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Front Page Items

1. **Computer simulations** – Interactive activities for students to help with critical thinking in food distribution, nonviolent strategies, and history.
2. Check out the latest **research** related to U.S. **math achievement** and **increased rigor in high schools**.

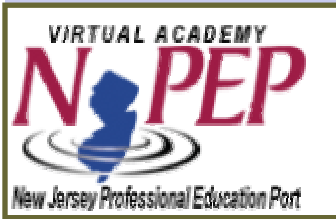
Assessment

1. **5th, 6th and 7th grade!** Check out the April **testing schedule** on NJPEP's assessment page. See, also, **sample mathematics and language arts literacy questions** from around the US for these grades. <http://www.njpep.org/assessment/index.html>
2. **Parent information and support for NJASK, GEPA and HSPA** – check out NJPEP's Parents and Students page.
3. **NJ Statewide Assessment Test Coordinator Training:** See official letter on NJPEP and Assessment web sites, and the NJDOE events page, for times and places. **Grades 5, 6 & 7** information will be in each of the sessions listed below. Dates are:
NJASK: South – **February 6 & 7, 2006**; Central – **February 8, 2006**; and North – **February 9 & 10, 2006**.
GEPA: Southwest – **January 30, 2006**; Southeast – **January 31, 2006**;
Central – **February 1, 2006**; and North – **February 2, 2006**.

Professional Development Opportunities

1. **February 6 and 7:** Technical Assistance Sessions for districts participating in the *Grade 8 Pilot Assessment Project for World Languages* to be held in **Room 100 in the College Center at Middlesex County College in Edison**.
2. **February 10, 2006: Navigating Stormy Seas.** This workshop will show teachers how to interpret performance data and make hypotheses on how practice could be improved. **Register at www.flenj.org.** There is **ONE free registration for each district selected to participate in the assessment project; however, all districts must still register through FLENJ.**
3. **"Examining Differentiated Learning Through Geometry in Grades K-8," A Math Lesson Study Open House** (observation of an actual lesson study in a K-8 school). **Date and location: February 16, 2006,** Paterson Public School #2, 22 Passaic Street, Paterson, NJ 07506. Registration deadline: January 31, 2006. For more information and a registration form see <http://www.amtnj.org/>.
4. **New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD) Annual Conference, February 26-28, 2006** in East Brunswick, NJ. For more information see <http://www.njahperd.org/Convention2006.htm>.
5. NJPEP's **Opportunities** page. <http://www.njpep.org/workshops/ops/index.html>. See items such as:
 - a. Assessment in the Mathematics Classroom
 - b. Preparing for State Assessments in Grades 5, 6 & 7 in the Southern Region
 - c. Literacy in the Mathematics Classroom
 - d. Novice Teacher Institute.

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Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities March 2006

1. **March 3, 2006: Biographies, Autobiographies, and Joe Friday.** Workshop will work with actual district data to guide teachers through the process of developing their professional development plans, including how to validate progress with student performance data. **Register at www.flenj.org. There is ONE free registration for each district selected to participate in the assessment project; however, all districts must still register through FLENJ.**
2. **March 17-18: Foreign Language Educators of NJ (FLENJ) Annual Statewide Conference.** For more information and registration details, visit www.flenj.org.
3. **17th Annual National Service-Learning Conference: We the People, March 22-25, 2006,** Philadelphia, PA. <https://programs.regweb.com/metro/NSLC2006/>

April and May 2006

1. **New Jersey School Counselor Association 2006 Spring Professional Development Conference, Thursday, April 6, 2006,** Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ. <http://www.njsca.org/>
2. **Spring Social Studies Conference** at Monmouth University, **April 8, 2006.** For more information, visit the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies site. <http://www.njcss.org/>
3. **Technology Educators Association of New Jersey (TEANJ) Technology and Expo Conference, April 27-28, 2006,** Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ. <http://www.teanj.org/conference/TEANJ/index.htm>
4. **New Jersey Business/Technology Education Association (NJBTEA) Spring Conference, May 11, 2006,** The Pines Manor, Edison, NJ. <http://lhsweb.lr.k12.nj.us/santangelo/professionallopportunities.htm>

Parents and Students

1. Check out the new **Student Opportunities** page for contests and competitions. http://www.njpep.org/parents_students/opportunities.html
2. **Improving Learning and Literacy in Abbott Classrooms,** A Guidance Document 2006. http://www.njpep.org/parents_students/index.html

Selected Resources for February

1. **"Web Sitings": Black History Month** – Great links packed with resources for an African-American history unit from Scholastic. http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor/websitings/blackhist_month.htm
2. **ClassBrain's Top 10 Presidential Websites.** http://www.classbrain.com/artteach/publish/article_132.shtml
3. **Valentine's Day** – Learn about the history of this day. http://www.classbrain.com/artholiday/publish/history_of_valentines_day.shtml
4. **Nutrition Lessons** – Interactive nutrition activities (pre-k to upper elementary grades) from the National Dairy Council. <http://www.nutritionexplorations.org/educators/lessons-main.asp>
5. **Virtual Poetry** – Create your own virtual poem. <http://www.surfnetkids.com/games/funnypoems-wm.htm>

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