CIRCLE is the North American Division sponsored curriculum and instruction resource center linking Adventist educators. Visit circle.adventist.org today to find or share resources.

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A. HOW DOES CIRCLE RATE?

Since launching a fully redesigned website at the <u>NAD Teacher Convention</u> in August 2006, CIRCLE site use has increased. How would you rate the new CIRCLE site? Please help us serve you better by completing this 5-minute <u>CIRCLE survey</u>. Thanks!

Linking Adventist educators anytime anywhere is our service. If you experience any difficulties accessing CIRCLE or with the format of this e-newsletter, kindly email a brief description of the problem, including which browser you use (IE, Firefox, Safari, etc.) and version. Your feedback will help us better connect educators committed to redemption-oriented schools of excellence.

B. FREE WORLD AIDS DAY YOUTH DISCUSSION GUIDE

ADRA has a FREE packet available with resources and activity ideas to help commemorate World AIDS Day on December 1. Engage your students in discussion about this global crisis. Visit <u>ADRA</u> to download program and discussion guides or to find out how to get ADRA commemorative World AIDS Day ribbons.

C. ADVENTIST SCHOOL CONNECT: FREE NAD SCHOOL WEBSITES

The North American Division is providing Adventist School Connect FREE to every school in Bermuda, Canada, and the United States. This offer includes website set up, hosting, and administration costs, and provides an integrated network for both schools and churches. Training and support are also included at no cost to the school.

Adventist School Connect takes advantage of a fully editable, powerful website management tool. You don't have to know a programming language. Edit your pages as you would in a word processor. You and your school website team will be able to quickly and easily add and edit pages, photos, and links.

Features include:

- * Daily Devotional Use our content or add your own.
- * Calendar You will love our easy-to-use calendar.
- * Adventist School News comes automatically to your site.
- * Pages for each classroom or grade, alumni, home and school, and more.
- * Electronic payment options for tuition and fees coming soon!

Your Site Can Be Unique! Your design doesn't have to look like other schools' sites. If you already have a website or want a custom design, you can still take advantage of this FREE offer.

Visit www.adventistschoolconnect.com to sign up.

D. TEMPLATES FOR TEACHERS

Using templates can save a busy principal, teacher or student time. Visit CIRCLE's <u>Templates for Teachers</u> section to view templates created by and for Adventist teachers already, and please add to this list by <u>submitting</u> ones you or your school uses. For template ideas, read Richard Thomason's editorial.

E. REMEMBER THE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CONTEST

The wonderful experiences gathered at Nashville in August are now somewhat dim but I can clearly remember how proud I felt as I sat and listened to the powerful message each morning and realized what a wonderful group of workers were sitting there and the tremendous responsibility they shoulder in leading our boys and girls through their learning experience. You are all to be commended for your dedication. Your rewards come on a daily basis as you see the lights come on in the eyes of your students as they comprehend for the first time the lesson you are teaching. Thank you for faithfulness under sometimes trying circumstances. Realizing the pressures you are under to complete your curriculum I have a simple request. Please tell your students about the web site found at www.healthylifestylecontest.com and encourage their participation in this very worth-while project. Reg Burgess, NAD Health Ministries

F. COLLABORATE - EMAIL PENPALS

Would your class profit by email communication with a similar class from another state? Country? Continent? Several requests have come to CIRCLE recently, for schools who might like to correspond, at elementary and secondary levels. If you are interested, email webmaster@circle.adventist.org the teacher name, school name, teacher or school email, grade level, specific interest (if any, e.g. interested in collaboration in a social studies, science, bible or mission project), and time frame in which you'd be available (all school year, January – March, etc.) We'll compile and post this on CIRCLE, and share it with those who request such a list in future.

G. RESOURCES WANTED!

The following list reflects requests from Adventist educators at all levels globally. If you have any materials you've created for any of these, we invite you to share them through CIRCLE this year.

- 1. Adventist Heritage/History curriculum K-12
- 2. Health & Wellness curriculum K-12
- 3. Religion curriculum for non-Christian students K-12
- 4. In-service teacher orientation to Adventist worldview at undergrad & graduate levels
- 5. Course outlines, textbook lists and bibliographies for uniquely Adventist courses e.g. Philosophy of Adventist Education, Fundamental Beliefs, Life & Teachings of Christ, Church History, etc.
- 6. Adventist education research -- list projects in progress and report on completed studies
- 7. Profiles of Adventist schools modeling preferred practices -- exemplary practice provides ideas for others on the journey to excellence
- 8. Sample administrative forms, templates, policies for boarding and day schools, constitutions, etc.
- 9. Class aims & mottos. This <u>compilation</u> is accessed frequently. Do you have a list of past class aims & mottos that you'd be willing to add?

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