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SVETN Tips

Students at all of your sites will bond into a single class more easily if they know their classmates' names. Teachers can promote this bonding as well as learn their students' names by preparing a seating chart for each site and posting it prominently in the SVETN classroom. Each site should have charts posted for each of the other sites.

Encourage students to learn the names of their classmates with activities that require them to call on each other. Remember to have the student-camera view on full screen often so they can connect the names and faces.

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SVETN Receives Technology Innovation Challenge Grant

On July 3 Congressman Rick Boucher announced that the Southwest Virginia Education and Training Network has been awarded a grant of \$488,473. The money comes from the U.S. Department of Education's Technology Innovation Challenge Grant program and will be used over the next two years to **enhance the interactive video resources already in place at high school classrooms within the thirteen-county region served by the SVETN.**

The grant will allow SVETN to expand its service to partners by the addition of asynchronous modalities with the goal of expand-

ing AP and other advanced coursework available to students in our region. The Department of Education grant also will enable SVETN to adapt and create instructional modules that can be delivered over the Internet. Bruce Mathews, who directs SVETN activities for the consortium partners, notes the trend toward using a variety of complimentary media to deliver instruction. "Individuals are challenged to think and equipped to retain ideas through many communication channels. We should have available the same technology assets as other parts of the Commonwealth. The grant makes this possible," Mathews said.

New Classrooms Opening

Grayson County also benefited from a federal grant this year. They will use the funds to equip their new classrooms at both Grayson County High School in Independence and the Mount Rogers Combined School at Whitetop. They

Tazewell and Buchanan Counties also have new SVETN classrooms opening during this school year. The Tazewell and Buchanan County sites are located in their respective career and technical centers.

Combined School at Whitetop. They hope to be online by January 2002.

2001 Technology Splash a Success for SVETN

June 19-21 were 3 very busy days for SVETN!

We kicked off our participation in the annual Technology Splash event with 2 new sessions. For the first time we offered a workshop targeting administrators, using three SVETN classrooms to deliver the sessions. By linking the classroom at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center with classrooms at Grundy High School and Wise County Career Technical Center, we were able to demonstrate to principals, assistant principals, and central office administrators what their SVETN classrooms can do and give them a chance to learn how to use it themselves.

Wednesday, June 20, brought new and experi-

enced teachers to Abingdon to share SVETN teaching experiences. A group of experienced SVETN teachers, including Brent Fiedler (JS Battle), Diannah Pennington (Chilhowie), Donna Hale (Council), Judy Rife (Twin Valley), and Tanya Lee (Bland/Rocky Gap) helped introduce new SVETN teachers to ITV teaching and then participated in a lively and informative panel discussion. On June 21, participants had a chance to beef up their skills by examining additional technology compatible with SVETN equipment to enhance delivery of instruction.



Teacher Features: Nancy Britton and Beverly Eason

In each issue of **SVETN News** we will feature one or two teachers who are delivering a class (sometimes two!) by SVETN. The first teacher is a new, old hand. Meet **Nancy Britton**. Ms Britton was one of the very first SVETN teachers, beginning back in 1994 when only 3 SVETN sites existed—Lee High, Thomas Walker and Mountain Empire Community College. After not teaching an SVETN-delivered class last year, Ms. Britton is back at the ELMO teaching physics between her Lee High site and Thomas

Walker High School. Ms. Britton's advice to less experienced SVETN teachers is "don't get upset when you have technical or scheduling or other problems. The key is to be flexible, just be flexible."

Welcome back, Nancy!

"The choice is to be negative or positive, and you get a whole lot better results when you're positive!"

Beverly Eason

Our second featured teacher is one of several beginners learning to love ELMO. **Beverly Eason** may be a novice SVETN teacher, but she is no beginner. Mrs. Eason is a 23-year veteran science teacher at Patrick Henry High School in Washington County, now teaching physics to students at Patrick Henry and Holston. Because of an unexpected scheduling change Mrs. Eason didn't get her SVETN assignment until just be-

makeover and a new wardrobe budget." Her first concern was basic, "where's the switch" and a warning to her students she feared "beaming herself onto the Enterprise." Calling on typical veteran flexibility, Mrs. Eason says, "You can't stay in this business without being flexible...The choice is to be negative or positive, and you get a whole lot better results when you're positive."

didn't get her SVETN assignment until just before school began, but she accepted it with grace and a sense of humor, asking her principal "for a

whole lot better results when you're positive.

Welcome aboard, Bev!

SVETN's College Partners

Besides the 37 high schools and 4 career and technical center sites, SVETN partners include the four community colleges serving our region—Mountain Empire, Southwest Virginia, Virginia Highlands, and Wytheville. Each of the community colleges has an SVETN classroom on site. Our four-year college partners include all of the institutions at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. A classroom located at the Center serves these partners and Virginia Highlands with additional classrooms located on the campuses of Emory and Henry College and University of Virginia-Wise. These partnerships allow students of these institutions to avoid the often lengthy drives to campus for evening classes by receiving classes at high school sites. In addition,

colleges can offer courses that might not otherwise be economically practical by enrolling students at 2, 3, or 4 sites, even with only one or two students at some sites. Colleges have priority access to SVETN facilities in the evening hours. This semester we have seventeen classes scheduled at 15 different sites and include both graduate and undergraduate courses.

In addition to evening classes, the college partnership makes it possible for high school students to receive dual enrollment credit without leaving their own campuses. SVETN hopes to develop this aspect of the partnership for those schools whose location precludes students from taking classes on college campuses.

SVETN Broadcasts

In February SVETN began using its broadcast capability to provide programming of interest to our partners. Through this capability SVETN can provide non-interactive programming to all sites simultaneously. The content of the broadcasts includes instructional support in the core curricular areas as well as staff development opportunities. The spring and summer broadcast schedule included lectures by Dr. Larry Sabato

and Dr. Ed Ayers of UVA and Dr. Frank Rose formerly with NASA, SIRS teleconferences, and workshops for principals from Annenberg/CPB. Schools may tape the broadcasts for future use by teachers, students, and administrators or view them as they air. Schools may then request links with other sites to follow up any viewing for interactive discussion. The current broadcast schedule and directions for taping at your site are available on our website. <http://www.svetn.org>

SVETN Website Growing

If you haven't visited the SVETN website lately, you may be in for a surprise. Our website has a new look and lots of new information along with the important things it always had.

general information about SVETN, we have added Frequently Asked Questions, technology and other links of interest to our partners, broadcast information, and now this newsletter.

Alicia Young, SVETN administrative assistant, maintains the website and would appreciate your feedback. So check us out at

the important things it always had.

In addition to the daily schedule of classes available throughout the network, links to all our public school and higher education partners, and

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Fall 2001 SVETN Classes

Block/Period 1

Math Analysis/Rye Cove*

Spanish II/Clintwood

Art I/Powell Valley

Street Law/Pound

Health Careers/Chilhowie

AP Lit/Comp/Grundy

Latin II/Tazewell

French II/Rural Retreat

Physics/Lee

Physics/Patrick Henry

Block/Period 2

Spanish II/Appalachia

Public Speaking/Pound

AP Calculus/Holston

DE Calculus/Rural Retreat

Latin III/Tazewell

Block/Period 3

Math Analysis/Rye Cove

Creative Writing/Coeburn

AP Government/Council

AP US history/Haysi

AP Calculus/Chilhowie

Intro to Vocations/JJ Kelly

Latin II/Marion

French III/Rural Retreat

Block/Period 4

Spanish III/Northwood

Spanish I/Twin Valley

AP Calculus/Pound

AP Calculus/Coeburn

Web Design/Abingdon

AP Computer Science/Tazewell

Period 5

Digital Imaging/Patrick Henry

C++/Graham

Period 6

Creative writing/Graham

French I/Lee

Period 7

Spanish II/Appalachia

French III/Erwinton

Calculus/Twin Valley

French III/Rural Retreat

AP Government/Tazewell

Period 7

JROTC/Ft. Chiswell

Graphic Arts/Graham

* school identified is host site

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