

Welcome Back,

Thanks to everyone's efforts and cooperation the 2005-2006 Distance Learning program was hugely successful. With your continued support I am looking forward to the same level of success for the upcoming year.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Absegami Distance Learning program, we use audio-visual equipment and high speed ISDN or IP connections to connect to locations all over the world. Once connected, students are able to see and speak to students in other classrooms, experts in the field or museum curators just to name a few examples. This type of communication can have an enormous impact on the success of your students and their understanding of particular subjects. Whether you choose to take an Electronic Field Trip or to participate in a Collaborative Project, you will find the use of this technology to be a great benefit.

Please begin to think about what subjects you would like to emphasize thought Distance Learning. You can browse through and search for available programs on the Distance Learning webpage located at: <http://www.gehrhsd.net/technology/distancelearning.htm>

I would also like to encourage everyone to 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 you profile.

Below you will find information on upcoming Distance Learning opportunities for September and October. Distance Learning Request Forms are available through the Online Documents link located on your desktop. *If you would like to print this e-mail from WebMail click Print Preview in the upper right hand corner.

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PROGRAM PROVIDERS TO CHECK OUT

Philadelphia Museum of Art

The distance learning initiative of the Philadelphia Museum of Art uses videoconferencing technology to enable virtual tours of the Museum's collections and special exhibitions. Our thoughtful, customized lessons provide real-time interactions with the Museum's staff, allowing students and teachers to explore the fascinating world of art without ever leaving their classrooms. Over a dozen topics offered.

<http://www.philamuseum.org>

Reef HQ Aquarium (Australia)

Wherever you are in the world, experience the Great Barrier Reef with Reef Videoconferencing. During this underwater fact-finding mission, your classroom will be transported to the Coral Reef and Predator exhibits at Reef HQ. State-of-the-art technology unlocks unique teaching and learning experiences, including information delivered by a scuba diver. Reef Videoconferences are supported by comprehensive teaching materials, and educate students about a range of marine issues.

http://www.reefed.edu.au/reefhq/reef_video_conferencing/index.html

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum exists to educate its visitors, fans and scholars from around the world about the history and significance of rock and roll music. The Museum carries out this mission through its efforts to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret this art form.

<http://www.rockhall.com/distancelearning>

The Mariners' Museum

The Mariners' Museum, one of the largest and most comprehensive maritime history museums in the world, houses a treasure trove of more than 35,000 items inspired by human experiences with the sea.

<http://www.mariner.org/educationalad/teachers/index.php>

Vanderbilt University Virtual School

The Virtual School has been in existence at Vanderbilt University for 13 years. It's mission is to connect university faculty, staff and students to K-12 classrooms through the use of technology. We develop timely, national standards-based videoconference presentations based on education themes in the spring and fall.

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/virtuelschool>

LOOKING FORWARD

Here are some ideas for September and October. Most of the programs listed below have specific running dates and times. If you are interested in a program please let me know and I will schedule it for you.

Program Provider: Cooperating School Districts New Links to New Learning

Cooperating School Districts is a non-profit consortium of 61 public school districts in the greater St. Louis, MO metropolitan area. New Links to New Learning is our videoconferencing program that provides distance learning services to our members.

<http://csd.org/newlinks/newlinks.htm>

Program Title: Adventures in Medicine & Science (AIMS): You Are What You Eat- Teen Nutrition

Description: In this AIMS videoconference, a specialist in nutrition from Saint Louis University will provide teens with ideas and information for making positive health changes. Exercise and healthy food choices will be emphasized.

Availability: This program is available by published date(s) and time(s) ONLY

Program Date Program Time

10/26/2006 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

10/26/2006 11:15 AM - 12:15 AM

Program Provider: Eli Lilly and Company

Eli Lilly and Company creates and delivers innovative medicines that enable people to live longer, healthier and more active lives.

Lilly products treat depression, schizophrenia, diabetes, cancer, osteoporosis and many other diseases. They create value for patients, health-care providers and payers, and reduce the cost of disease.

<http://www.scienceoutreach.lilly.com/>

Program Title: Ask the Scientist about Viruses

Description: Dr. Elcira Villarreal, immunologist and expert in infectious diseases, will discuss the scientifically interesting yet threatening world of viruses. Dr. Villarreal is excellent with young people, and is open to all questions, from the science behind threats like Ebola and bioterrorism to the realities of tattooing, piercing, STDs, and drug use.

Availability: This program is available by published date(s) and time(s) ONLY
Program Date Program Time
09/21/2006 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

Program Title: Exploring Career Options...Reach for the Stars!

Description: Participants will complete a brief (15 minute) personal assessment provided to them prior to the scheduled program. During the program, participants will learn about the Career Planning process and how to interpret their personal career assessment. Participants will explore their skills and interests, enabling them to make more informed choices of what to study that will prepare them for future career options.

Program Date Program Time
09/26/2006 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

Program Title: How Animals are Used in Research

Description: Students will learn the when, how, and why a pharmaceutical company like Lilly uses animals in its research, and the challenges and benefits of animal research. Intertwined in the discussion students will also better understand the process of discovering and developing new medicines. The session will include common equipment, animal models, and prepared slides.

Program Date Program Time
10/05/2006 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

Program Title: Keeping Your Brain Healthy: Memory and Learning

Description: Amy Chappell, M.D., child neurologist and a physician working on one of Lilly's Product Teams, and experienced distance learning presenter, brings this interactive two-part series to your classroom. Portions of this program is based on the Brainlink® Memory and Learning module. This is a fun hands-on program designed to provide information about the nervous system, and healthy brain behaviors. Participants will learn how memory is stored in the brain and how individuals learn. This event provides the fundamentals for the second program in this series, which will focus on healthy habits for keeping the brain well and neurological disorders.

Program Date Program Time
09/19/2006 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

Program Title: Keeping Your Brain Healthy: Use it or Lose it

Description: This program is the second in a two part series. Amy Chappell, M.D., child neurologist and a physician working on one of Lilly's Product Teams, and experienced distance learning presenter brings this interactive program to your classroom. Participants will learn about keeping the brain healthy and about neurological disorders, such as Alzheimer's, epilepsy, strokes, etc. Participants will also learn what research has been done in regards to some of these disorders.

Program Date Program Time
10/19/2006 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

Program Provider: Global Nomads Group

Founded in 1998, the Global Nomads Group (GNG) is a non-profit organization dedicated to heightening children's understanding and appreciation for the world and its people. Using videoconferencing, GNG brings young people together face-to-face to meet across cultural and national boundaries to discuss their differences & similarities, and the world issues that affect them.

<http://www.gng.org>

Program Title: The Future of Energy (Oil Dependence & Global Warming)

Description: In this two-part videoconferencing series, students will take a hard look at their daily energy consumption, learn the facts about global warming and discuss alternative energy options for the future.

Program Date	Program Time
09/19/2006	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
09/19/2006	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
09/19/2006	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
09/21/2006	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Program Provider: Indianapolis Zoo

Distance Learning at the Indianapolis Zoo takes you everywhere--from the heart of our Amazon rainforest exhibit to table-side in the Zoo's vet hospital operating room. Bring the excitement of the natural world into your classroom.

<http://www.indyzoo.com/content.aspx?cid=267>

Program Title: Habitat Design

Description: With over 350 different kinds of animals at our Zoo, how do we make them all feel at home? Learn about animal habitats, both out in the wild and here in Indianapolis.

Program Date	Program Time
10/12/2006	9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
10/12/2006	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
10/12/2006	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
10/12/2006	1:00 PM - 1:45 PM