



SBC Ameritech Classroom News

Spring Celebration Honors SBC Ameritech Classroom Teachers

The first annual celebration for former SBC Ameritech teachers will take place on Thursday, May 16th, in the Kent State University Student Center Ballroom. Guests will have the opportunity to talk with students and teachers during **The Showcase of Learning**. The teachers invited to display student work had their experience between January 2001 to May 2002. They are:

Emily Bartlett	Shalersville Elementary	Crestwood Local Schools
Julie Foley	Davey Elementary	Kent City Schools
Jan Kelly	O.H. Somers	Mogadore Local Schools
Terrie Sargi	Longcoy Elementary	Kent City Schools
Ric Hughes	Brown Middle	Ravenna City Schools
Jennifer Yakubisin	Franklin Elementary	Kent City Schools
Regina Heimann	Franklin Elementary	Kent City Schools
Leslie Dougherty	Immaculate Conception	Ravenna, Ohio
Lisa Heintz	Nordonia Middle	Nordonia Hills City Schools
Nancy Condit	Child Development Center	Kent State University
Matt Broda	Erwine Middle School	Coventry Local Schools
Carolyn Black	West Park Elementary	Ravenna City Schools

Two students from each class will also be invited to represent their fellow students in the presentation of the class work and the sharing of the experience with invited guests.

Recognition of SBC Ameritech Teachers

At the May 16 celebration, invited guests will include all former, current and future (scheduled) SBC Ameritech Classroom teachers, as well as researchers who worked closely with the teachers. All guests will be invited to enjoy an elegant **buffet dinner** with many choices to please both adult and child tastes. After dinner there will be a short **recognition ceremony** which will honor the teachers, students and their home schools. We are attempting to make this event a special tribute to all of you who have accepted the risk of leaving the safe haven of your classroom to explore and experiment with new ways of teaching and learning, while cooperating with our researchers as we pursue the challenge of learning together.



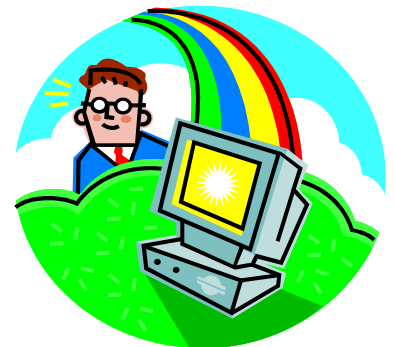
Mark your
Calendar for
May 16th!

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ May Celebration
- ☺ Teachers and Students Display SBC Ameritech Classroom Work
- ☺ Teachers, students and their home schools are honored
- ☺ Kindergarten Students share the SBC AC with Middle School



Kindergarteners Create Maps

From the first day Mrs. Condit's kindergarteners arrived running off the KSU bus through blizzard-like conditions, the classroom has been a busy busy place. These students took to the technology the first day and began creating wonderful colorful creative artwork. The dynamic lessons included a tour of Moulton Hall with student teams photographing all aspects of the building. The students found the new Intel Movie Maker cameras fun to use and their work relatively easy to edit. As soon as they were comfortable with this technology, they ventured out to Hilltop Drive where they photographed all of the buildings from different perspectives. Upon returning to the classroom, they printed the photos and used them to build three dimensional models which they assembled in their appropriate positions to simulate Hilltop Drive. Following this project, the students created their own versions of the buildings and vehicles on Hilltop Drive using Community Construction Kit software. After designing and printing their pieces, the students created a diorama including the road, the buildings and the vehicles. While on the tour of Moulton Hall, the students found a modern art painting in the second floor stairwell with splashes of color, which they named the Rainbow Map. This special place became the focus of some creative interpretation and writing. An attempt to trace the artist was launched, and we found that John Opie did the painting as a graduate thesis in the 1950's. The staff has been delighted to work with such a talented, creative educator who encourages the students to express themselves using all kinds of media, including technology.



A Map From the CDC to Moulton Hall

Student Made Web Quests: A First For SBC Ameritech Classroom

The students from Nordonia Middle School are going where no SBC Ameritech student has gone! With the help and direction of their teacher, Lisa Heinl, students have researched some big questions about the universe. The questions are: Is the earth the center of the universe? Why are there seasons? Why don't we fall off the earth and how does the earth stay in the Solar System? The students are creating their Web Quests using MS FrontPage software. The students have requirements for elements in history, mathematics and science. They have evaluated teacher-made Web Quests found on-line, and with their teacher created a rubric for evaluating their finished products. A date has been set to share the finished products with students at the Instituto Thomas Jefferson in Mexico through a Polycam distance connection. During their last week in the classroom, the students will trade Web Quests. While in the process of answering the questions, the students were fortunate to have a guest speaker, Dr. Brett Ellman of the KSU Physics department. He spoke on misconceptions in astronomy over the ages and how science has resolved some of these conflicts. The students also had an outing to the KSU Planetarium where additional questions about the universe were addressed during a presentation, Winter Sky. Due to the upcoming proficiency tests, Lisa's eighth graders used technology resources to review math and science concepts for one week. They missed a second week to actually do the testing. Upon returning to the SBC Ameritech Classroom, the students were presented with a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the requirements for their project. This seemed to help get them back on the road to completion.



Students answer questions about the universe using their knowledge of math and science

SBC Ameritech Classroom Announcements

April Cohort Meeting: April 20, 9:AM (Agenda will include information on grant writing and exploration of new technology)

Summer Technology Integration Workshops

June 10-14 (Accelerated Stepped-Up for former Summer Workshop Participants)

Jennings Inner City Summer Workshops (Former SBC Ameritech Classroom teachers and their colleagues are welcome to join these classes free of charge, if the classes are not full)

June 17-21 June 24-28 July 15-19

2002-2003 Cohort Summer Experience August 5-9