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TIGed Updates and Highlights

Hello TIGeducators and friends!

What a year it's been! On March 1, TIGed celebrates its first birthday, and to honor the great things happening in our community of educators, TakingITGlobal is launching its monthly Featured Issue on Learning and Education, AND a contest just for you!

From March 1-April 30, 2007, we'll be accepting submissions for you and your students to share how you're **taking your classroom global**. Recognized entries from around the world will be featured in a TIGed Best Practices publication and eligible for cool prizes. Learn more and check out the guidelines at the upcoming [contest page](#).



Take your Classroom Global!

Whether you're looking for a new idea or next steps, there are lots of ways to get involved in [the TIGed community](#).

Play [Ayiti: the Cost of Life](#), the game created by [Global Kids](#) about the challenges that impoverished families in Haiti face every day, and then integrate the game into a TIGed classroom with lesson plans.

Podcasts are a great way for students to do collaborative projects and publish their work, and you can easily do so with TIGed blog audio posts. For a short tutorial, check out Toronto educator Robert Karulas' presentation from last year's [K12 Online Conference](#).

Now individual educators and global education organizations can contribute to the [Activities Database](#). Share classroom resources with the TakingITGlobal community and educators will be able to easily search for and import your activities into their TIGed virtual classrooms.

Right now on the TIG Discussion Boards, youth all over the world are discussing Black History Month, which is celebrated in the United States and Canada. Your students can weigh in on this and a host of other issues. Visit the [discussion boards](#).

And remember, [Educator Central](#) is *your* place for sharing resources and connecting with other educators.

Be a Pilot Class!

We are working with the University of Toronto to evaluate the impact of these two freely available thematic classrooms:

- [TIG Xpress HIV/AIDS](#)
- [Virtual Classroom on Tobacco Control](#)

All you have to do is use the resources with your class, and then provide some feedback. Every student and teacher involved with the piloting process will receive an iTunes gift card! To participate, e-mail education@takingitglobal.org with your name, school, location, and preferred method of contact.

Immediate action

Help us review the teacher toolkit for TIG Xpress before we pilot it. Give us your feedback by February 26, and we'll give you a free license to TIGed and a chance to win a gift certificate from Amazon.com or Chapter/Indigo. Download the teacher toolkit from <http://www.tiged.org/tigxpress> and fill out the included survey. This opportunity ends on February 26!

Help refresh ISTE'S NETS standards!

What are the most important technology-related skills for young people in the 21st century? The International Society for Technology in Education [<http://www.iste.org>] is updating its National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) and wants your input! These influential standards have been used to guide educational technology decisions around the world. From March 1 to 31, [join our discussion](#) or [fill in our survey](#) to express your opinions on how education systems can best keep pace with the changing demands of our connected, global society!

Upcoming Events & Call for Participation

In two upcoming conference presentations, we hope to give center stage to members of our community:

Are you attending the [NCCE Conference](#) in Spokane in March?

Participate in our panel discussion about integrating global perspectives and technology into classrooms. To share your experiences, please e-mail Emily Kornblut no later than March 2: emily@takingitglobal.org.

And if you are planning to go to [NECC](#) this summer in Atlanta, consider submitting a poster session to showcase your global education successes! Slots are still available for two hours on June 27, and should focus on the implementation of a lesson, technology, model, or project; global curriculum/collaborations; or K-12 students presenting their projects. To submit a proposal please contact Anita McAnear, NECC Program Chair, by March 9: amcaneer@iste.org.

There are lots of other opportunities to learn more about TIGed this

spring! We hope to see you at one of our sessions:

- Northwest Council for Computer Education Conference (Mar 6-9), Spokane, WA
- Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies (Mar 12-15), Boston, MA
- The Association of Suffolk Supervisors of Educational Technologies Conference (Mar 19), Melville, NY
- CoSN K-12 School Networking Conference (Mar 27-30), San Francisco, CA
- Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey Spring Conference (Mar 31), Somerset, NJ

For more information on how to attend, please visit:

<http://www.takingitglobal.org/tiged/ec/events.html>

Featured Partner: The Anytime, Anywhere Learning Foundation

The Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation recognizes the vital and significant role that technology plays in the lives of our students and works to promote and support the strategies necessary to enable the provision of mobile computers to students for use in their learning environments. AALF will be holding Regional Leadership Summits in New Jersey and California in March and North Carolina, Kansas, and Illinois in May where you can learn firsthand about the critical components of implementing a 1-to-1 laptop program from the perspectives of principals, students, and superintendents. Please note the registration deadline for the New Jersey event is nearing February 26. To learn more and to register, please visit

http://www.aalf.org/Events/cf_summits.aspx.

Wrap Up

If you like what you've read don't keep it all to yourself! Please share this email with colleagues and friends in education, or direct them to our TIGed blog at <http://www.tigblog.org/group/tiged>. We'd love to hear from you! If you have questions or feedback, or would like more information about TIGed, please contact us: education@takingitglobal.org. If you do not wish to receive future TIGed updates, please e-mail this address.

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