



Non-Public News Flash

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“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”

~ Arthur C. Clarke



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Welcome Back!!

NWOCA wishes to thank you for subscribing to our Internet services for the 2004 – 2005 school year. We are looking forward to fostering a collaborative learning community where we can share educational technology successes and assist you in transferring new knowledge into the classroom. Again, thank you for participating in our program: Your dedication to excellence is the very core of our success.

Staying in Touch

As a valued customer, NWOCA desires to stay in touch with you and your staff. We hope to promote effective communication regarding our services and plan to accomplish this by sending information via E-mail and updated postings on the NWOCA web site.

NWOCA's primary mode of communication is via E-mail. Do we have your school's correct contact information? Please visit the Non-Public Directory from <http://nonpub.nwoca.org> and verify that the information posted is current. Send revisions to lange@nwoca.org.

In addition, NWOCA will E-mail and post a monthly newsletter on the Non-Public web site to promote communication. Please feel welcome to print the newsletter to share with your staff.

What's in a Name?!



Do you have any ideas for a creative, catchy name for the Non-Public Newsletter? Send your suggestion to lange@nwoca.org by October 25th. All proposed names will be presented at the Non-Public Technology Meeting on October 26th where each school's Principal, Technology Coordinator, and NWOCA's Instructional Services Staff will cast a vote. Whichever school submits the selected / winning name will receive either one admission to the NWOCA Teacher Technology Academy 2005, vouchers to attend ten NWOCA training classes during the school year, or one two hour on-site training. The prize is valued at \$200!! If you wish, feel welcome to open the contest to your students and select one possible name to submit per school. **Good Luck!!!**

<http://home.nwoca.org>

Web Sites to Visit:



nonpub.nwoca.org
sweetunity.nwoca.org
training.nwoca.org
unitedstreaming.com
infohio.org
sl.universalservice.org
learningelectric.com

Technology Meeting 10/26/04, 10am - 12pm

Enhance Your Lessons with 20,000 Video Clips

NWOCA is proud to provide you with UnitedStreaming™ - a web-based digital video delivery system from Discovery Education. UnitedStreaming is the largest and most current library of K-12 digital video / video clips available today. From core-curriculum subjects to health and guidance - there's something for everyone - and all video is correlated to Ohio state standards! Please contact lange@nwoca.org to receive your school pass code.

INFOhio - Your Gateway to Info



INFOhio's state-funded resources are free to all Ohio's K-12 students and teachers. This virtual library transforms teaching and learning by connecting educational resources with the power of information technology. You can access INFOhio resources remotely, but will be prompted for a username and password. An ERemote Cards that contain login information have been E-mailed to your school. Please share login information to teachers, staff, students, and parents; however, do not post account information on a web site.

State Subsidy Funding Reduced

Non-Public Schools subscribing to NWOCA who have a completed E-Rate Form 471 (for school year 2004 - 2005) on file with the School and Library Division will be awarded Line 426 State Subsidy Funds during the 2004 - 2005 school year. An estimate projection of funding is \$2,800 per non-public school. Due to drastic funding cuts, many schools have an outstanding balance for their NWOCA Internet Services. Once we receive State funding on your behalf, we will apply these funds to offset your current balance and will mail an invoice to cover any outstanding fees. At this time, we are requesting that you do not remit payment until the exact amount of funding is determined. Thank you!

E-Rate Timeline

Funding Year 2003 - 2004 → **Form 472**. After completing this form, you will need to fax a copy to NWOCA (419.267.5222) to be endorsed. If your school did not participate in the E-Rate program during this school year or if funding was denied, then you do not need to file.

Funding Year 2004 - 2005 → **Form 486**. After receiving the Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) from the School and Library Division, you must reply with this form. If you haven't received a FCDL, please contact the School and Library Division at 1.888.203.8100. NWOCA encourages you to contact them weekly to inquire about your application status.

Funding Year 2005 - 2006 → The FUN will begin soon!! Begin preparing by making sure your technology plan is current. To be in compliance with E-Rate guidelines, plans need to be revised and approved by authorized entities every **three** years.