

Spotlight on Learning with Technology

May-June 2010

Spotlight on: May-June Web Links

May is...

Memorial Day (May 31)

[U.S. Memorial Day](#)

[Memorial Day Activities for the Classroom](#)

[Memorial Day at the Virtual Market](#)

May is also...

[Physical Fitness Month](#)

[National Strawberry Month](#)

[National Stroke Awareness Month](#)

[National Military Appreciation Month](#)

Better Hearing & Speech Month

[Hearing Loss Awareness](#)

[Going to Speech Therapist](#)

[What Did You Say? \(Site for teachers & parents\)](#)

[Some BHSM Links](#)

[American Speech & Hearing Association](#)

Celebrate June

[Month of Fun](#) (check out all months for ideas)

[June calendar of events & happenings](#)

[End of the School Year Lessons](#)

[End of the year activities and lessons](#)

Father's Day

[Sites for Teaching about Father's Day](#)

[Fathers Day Lesson Plans](#)

[Fathers Day at Holiday Zone](#) (activities, discussions, etc.)

[Fathers Day Activities](#)

[Famous Fathers](#)



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Check out additional activities
for May & June

[Enchanted Learning—May](#)

[Enchanted Learning—June](#)

Spotlight on: Summer Tech Activities for students

Keep students learning during the summer. Here are a few sites students can access to keep them learning during the summer:

Starfall at www.Starfall.com. This site is designed for pre-kindergarten, through 1st or maybe even 2nd grade students. Stories and games offer beginning and emerging readers the opportunity to explore and interact with words and sounds. They let your child play and have fun learning.

Kids Place at Eduplace.com. This is a very extensive site that coordinates with the HM textbook series. The **Index page** lists activities for all core subject areas for grades K-6. Use as a review or in preparation for next years grade level. Activities are broken down by grade level, chapter, and lesson.

Algebra Help at www.algebrahelp.com is a collection of lessons, calculators, and worksheets created to assist students and teachers of algebra.

[Interactive Math Activities](#) offers logic and thinking games for children of all ages.

For more great interactive websites sorted by grade level check out the Instructional Tech website at: www.abcit.weebly.com



Spotlight on: DataDirector Updates/Enhancements

AchieveData has recently released the DataDirector 2.8 update. This update offers several enhancements to existing features, and also has added several new ones. Some of these enhancements or additions are the direct result of my submitting your “wishes” indicated on the DataDirector survey many of you completed. One thing you will notice on the Reports tab is a slew of new Pre-Built reports with more ways to customize. Here is a list of some of the enhancements/new features that affect us:

Enhancements/New Features

- Users can now select which results to include in custom reports (for tests taken more than once per year such as high school exit exams).
- Users now have the capability to filter the results in the Multiple Assessment Listing Report by all grades, a single grade, or multiple grades.
- Users can now filter transcripts by academic year.
- New options for duplicating exams including duplicating multiple exams at a time, including attachments to exams when exams are duplicated, and disabling the permission to duplicate an exam for shared exams.
- California customers will now have CAPA and CMA prebuilt reports. Student results for the CAPA and CMA are also available on the Student Profile Report.

Planned Enhancements - coming soon

- Users will have the ability to share multiple custom reports at a time.
- Users will have the capability to mass-duplicate exams and assessments.
- Links the user does not have permission to access will no longer be displayed.
- Multiple rows of results per student in custom reports (for tests taken more than once per year such as high school exit exams).
- California customers will now have a prebuilt report for the California ADEPT.
- Dibels reporting enhancements.

For a copy of the 1st DataDirector Quarterly Newsletter, click here: [DataDirector Newsletter](#)

For help performing common DataDirector tasks, check out the handouts and video tutorials at:

<http://www.abcit.weebly.com/datadirector.html>

Upcoming District Technology Workshops

(3:30—5:30; DO Tech Lab)

May 11 & 18—PowerPoint Jeopardy

To register please email Lissette Reyes or call ext 21131

LACOE WORKSHOPS

Web 2.0 Tools for Educators (\$35)

- May 18—*There's an Avatar in my classroom*
- May 26—*Twitter*
- June 2—*iTouch the Classroom*

July 12—*Making Animations for K-12 students (Free)*

July 28—*Introduction to Videoconferencing (Free)*

Visit [LACOE](#) for more details and to register for these and other workshops.