The break down of the sessions is as follows:
Session 1 - Developing a common language to talk about racism, stereotyping, discrimination and prejudice.
Session 2 - What I learned growing up.

Session 3 - How inclusive is my school?

Session 4 - What procedures and policies would make my school more inclusive?

Session 5 - What can I personally do to change things?

All dialogs take place from 1:30-2:30pm Central Time. Dates:

Dec. 8

Jan. 5

Feb. 9

If you are interested in participating, let us know. You must make a commitment for students to participate in all five dialogs for the sake of continuity. If these dates don't work for you, call and we may be able to be flexible.

Time Frame: October 2006 - February 2007

PROJECT: MOCK TRIAL

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Objective of Collaboration: Trial by Wire will allow several locations to try a murder case together. This project will entail research by the students and their participation in a videoconference. They will be simulating a court trial (taken from an actual state of Missouri court case). A librarian from the St. Louis County Library will act as judge and will help students research the case. We need three classes from different schools to participate. One will act as the prosecution, one will be the defense, and one will be the jury. Right now, we do not have a date/time, but want to coordinate this between the three schools. This fits best with a block scheduling high school, but if you are not on block scheduling and would like to participate, we might be able to arrange this for you. Here is the actual breakdown of the videoconference:

1. Prosecution presents their evidence and argument
2. Defense presents their evidence and argument
3. Both sides present their final arguments; jury is allowed to question the judge before deliberating. Judge instructs the jury as to their task and deliberations; jury deliberates and reaches a verdict.
4. Jury announces their verdict; jury explains their verdict. Judge makes a statement. Students ask additional questions and discuss their learning experiences. (Depending on time, this may have to be done at a second videoconference or over email.)

Email if you are interested.

Time Frame: August 2006 - March 2007

PROJECT: COLD WAR STUDY 1945-1991

Status: Seeking Partners

Contact Information: Richard Caldwell

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Objective of Collaboration: US History class in a Wichita, KS High School searching for a partner to communicate concerning the study of the Cold War from 1945-1991. This would include the Truman years, the U-2 Crisis, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Viet Nam War, detente, Reagan Policy, and the dissolution of the Soviet Union. We have access to interactive tv.

Time Frame: November 2006 - March 2007

PROJECT: WORLD CULTURES/ WORLD STUDIES

Status: Seeking Partners

Contact Information: James Mangold

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Objective of Collaboration: Our Small School of World Studies is looking for video conferencing partners for small group presentation exchange on various regions of the world. We are looking to do exchanges on Latin America in the next few weeks followed by the Middle East in later Nov. We would be happy to choose a topic agreeable to both schools for a presentation, debate, or exchange of ideas of problems and issues that are important to these regions. We will cover all areas of the world throughout the year. Please contact Dr. Stephanie Stewart at Stewart_s@westcler.org if interested in joining our collaboration.

Time Frame: October 2006 - May 2007

Have a great holiday!!!!