

ATCS IN ACTION

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Laptops for Learning

The Assistive Technology Centre Society recently acquired a donation of 10 refurbished laptops to place with students with Learning Disabilities in our system. Already 7 laptops have gone out to schools loaded with various free assistive technologies including Natural Reader, Audacity and weblinks to graphic organizers and sites like UDLToolkit that houses a wide variety of free AT tools. Also loaded on the laptops are Office Suite. These laptops are wireless and are able to run various AT software packages like Kurzweil, CoWriter and Clicker 5 when loaded (or when utilizing a KESI usb stick). We will be receiving 20 more of these refurbished laptops in mid-October and will distribute them according to Assistive Technology assessment recommendations. We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to students with LD in the school system.

On Demand Assistive Technology Training for SSRSB Staff

Access Assistive Technology training at any time via recorded webinar sessions in Blackboard Collaborate. Offered FREE by the Assistive Technology Centre Society.

Blackboard
collaborate

The ATCS is experimenting with the opportunity for Classroom Teachers, Resource Teachers, Teacher Assistants, parents and students to access FREE on demand AT training opportunities via Blackboard Collaborate. In each newsletter we will post a link to a recorded session of a specific Assistive Technology training. This month's recorded session is on Kurzweil 3000, an introductory session AND an advanced session on developing bubble notes , study skills and word prediction in Kurzweil.

These training links can be accessed 24/7 from any computer that has JAVA updated and an internet connection. Please enjoy these sessions and provide us with feedback on the usefulness of such a resource. Upcoming sessions will include CoWriter SE and CoWriter 6; Dragon Naturally Speaking; Clicker 5 & Cloze Pro.

Just click on the link below to access these recorded training sessions on Kurzweil 3000. Allow time to load on your computer, sit back and enjoy. Please email if you have any questions and feedback. NOTE: these sessions do not include the Apps in Action Series.

Kurzweil 1

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/playback.jnlp?psid=2011-05-11.1028.M.423F585F4E67C6016A30E93041B88A.vcr&sid=voffice>

Kurzweil 2

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/playback.jnlp?psid=2011-05-18.1128.M.423F585F4E67C6016A30E93041B88A.vcr&sid=voffice>

AT purchases made by ATCS supporting individuals in our community and students in our school system:

- ✓ 10 iPod Touch 4G's for ATC training sessions
- ✓ Wheelchair mounting system for iPad for student with CP
- ✓ 2 bluetooth switch access devices for the iPad2
- ✓ 4 AluPens alternate access styluses for mobile devices
- ✓ 2 joystick alternate access for the iPad2
- ✓ 10 GoTalk One AAC device2
- ✓ GoTalk One 4 Pack
- ✓ iPad2 for child with autism
- ✓ iPod Touch 4Gs for SSRSB Speech Language Pathologists
- ✓ iTunes gift cards for purchasing educational Apps for SLP's
- ✓ iPod Touch 4g for cancer patients
- ✓ various research books & reference materials related to 21st century learning and

Acadia University Grad course 5163 Assistive Technology: Access to Literacy

When: Tuesday nights 5:30 - 8:30 pm beginning Sept. 27 for 12 weeks

Where: Assistive Technology Centre rm. 230 Hebbville Academy School, Hebbville (just outside Bridgewater)

NOTE: If you have taken this course before 2008 you can take it again as a NEW credit

Theory and Hands on use of various AT including use and application of iPod Touch devices in the classroom and learning centre; learn about specific Apps supporting Literacy Skill Development; learn about the details of the reading and writing process through task analysis; learn in depth Kurzweil, WYNN, CoWriter, Voice Input and much more - who to use these tools with and why. Apply your knowledge in a case study and learn from others as they also apply their knowledge and tools with students.

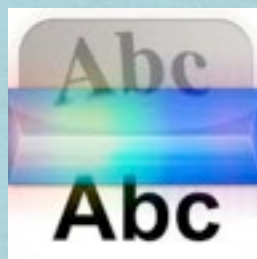
Contact Joy Cunningham at Open Acadia joy.cunningham@acadiau.ca or call 1-800-565-6568 to register or go to Open Acadia and register online

- inclusion, Project Based Learning and Assistive Technology
- ✓ iPod Touch 4g for a non verbal student in grade 7
- ✓ 2 GoTalk Pocket AAC devices

- ✓ laptop for student with CP
- ✓ laptop for a Learning Centre
- ✓ Office suite software for recycled laptops
- ✓ 2 iPad2's and 2 iPod Touch 4G for the SSILC ...& more



MobileChange - Canadian Currency. Visuals of Canadian money. Type in the dollar amount and the App will show you how many bills and coins you need to match the amount.



Prizmo: OCR Scanning and text to speech built in for the iPod Touch 4G, iPhone and iPad2. Take a picture of a text document in Prizmo, scan the document and have it read aloud!



Speech Translation App - Great for ESL or travelers! Speak into your iPod Touch, iPhone or iPad and have that speech automatically translated and pronounced with this App

Apps in Action for Communication Disorders Webinar

Presentation, Case Studies & Live Demonstrations of Key Apps

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! New and updated Apps!

September 15, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ATLANTIC TIME

Fee: \$40.00



All proceeds to go the Assistive Technology Centre Society Registered Canadian Charity (#890315849RR0001)

This presentation will provide a live demonstration and review of a wide variety of NEW, EXCITING & UP TO DATE Apps for Communication being used on the iPod Touch or iPads including how to use and apply Proloquo2go, Sounding Board, TouchTrainer, Speech Tutor, Speech, MyTalkTools, Smarty Speech, Speech Pairs, Small Talk Intensive Care, Attainment Switch, and many more that will be new to the iTunes store by September. We will discuss success stories of use and application of various Apps in the field with students who are non verbal, have articulation issues, apraxia etc., along with tips and tricks of effective implementation in a school system, home and community. A pdf of the presentation along with a certificate of participation will be provided to each participant following the session.

Barbara Welsford AT Specialist & Karen Friskney, MSLP, SLP (C)

Apps in Action for Severe Autism Webinar

Presentation, Case Studies & Live Demonstrations of Key Apps

September 29, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ATLANTIC TIME

Fee: \$30.00

All proceeds to go the Assistive Technology Centre Society Registered Canadian Charity (#890315849RR0001)

This presentation will demonstrate a wide variety of Apps utilized and proved effective by children with severe Autism. We will show the Apps in Action through live demos, discuss use, application in various settings and technical issues involved in implementing. We will also discuss building the Apps and the iPod Touch, iPad or iPhone into the IPP for students with Severe Autism. Apps will include but not be limited to a variety of effective cause and effect Apps including Baby Piano & Baby Fun; sensory Apps; Apps to utilize for behaviour shaping and developing attention to task, engagement and working towards functional skills and communication for students with severe autism. We will also demonstrate how to utilize a Bluetooth switch to activate the iPad remotely with single or two switch access.

Maximum number in each session is 45.

Barbara Welsford, M.Ed., ATP, ATS, LDATS, ADE AT Specialist

Lindsay Welsford B.Ed., M.Ed., Resource Teacher

Future Webinars:

Apps in Action for Functional Life Skills with Video Modeling (Nov. 9th)

Apps in Action to Enhance Social Skills (December 14th)

Sign up for our Webinars online:

http://assist-tech.ednet.ns.ca/Assistive_Technology_Centre/AT_Training_Opportunities.html

Apps in Action for Math (Elementary Level)

Presentation, Case Studies & Live Demonstrations of Key Apps

October 12, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ATLANTIC TIME

Fee: \$40.00

This presentation will focus on demonstrating effective Apps that support all students at the Elementary Level. Students struggling with math at this level will also benefit from the Apps identified. From identifying shapes, counting, and (preschool) comparing groups (preschool) to positions, times, and sorting, probability, patterns and money (primary level) to skip-counting, place value and estimation and rounding (grade 3 level). We will also cover Apps for time, graphing and measuring, division, multiplication, statistics and fractions and decimals - all at the early elementary level. ***This webinar would be excellent for older children struggling with these basic concepts including those with developmental delays and learning disabilities.***

Maximum number in each session is 45.

Presenters: Barbara Welsford and Cathy Croft (LD Specialist) in consultation with elementary math teachers

The iPod Touch, iPhone and iPad for People with Physical Disabilities

Presentation, Case Studies & Live Demonstrations of Key Apps and indepth discussion and demos of Alternate Access technologies for these mobile devices

October 27, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ATLANTIC TIME

Fee: \$30.00

This presentation will focus on demonstrating effective Apps and demonstrating and discussing various tools utilized to support alternate access to these exciting mobile devices for people with physical disabilities. We will show mouth wands, single switch access to the iPod Touch, iPhone and iPad, various mounting systems and key Apps that support alternate access and improve performance of people with physical disabilities. This webinar would be excellent for anyone interested in alternate access to mobile devices including Resource Teachers, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Pathologists, Parents, Primary Users and many more.

Maximum number in each session is 45.

Presenters: Barbara Welsford, Assistive Technology Specialist

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