



The Curriculum Feed

Promoting exemplary practices that ensure all learners reach their fullest potential.

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From the President's Desk ...

Dear Scott,

A new year is underway! For most educators, the first bell has rung and increasing student achievement is on the lips of all educators. It is the core focus of the work of [California ASCD](#). State Superintendent Jack O'Connell proudly shared that student [scores are up in math and English](#). With this focus in mind, I strongly encourage you to consider attending our upcoming **Instructional Symposium** by Dr. Sylvia Ybarra and John Hollingsworth on **October 19, 20** at Almansor Court in Alhambra. This symposium frames the amazing achievement English Learners can attain when Engagement Strategies and Standards Alignment come together. [Click here to register](#).

Exercise your right! ASCD elections open September 1 to determine the 2010 class of [Board Directors](#) and Leadership Council. If you are a member of ASCD, we encourage you to exercise your membership privilege and vote ... now you can vote online! Go to <https://my.ascd.org>, enter member ID and password. Polls close November 16.

[Mike Hendricks](#)
CASCD President

Planing for the Worst

[Pandemic Flu](#) - ASCD has created a special Web page to be your definitive source on the H1N1 virus as the school year gets underway ... <http://www.ascd.org/flu>.



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Instructional SYMPOSIUM



Join Dr. Silvia Ybarra and John Hollingsworth for an enlightened 2-day workshop on how to acceleratate student learning.

Wildfires - Many of our California colleagues are suffering from this year's fire season. The following resource from UCLA Center for Mental Health provides useful information to support children and families coping with the impact of wildfires ... <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/wildfires.htm>.

21 - the Age of Change

Almost 10 years into the 21st century, institutions from the post office to the auto industry, from newspapers to health care, are grappling with how they should adapt to major changes brought on by the global economy, consumer needs, government mandates, and the technology revolution. The current issue of Educational Leadership focuses on how schools must also reform to compete in this new age. Open up the online version of Educational Leadership ... [click here](#).

Famous Scientist

Dean Kamen, renowned inventor, warns educators to avoid stamping out curiosity. "I am not sure you can teach innovation, but you can unteach it. I think every kid starts out as a scientist." He suggests our free society too often celebrates the famous of pop culture not the famous in the fields of math and science ... [read more \(Forbes\)](#).

5 Back to School Must-Haves

Special Education teacher, Dana Lawit, posts in Tech & Learning Magazine a list of five empowering classroom tools that innovative educators should have to engage students and strengthen the home-school partnership ... [click for details](#).

Race to the Top

Our friends at ACSA have prepared a response to the Governor, State Senate and Assembly regarding the provisions of Race to the Top as proposed by Secretary Duncan and President Obama. Read ACSA's response to California Policymakers ... [click here](#).

Interview with Glen Thomas

Our friends at TICAL bring us fresh information on the open source Electronic Textbook initiative. Rowland Baker, TICAL Director, interviews a former CASCD Heffernan award winner and the Secretary of Education Dr. Glen Thomas, who helped put this initiative into action for high school math and science courses ... [listen here](#).

October 19-20, Almansor Court, Alhambra.
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~ More than 4 in 10 voters believe the United States is falling behind other countries in education.



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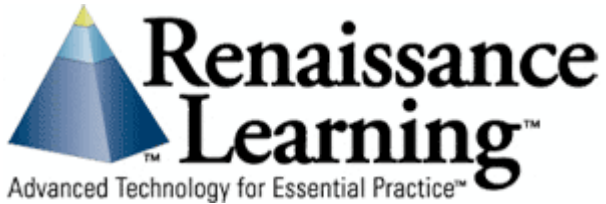
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