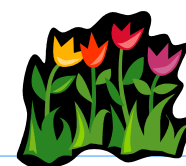


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Register your Teacher Web Site

Please take a few minutes and register your teacher web site at <http://hrsbstaff.ednet.ns.ca>

This database will enable the search of HRSB teacher web sites and is a great networking opportunity and support site for teachers developing similar curriculums. The site can perform searches by subject, grade taught, school name and keyword.

We are only registering HRSBSTAFF sites. If your curriculum related site is housed on another web hosting service, you may create a link to redirect users to your site within your HRSBSTAFF space. Then, register the HRSBSTAFF link.



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Spring After School PD Sessions

See the online PD calendar for more information and to register

- **Web Development Beginner Session** - May 12 and May 26, 4pm - 6pm at the Bell Building Computer Lab
- **Web Development Beginner Session** - May 20 and May. 27, 4pm - 6pm at the Dartmouth Teachers Center
- **Web Development Working Session 1** - May 22, 4pm - 6 pm at the Dartmouth Teacher's Center
- **Web Development Working Session 2** - May 29, 4 pm - 6 pm at the Dartmouth Teacher's Center
- **Art Lessons using the Paint Program** - May 21 and May 28, 4pm - 6pm at the Dartmouth Teacher's Centre (Basement Lab)
- **Excel for Teachers** - May 13 & May 20, 4pm - 6pm at the Dartmouth Teacher's Centre
- **Video Editing** - May 14 and May 21, 4:30pm - 6:30pm at the Dartmouth Teacher's Centre

Please contact Lawrence Rigby (lrigby@hrsb.ns.ca) with any questions.

Moodle

Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment

Take Home Rights & HRSB Aligned Resources

Take Home Rights:

Microsoft currently gives take home rights for **Office**, **Front Page** and **Publisher**. These rights are matched one-for-one with purchases. If your school has 6 computers with Front Page, then up to 6 teachers have the right to install Front Page on a computer at home. This does not apply to any other Microsoft products. It does not apply to any other software. Technicians will not install or troubleshoot installation of these programs on your home computer. Technicians do not have software to lend you. Each school received a copy of the programs installed as part of the different IEIE rollouts.

HRSB teachers are currently updating and augmenting the HRSB Aligned Resources section which is now available in Moodle. Steps for gaining access to these resources in Moodle are as follows:

1. Go to the DOE Virtual School site: <http://nsvs.ednet.ns.ca>
2. Follow the link to Moodle
3. Login with your staff IMP username: ***** and your staff IMP password: *****
4. Once logged in, on the left you will see a list of courses (you may have to choose **all courses**). Under HRSB click [Aligned Resources & Teacher Collaboration](#) or [Teacher Take Home Rights](#). Follow this link to the login screen.
5. Enrolment key is: hrsbonline

Summer Institute – It's Summertime!

This opportunity is available to 20 high school teachers in the HRSB.

Information Technology can be integrated into any curriculum at the high school level. This **3-day Summer Institute** will provide a mix of learning and working to develop ideas and activities that will fit IT into your classroom next year.

There will be sessions provided to help you decide what specialized software might be right for your classroom activities. You will be able to select from a variety of mini Tech Sessions on topics such as: video editing, multimedia, podcasting, productivity tools (word processing, presentation tools, spreadsheets etc.). Sessions focusing on curriculum software will also be available. Time will be provided to work on topics of interest, to participate in discussions about the ins and outs of working in an ICT-integrated classroom and to work in PLC s (Professional Learning Communities) as you interact with other teachers from across the province.

It is suggested that participants bring their own materials for developing student based ICT-integrated lessons and/or activities for next year: previous lesson plans, websites, or other resources (images, media, hard copies, curriculum documents, texts).

This summer institute is sponsored by the NS Department of Education. Fees for the workshop, lodging and meals for the duration of the workshop will be covered by the Department of Education.

Registration and kick-off: Tuesday (afternoon), August 5, 2008

Workshop dates: Wednesday, August 6 to Friday, August 8, 2008

Location: Truro campus of the Nova Scotia Community College.

An expression of interest will be sent to the high schools in May.

ICT Integrated Lesson Plans

Over the 2007-2008 school year, HRSB teachers have been invited to develop ICT integrated lesson plans. ICT stands for The Integration of Information and Communication Technology within the curriculum. These plans have been posted in Moodle on the Aligned Resources site (see page 2 for information on how to access to the aligned resources).

Please take a few minutes to browse these plans to see if any are relevant to your curriculum area.

The department of Education has also been involved in developing ICT integrated lesson plans. Their plans can be accessed on the LRT site under teacher resources and curriculum materials (lrt.ednet.ns.ca).