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workshop to train
your curriculum
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NJDOE Professional Development for Educators of New Jersey

News and Updates at NJPEP

- Assessment:** check out the new **DATA CORNER** on the Assessment page.
<http://www.njpep.org/assessment/index.html>
 - Start your year with **Assessment in the Classroom**, a step-by-step approach for using data as a guide for instruction.
 - See also new **Teacher-to-Teacher** turnkey training materials from US ED.
- Classroom Support**
 - Year of Languages:** Focus for September – Heritage Languages.
<http://www.njpep.org/classroom/yearoflang/index.html>
- Professional Development**
 - Reading First videos** and modules (K-3) – they are being added to each week – keep checking, and use the information for turnkey training. <http://www.njpep.org/pd/index.html>
- Activities** (lessons or units submitted by NJ educators)
 - Create A Gadget!** by Heidi Wagner. Students use simple machines.
<http://www.njpep.org/activities/Presidential/Science/CreateAGadget/Gadget.htm>
 - Submit your favorite lesson plan by using the **NJPEP Classroom Activities** template.
<http://www.njpep.org/activities/ClassroomActivityTemplate.doc>
- Parents and Students:** check out career and test preparation sites on your page.
http://www.njpep.org/parents_students/index.html
- Workshops** – see the newly designed page of NJPEP's free offerings – with description, agenda and resources. <http://www.njpep.org/workshops/index.html>

Professional Development

- Cooking with Data, Mining Data, the Data Rainbow and/or Data for Instruction.** See presentations at NJSDC, October 19, 2005; NJSBA, October 27, 2005; NJEA, November 11, 2005. Call Lavinia Kumar to ask for a workshop for supervisors and/or administrators.
- NSDC conference is in Philadelphia this year!** Register now for December 3-7, 2005.
<http://www.nsd.org/connect/events.cfm>.
- El Proyecto Vida Silvestre (Project Wild)** at the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, Chatham Township, NJ. Workshop for ESL & Spanish speaking Educators. Saturday October 1, 2005, 9.00 – 3.00. <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/educatn.htm>
- New teachers and mentors.** Make sure you have training based on the new **Mentoring Toolkit!** Make sure your providers follow the Toolkit guidelines! See <http://www.njpep.org/pd/mentoring/index.html>, http://www.njpep.org/pd/novice_teacher_resources/index.html and <http://www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/mentor/>
- School leaders.** The new professional growth plans start NOW! Resources coming soon to NJPEP's Professional Development page.
- Standards workshops!** Check the NJDOE events page: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>.

Late Summer/ Back to School

- Celebrate **Constitution and Citizenship Day**, September 16, 2005.
<http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/>
- Steamboat Floating Classroom.** Imagine learning right on the Delaware river! Check out <http://www.steamboatclassroom.org/>
- Hurricanes Spark a Storm** of Classroom Activity!
http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson015.shtml
- Dissecting the Dollar**
http://www.classbrain.com/cb_grabbag/dollar/cb_gb_d.html
- Monthly Themes:** Back to School. Activities from Education Place.
http://www.eduplace.com/monthlytheme/august/school_activities.html