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## PRISM Team: “Welcome Back!”

PRISM would like to welcome all our users back for the 2013-2014 school year. For those of you with existing courses on PRISM, here are some helpful tips to get started for the new year:

- **You can re-use your existing courses.** The first step to cleaning them is to perform a Moodle Reset. Look for the ‘Reset’ link in your course administration block. On that page, you will see several options that allow you to clear the grade book, groups, chat history, quiz data, assignment data, and more. Be sure to click the ‘Expand all’ link to see all of the options. **Note: Do not Unenroll your users using the Reset feature. The student administration block in your course will be used to perform this function.**
- **Clear your student roster using the student administration block.** You can delete all students by clicking the ‘Advanced’ button in the student administration block. Now click the ‘Delete’ button. You will see a list of your students. You can either check the ones you want removed or remove all of them by clicking ‘Select All’. Don’t worry if you accidentally delete a student. You can recover the deleted student by clicking the ‘Recover’ button in the student administration block. **Note: Be sure to perform the ‘Reset’ options in your course before deleting students.**
- **Update the course start date for your course.** Look for the ‘Edit settings’ link in your course administration block. On that page, find the setting for ‘Course start date’ and update it for the new school year. Updating this date will properly date your course’s weekly sections.
- **Import your new student rosters.** You can import your student rosters using the CSV Import feature in the student administration block. Please see our [tutorial](#) for help with using this feature. **Note: Email addresses for student accounts on PRISM are OPTIONAL. Please do not add fake email addresses for student accounts.**
- **Contact the PRISM Team to remove old courses.** Courses on PRISM are removed after a year of inactivity. If you have several old courses that you no longer need, [contact us](#) and we will remove them.
- **Visit our tutorial section.** We offer many [tutorials](#) that cover how to use all of the Moodle resources and activities. We also have tutorials for importing quiz questions from ExamView and embedding YouTube videos in your course.
- **Update your web browsers.** For the best experience, the PRISM Team recommends Chrome, Firefox 23, or Internet Explorer 10. For Windows XP users, we recommend Chrome or Firefox. Internet Explorer 8 is supported, but we encourage updating to a modern browser.





<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>

## PBS LearningMedia

If you had one back-to-school wish – what would it be? How about hundreds of free, interactive lesson plans? PBS LearningMedia provides over 500 customizable lesson plans ready for the picking.

Support the needs of your local teachers by customizing the PBS LearningMedia™ experience. For more information, email [LearningMedia@pbs.org](mailto:LearningMedia@pbs.org).

PBS LearningMedia™ provides educators with strategies, tools, and professional development resources needed to fully utilize digital learning. It offers schools, districts, and states a cost-effective solution for seamless media integration and customization, including:

- State standards alignment
- Student access and class accounts
- Robust user management
- Comprehensive analytics
- Content management system



<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/>

## TeacherVision

TeacherVision® is dedicated to helping teachers save time. Find 22,000 pages of classroom-ready lesson plans, printables, and resources.

**Common Core Lessons & Resources**  
Is your school district adopting the Common Core? Work these new standards into your curriculum with our reading, writing, speaking,

social studies, and math lessons and activities. Each piece of content incorporates the Common Core State Standards into the activity or lesson.

**Back-to-School Headquarters**  
Whether you are back to it or still getting ready, we have the icebreakers, bulletin board ideas, teacher-parent collaboration

materials, awards & certificates, and open house resources for you. Let us help you be prepared!

**New Teachers**  
Are you getting ready to start your first year as a new teacher this fall? Welcome to the profession! We're here to help you transition smoothly.



<http://www.nea.org/firstdays>

## Back to School Guide

NEA editors have compiled a list of our best articles and resources to help you - whether new or veteran - get ready for the new school year. This helpful list contains practical classroom tips written by teachers, for teachers. Share advice, tips, questions, or opinions on NEA's discussion boards. Topics range from advice for thwarting cheaters to getting students interest in P.E. classes. We've customized a Google search engine with 1,000s of lesson plans from across the Web, each one hand-picked and vetted by our Search Editor. Need help with a specific classroom management problem? Post your question on our Classroom Management discussion board and receive an answer from a master teacher. While there, you can also advise your other help-seeking colleagues.



<http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Back-to-School.shtml>

## USA.gov Back to School

Use these resources and tips to help prepare your child for the new school year.

This comprehensive list contains information pertaining to getting your child's immunizations up to date and other health related requirements, financial assistance for families, help with homework, school supplies, and healthy eating and physical fitness.



<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

## ReadWriteThink

Here at [ReadWriteThink](http://www.readwritethink.org/), our mission is to provide educators, parents, and afterschool professionals with access to the highest quality practices in reading and language arts instruction by offering the very best in free materials.

Every lesson plan on [ReadWriteThink](http://www.readwritethink.org/) has been aligned not only to the IRA/NCTE Standards for the English Language Arts but to individual state standards and Common

Core State Standards, when applicable.

ReadWriteThink is sponsored by the International Reading Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, and Verizon Thinkfinity.

The IRA is an international membership organization dedicated to improving the quality of reading instruction, disseminating information about reading,

and encouraging the lifetime reading habit.

NCTE is a membership organization dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education.

Sponsored by the Verizon Foundation, Verizon Thinkfinity brings teachers, students, and parents free, online education resources.



<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/13-tips-getting-ready-back-school>

## 13 Resources for the New School Year

Try these tips to take advantage of all that [Scholastic](http://www.scholastic.com/) has to offer. With the arrival of a new school year, there's no doubt that your to-do list is growing every day. Be prepared and stay organized throughout the year with these free online resources, calendars, tools, and teaching tricks.

The name "[Scholastic](http://www.scholastic.com/)" evokes warm memories from those who treasured their childhood experiences with us and trust among those who depend on us for quality materials today. For more than 90 years, we've been delivering outstanding books, magazines and educational programs directly to schools and families through channels that have become childhood traditions – Scholastic Book Fairs, monthly Book Clubs, and Scholastic News classroom magazines. Today, we're in more than 90% of schools in the U.S. – and our partnership with educators is something we cherish. More than half of the teachers in the U.S. have an active account with Scholastic, tapping into free offerings like our teaching resources, [Scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com/) activities and lesson plans, and ordering through Clubs Ordering Online (COOL), the Teacher Store Online and the Scholastic Store Online.



[http://www.teacherfiles.com/resources\\_back\\_to\\_school.htm](http://www.teacherfiles.com/resources_back_to_school.htm)

## BACK TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Welcome to [TeacherFiles.com](http://www.teacherfiles.com) - Source of free online educational resources for teachers to use in their classrooms. Our pages are full of resources, ideas, clipart, activities and lesson plans. All the resources available here are absolutely free.

You don't have to register for anything. No gimmicks - just free stuff!

[TeacherFiles.com](http://www.teacherfiles.com) has developed a nice list of activities that will help students get back into the groove of school. These activities range from student mixers to writing projects.

## MathX

<http://www.mathx.net/>

## Free Math Worksheets

Welcome to Free Math Worksheets, known as [Mathx.net](http://www.mathx.net), a place that provides more than 1,000 math worksheets for students, teacher and professors. You can download printable math worksheets for FREE and make your job easier. All worksheets are placed on the right side of the website, sorted

in alphabetical order and divided into larger groups. Teachers and professors! Are you looking for math worksheets, exams or tests? You can easily download them! Those worksheets are sorted by difficulty – the first ones are very easy or easy, then medium, hard and very hard. For example, let us

say you are looking for printable math worksheets on multiplication. They have been placed in the right sidebar under the headline "Integers, Decimals and Fractions" under the name Multiplying. Note: To open and download worksheets, you need to have Adobe Reader installed.



<http://www.abcteach.com/>

## ABCteach

In 2000, [abcteach](http://www.abcteach.com) entered the Internet world as a free educational website for teachers. Our site is the brainchild of Sandy Kemsley, a Michigan elementary school teacher who was retiring after 26 years in the class. abcteach seemed the perfect way for Sandy to continue communicating her love of teaching and wealth of educational knowledge. Little did she know that her "little website" would evolve into the global educational resource that [abcteach](http://www.abcteach.com) has become.

### [abcteach](http://www.abcteach.com) Public Site

Each month, over two million people from around the world visit abcteach for PreK - 8 materials and creative activities for students and educators. We have over 5,000 free documents available, including printable worksheets, interactive activities, theme units, and much more.

Free Monthly Newsletter - All are invited to join our abcteach monthly newsletter, which highlights the latest materials added to the site.

### [abcteach](http://www.abcteach.com) Member Site

The abcteach member site provides members with unlimited access to over 40,000 cross-curricular materials, interactive activities, clip art, and abctools custom worksheet generators. New materials are added each week, reflecting member requests and current events. Members also receive a weekly newsletter, highlighting new sections, materials, and unique membership specials.

## 2013 ICTM Fall Conference Registration

We will share valuable information about effective instruction and information about embedding the standards for mathematical practices from the Common Core State Standards. Sessions will have presenters from across the state, the Indiana Department of Education and also national educational leaders. Most of the presenters are current math educators who have a wealth of information and field-tested ideas to share. We also have some notable authors presenting. A business meeting will be held Monday morning and there will be a speaker at the luncheon on Monday. Register today!

Online registration is open until Thursday, October 17, 2013. Click here if you want to mail in your registration ICTM Fall Registration Paper Form 2013.pdf. Registration fees online and "on-site" after 10/17/2013 will be \$130 and \$45 for Student Members.

<http://ictm.onefireplace.org/2013mathcontest?eventId=642272&EventViewMode=EventDetails>

## Lilly Endowment Creativity Fellowship Program for 2014

Once again – for the 27th year – the Lilly Endowment is pleased to announce that the Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program will honor and recognize Indiana teachers, principals, assistant principals, guidance counselors, and librarians/media specialists.

[The Endowment](#) will offer up to 100 fellowships

at \$10,000 each for these educators to embark on summertime periods of personal renewal. More than 2,500 Indiana educators have participated in this competitive program and returned with tales of adventure, personal discovery, new scholarship and a renewed sense of purpose. For a full program description, go to [lillyendowment.org](http://lillyendowment.org) or [teachercreativity.org](http://teachercreativity.org).

## What PRISM Can Do For You!

- Easily find the perfect teaching and learning resources from our library of over 4,000.
- Save a list of your favorite resources for quick retrieval.
- Create and share lesson plans that teach your subjects utilizing your favorite resources.
- Develop online classrooms with interactive assignments, lessons, quizzes and more!
- Store your classroom materials online so that they are available to you from any computer.
- Reach your students more effectively by using web media for the digital age.
- Earn PGP points by completing PRISM led online Moodle course – either Beginning Moodle or Intermediate Moodle courses are available to you at no cost several times throughout the year.
- Select from free learning resources that emphasize visualization, rich context, staged-problem solving, and electronically enabled collaboration / communication.
- Augment your own dynamic presence in the classroom with teaching tools that mirror the skills needed for success in higher education and the 21st Century workplace.

*Through our strong support from the [Lilly Endowment](#) and others, we are constantly growing and improving. Check our site regularly to see what new resources you can use in your classroom.*

[www.rose-prism.org](http://www.rose-prism.org)



PRISM is a free website that provides collections of online resources for Indiana educators in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The primary collection of digital teaching materials is indexed according to the Indiana Academic Standards for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade and secondary education courses.