

TESTIMONIALS

I attended the Web 2.0 and Advanced Web 2.0 trainings with Jim Gates, and they were some of the most informative I've ever attended. I have already shared many of his tips with our teachers and have used them myself. I still have much to explore! The CAPE, Moodle, eSchool Builder, MAGPI trainings were also informative.

Barb Witkowski – Keystone School District

As the Marion Center Classrooms for the Future (CFF) coach this year, I am a self-identified digital immigrant. The workshops hosted by ARIN IU28 were extremely helpful to me. At each one (Moodle, Web 2.0 Tools and videoconferencing), I was impressed with the knowledge and skills I gained. In addition, the workshops provided opportunities for me to realize how much I still have to learn. My regret is that there were several workshops that I could not attend because of scheduling conflicts. I am both hopeful and optimistic that the IU will continue to schedule hands-on workshops that will enable me to attend locally and return to my CFF faculty to share my learning.

Barb Treese – Marion Center Area School District

Regarding the eMission Experience: This learning adventure provides teachers with an opportunity to excite students through a multi-sensory experience that uses teamwork to build on a multitude of necessary life skills including communication, analysis, and problem-solving strategies. Thank you.

Greg Adams – Freeport Area School District

The Web2.0 session was excellent. Jim Gates is always a wealth of knowledge. It was a great session to learn the new types of collaborative tools that our students need to succeed. The Moodle training was really good as well...I learned a lot and plan on looking into using Moodle. I can't wait to being using the videoconferencing equipment. I think the possibilities for integration are endless for all age levels.

Robin Seneta - Girard School District

The e-mission was such a wonderful experience for my students. To watch them work collaboratively to attain a common goal was exciting to see. They truly "bought" into the "Moon Mars, and Beyond" mission of saving astronauts and were so excited when they were told that they were successful. I especially noted the confidence my special needs students gained as they reported the class's findings to Mission Control. The number of standards met in this cross-curricular approach were numerous. I want to thank you for allowing us to participate in this innovative approach to learning, and I hope I have the opportunity to do it again in the future. Thank you.

Marilyn Marszalek - General McLane School District

I recently borrowed a Poly Com system from the RIU6. I wanted to thank you for allowing us to use this system. Today my class completed their first e-Mission: Operation Montserrat. Due to the WAN grant, we were able to participate in this mission at no cost. My students impressed me beyond words with how incredible of a job they did in succeeding with their first mission. They were so excited that they asked to do another mission. Thank you.

Wendy Ferguson – Union School District

From pulling wires to videoconferencing - the Wide Area Network is reaching our students!

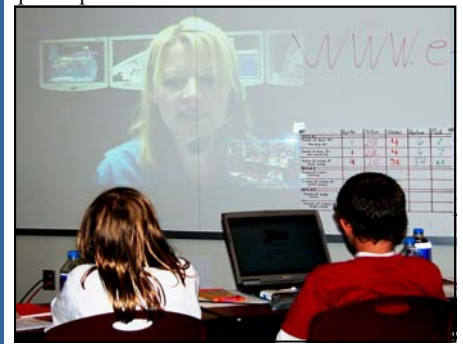


Above: Crews pull wires to connect the WAN.



Above: Students in Redbank Valley School District participate in an Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum videoconferences.

Below: Students in Corry School District participate in an e-Mission.



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