

Quick Tips

- In PowerPoint, or Keynote, if you want the screen to go black, press the B key. Pressing B again will unhide the slide show.
- If you prefer to view a multi-page pdf document in Preview as one long document (rather than page by page), go to the View menu and choose Continuous Scroll.
- If you intend to edit a picture in iPhoto, make a duplicate of it first (Apple-D) so you can easily return to the original if you don't like the edited version.

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Spring has sprung!

No... not really.

Teacher Recognition

As the MLTI team travels around the state of Maine, we are often astounded by the amount of creative, innovative technology- rich work teachers are doing that does not get recognized. We refer to these individuals as "pockets of greatness." It may be a teacher in a little school in Washington County who has students corresponding with other students all over the world via the Internet, or a teacher in the Midcoast who has taught students how to use their iBooks to manage a business, or a teacher in Western Maine who has students researching their family histories and sharing them with the community on a web site.

ACTEM (the Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine) feels it is important to honor exceptional teachers who are using technology in innovative ways to impact student learning. They are, once again, calling for nominations for their Maine Instructional Technology Educator of the Year Award. ACTEM will make a cash award of \$2000 to each of two winners (with an additional \$1000 awarded to the teacher's school) and \$500 to two runners-up.

This year, all applications will be completed and submitted online using a form on the ACTEM website. The award guidelines and a scoring rubric are also available there for submitters' reference. Visit <http://www.actem.org/educatormain.htm> for an application and nominate a deserving teacher (or team of teachers) today. Questions and requests for information can be sent to Holly Smevog at Cape Elizabeth Middle School, hsmevog@cape.k12.me.us



Technology Integration Leadership Meetings

What is a technology integrator? How can we build capacity for in-house technology professional development? How can we help teachers in all content areas use technology effectively for teaching and learning? How can we foster and spread innovation?

These are some of the questions we will address in two MLTI sponsored Technology Integration Leadership Meetings. The meetings will be held on June 3 at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast and June 6 at the USM Glickman Family



Library in Portland. These meetings are for Tech Integrators, Computer Teachers or anyone who is responsible for technology staff development, training, or technology/ curriculum integration mentorship for teachers and

students. Both sessions are now full. Please contact Heather Hamlin, heather.hamlin@maine.gov to be added to the waiting list and to our contact list for news about technology integrator events.



Click on Registration and Information Page

2nd Annual MLTI iTeam Conference

Who says Friday the 13th is an unlucky day? This year, Friday, May 13th proved to be a great day for the 2nd Annual MLTI iTEAM Conference. This year's conference was a coordinated effort of MLTI and the New Media Program. Approximately 400 participants and presenters traversed a small area of the University of Maine at Orono to attend sessions ranging from Pod Casting, creative music technology and iMovie basics to managing a help desk, Internet safety, and e-mail etiquette. It

was a fun and educational visit for all including many students who were visiting a college



campus for the very first time. The conference web page is located at http://www.mainelearns.org/materials/2005_iteam_conf.html. We are already beginning to plan next year's conference which we hope will be the biggest and best yet.

Image Customization Workshop

On June 7, 2005, the MLTI Project team will be hosting an all-day workshop on customizing the MLTI image the "MLTI way," using package installers to add software and make settings changes to the MLTI 2005 image.



This workshop has two goals. First, by day's end, using the collective expertise of techs from around the state, we hope to build software installation packages and preference setting

packages for any and all schools that need them. Second, for those who are not yet versed in using *PackageMaker* to create software installers, we will bring them up to speed so that they are able to do so independently.

The workshop will take place via ATM. The four sites are Augusta (Cross Office ATM); Washington Academy, E. Machias; Presque Isle HS, Presque Isle; and Searsport HS, Searsport. To register for the event, please visit:

<http://www.state.me.us/mlti/events/imaging>

MLTI Image

So... what's on this new image anyway? Most MLTI teachers and students are aware that the laptops are re-imaged each summer to update software and generally improve the health of the iBooks. The tech coordinators have been made aware of what the changes will be but often teachers and students are left out of the loop. To remedy that situation and so there will be no big



surprises come September, Jeff Mao has written an article for *MaineLearns*, explaining the changes and additions for the 2005-2006 school year. To read the article click on the FAQ link and, in the documents section,

look for the question, "What's on the New MLTI 2005 Software Image?"



[Click on FAQ](#)

Email Etiquette

We've covered this topic before but some things bear repeating. If your students are using our MiddleMaine First Class email system, please take a few minutes to review some guidelines with them.

Many of us have received a flurry of unwanted email messages from students recently. This usually starts with one student checking to see who's online and then sending a message to everyone on the list. This sets off a chain reaction where students "reply to all" instead of "reply to sender" and soon everyone has a clogged

mailbox.

We believe the solution to this problem is education. Students need to learn about responsible email use, as this is a skill that will serve them well in college and the workplace.

Last year we posted two articles about



email etiquette on *MaineLearns* in the FAQ section. In the Documents section, click on the View All icon and look for "How do I get kids started with email?" and "What are some guidelines for email etiquette?"



[Click on FAQ](#)

Laptops for Aspiring Teachers

The University of Maine College of Education and Human Development recently announced that, beginning with this fall's entering class, all students in Education majors leading to teacher certification must have an Apple iBook and specific software.

This decision is evidence of the college's commitment to and strong support of the use of instructional technology to advance teaching and learning. The college recognizes that, with laptops in every middle school in Maine, and one-to-one computing spreading to more elementary and high schools, pre-service teachers

must be prepared to teach in these environments.

Students are given a year's lead time to acquire their iBooks but are being encouraged to take advantage of discount pricing being offered. The iBooks will have much of the same software that the

MLTI laptops have, plus a few extras like *Inspiration* and *eZedia*. For more information visit

<http://www.umaine.edu/edhd/laptops/index.htm>



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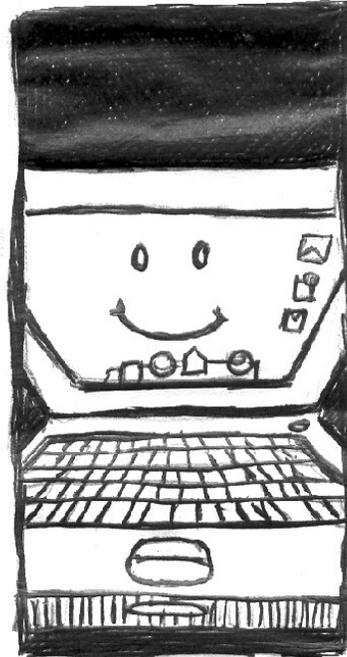


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Kudos to...

... **Kathy Rossi**, Lincoln Middle School Principal, for making it possible for all her teachers to attend MLTI professional development opportunities.

RE-IMAGING



WHAT IT MEANS TO US...



WHAT IT MEANS TO THEM

Quote of the Month

“The future has already arrived. It's just not evenly distributed yet.”

William Gibson

Barbara's and Kelly's Favorites

Kelly's first favorite this month is the Knowledge Loom's *Adolescent Literacy in the Content Areas* <http://knowledgeloom.org/adlit/>.

The Knowledge Loom is a publication of The Education Alliance at Brown University. Here you can find strategies, resources, research, and success stories for promoting adolescent literacy across the content areas. There is also a dialog area where an on-going discussion of literacy issues can be read (although there appear to be no recent posts here). To post a response or ask a question you must create an account and log in.

Big Questions: Exploring a Big Idea Through Essential Questions, found at

<http://magnet.sandi.net/workshops/bigquestions/index.html> is Kelly's second choice this month. This site by Magnet School Resource Teachers at San Diego City Schools was developed to accompany a series of workshops on unit planning. There are resources and examples to help teachers use backwards planning to develop a unit, starting with an essential question. Although the material was intended for use by San Diego teachers who attend these workshops, this site is a gold mine of useful advice, templates, and resources that anyone can use.

Next Month: Barbara's Favorites.