



The Newsletter of the Licking Area Computer Association – Newark, OH

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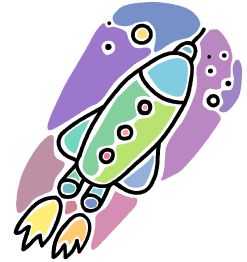
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## DASL – Ready For Liftoff!



Are all systems ready? Check! Is technical support in place? Check! Is documentation ready? Check! Begin Countdown. 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1.....Liftoff! Just like the space shuttle Atlantis, LACA, has had a successful lift off implementing the student information system called DASL (Data Analysis for Student Learning). This software has replaced a program called SIS (POISE). The first district to charter unknown territory was Tri-Valley.

This was a great undertaking by Tri-Valley based upon SIS's lifespan of 14 years. The leadership and the effort by all staff at Tri-Valley have been a large piece of their success on such an important conversion. LACA would like to extend their congratulations and appreciation to this district. The mission was very successful and LACA is preparing for their next districts - Lakewood, Flying Colors, Newark Catholic and Heath.

### Using Technology For Support!

Supporting a major implementation like DASL can require alternative methods of support. There are three methods of support for DASL.

1. Email us at [dasl@laca.org](mailto:dasl@laca.org)
2. Call (740) 345-3400.
3. DASL is using web technology as an alternative support method. The DASL website is full of updated information including up-to date alerts, upcoming events, news, upcoming training session, and even the ability to sign up for classes using SINC (Support Information Center). SINC has a DASL knowledge base which consists of information that has been compiled from user support questions. The website is located at <http://www.laca.org/Services/DASL>. The SINC link is located on the website.

### Service with a Smile

There are two major aspects of successfulness that help facilitate satisfaction. These are communication and patience. The DASL Support team strives for both. Please let us know if we have fallen short.



<b>DASL Tentative GO Live</b>	
Lakewood Lakewood Digital Flying Colors	October 3, 2006
Newark Catholic Heath	November 14, 2006
West Muskingum North Fork	February 2007
Maysville Foxfire	March 2007
Licking Heights Johnstown	April 2007
C-TEC	July 2007
Northridge Granville Newark Newark Digital	October 2007
South West Licking South West Digital Mt. Vernon	November 2007


**FISCAL SERVICES**




### Electronic Time Card System/Services

The Timeware Prime Time electronic time card project is progressing on schedule. Licking Heights and Southwest Licking have agreed to be our pilot districts. The BioScreen terminal and software were installed on August 17 and 18. The training on the Prime Time software for Southwest was held on September 12 and Licking Heights software training was held on September 26 and 27. Southwest is now in the testing phase. They plan to go live on the Prime Time software in October.

### Web Applications

Just a reminder, the following programs will be obsolete with the September release of State Software: APE, RCPROC, and VENSCN, as a menu option. RECEDT will become a system manager option only. There are no more USAS programs currently "on the clock" to be removed.

Version 2.1 of USASWeb will hopefully be released in September. This release will include batch printing of requisitions and purchase orders. A new search feature has been added. You will be able to search by user name, date ranges, requisition, purchase order, invoice numbers, and a combination of all of these options. This will allow you to search and display invoices entered in a session for balancing purposes.

The new version of USPSWeb has been installed. This version included a new quick entry screen for attendance. Please go in and give this new option a try. A number of the items that are currently being worked on for USPSWeb relate to the implementation of the Employee Kiosk and the time card interface.

### Up Coming Fiscal Training

<b>USPS Roundtable</b>	October 13, 2006	9:00 – 12:00
<b>USAS Roundtable</b>	November 7, 2006	9:00 – 12:00

## Student Services – SIS

I want to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers sent to me and my husband while he was in the hospital. My husband's stroke kept him away from home for 8 months. He finally got to come home on September 1<sup>st</sup>. He still has lots of recovery ahead of him.

Thank you again,  
*Linda*

### Start of the Year

Welcome back everyone! I know you are overwhelmed right now, but I promise it does get better. (maybe after EMIS count week?).

Just a few things to remember:

1. You must have the "Start Of Year" procedures done before LACA can run your first B105 which sets you into the "new" school year. If we do not run the B105, you will not be able to take your school attendance. Also, if the B105 has not been run, the teachers cannot see their class lists in Progress Book.
2. You must contact LACA when you're going to run your schedule cards. We check the formatters to see if you are going to get what you want printed on the schedule cards. For instance, you might not want fees printed on them this year as you did last year.
3. Do not forget to check out the training LACA offers this year and register early.



## LIBRARY SERVICES



### INFOhio Electronic Resources

The username and password for home use of the free INFOhio electronic resources, located at [www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org), have changed. Please contact your school's library media specialist or LACA to receive the new login information. The old username and password will no longer work after September 15, 2006.

### Welcome Mount Vernon!

LACA's Library Services would like to welcome the Mount Vernon City School libraries to our consortium.

Mount Vernon is automated with the SIRSI K-12 library automation software and we welcome the eight new libraries and the 13 new library staff members.

### Cataloging Workshops

Due to the success of our SIRSI K-12 Cataloging Workshops held last year, we will be repeating the hands-on workshops for the 2006-2007 school year. The workshops run from 9 AM to 3 PM and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. The dates are as follows:

October 18, 2006  
November 29, 2006

December 13, 2006  
January 10, 2007

February 21, 2007  
March 14, 2007



## IVDL CAMERAS ARE ROLLING!

LACA schools participated in over 350 interactive video distance learning classes last year! Live open-heart surgeries, knee replacements, human anatomy and forensic autopsies; interviews with Archie Griffin and NBC News Correspondent Norah O'Donnell; virtual college visits to Case Western Reserve, Bowling Green, Kent State and Miami University; career classes in Nursing, Mathematics, EMT Services, Cartoon Art and Forensic Science; and professional development in Internet/Online Safety, INFOhio Resources, Teacher Best Practices and Guided Reading; and the list goes on. There were many classes in the core curriculum areas: social studies, language arts, math and science.

Video distance learning technology can not only provide incredible opportunities to your students and staff, it can also increase accessibility of your staff to by allowing them to participate in professional meetings and trainings throughout Ohio without the time and expense of driving. If you are interested in participating in a meeting via video, please contact Jon Bowers to assist in arranging the event. We are also willing to arrange video demonstrations for teachers and staff on early dismissal or professional development days. Please allow a month of advance notice to enable us to arrange the appropriate content provider for your needs. Questions? Call Jon Bowers at 345-3400 ext 223.

## LACATech Meeting Schedule

The LACATech committee will meet from 8:30 – 11:00 AM on the following dates:

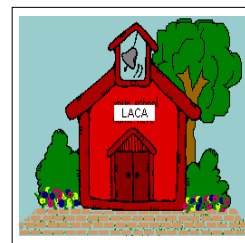
- October 11, 2006
- December 6, 2006
- February 7, 2007
- April 4, 2007
- June 6, 2007

## PROGRESS BOOK

Not much has changed on the Progress Book front for this year. You should be able to pick up where you left off last year with no problems.

I did say that not MUCH had changed though. There are two significant changes to Progress Book for this year and another that will impact you later.

The 1st significant change is how your assignment types are managed. Last year Progress Book forced you to create your assignment types in each class or in one class and then go through a sharing process to get them into the other classes. This year the assignment types screen is different. Now you can create a list of assignment types and instead of sharing them with your other classes all you have to do is simply check the classes that you want the types used in. Another item you may notice on the assignment types screen is that your assignment types from last year have been brought over so you don't have to enter them again. To see the assignment types functions explained in more detail go to <http://www.laca.org/services/progressbook/> and download the start up guide.



The 2nd significant change deals with Lesson Plans. There are too many differences to explain in this newsletter. The biggest change is that you can now schedule your lesson plans for days or weeks at a time instead of creating daily plans. Again, if you go to <http://www.laca.org/services/progressbook/> you can download the new lesson plan manual.

If a group of you feel like you need a refresher or new user training in progress book, please feel free to have your building principal contact me to work out a date when I can come out to your school.

As always if you have any questions about Progress Book, you can email [progressbook@laca.org](mailto:progressbook@laca.org) or call 345-3400 and ask for Andy.

## EMIS UPDATE

Welcome to the new school year – and EMIS reporting time. The major changes to EMIS this year are the addition of a new reporting period and a new record for Special Education Event reporting. The Special Education Event reporting is a record of all 'events' or changes to an IEP from June 1, 2006 through October 6, 2006. There is a one-time catch-up reporting, that is optional, of all events that occurred prior to June 1. A complete list of reportable events and details of the reporting can be found in chapter 2 of the FY07 EMIS Guide.

In prior years, schools have been funded for the whole year based on the average daily membership (ADM) of the first full week of October. This is what is known as October Reporting'. This year, we will be conducting a second count week. Districts will be funded half of the year based on October ADM and half of the year on the new February reporting. This reporting period is period C and will be the average daily membership of the first full week of February. The only information included in this reporting is student enrollment and Career Technical and Adult Education (CTAE) classes. More information about this reporting can be found in Appendix Y of the FY07 EMIS Guide.

## Data Driven Decisions for Academic Achievement (D3A2)

The Data Driven Decisions for Academic Achievement (D3A2) project is a long-term initiative focused on developing the capacity of educators while improving instruction and student achievement. D3A2 will provide systemic access to timely data and educational resources aligned to Ohio's Academic Content Standards.

Tools accessible through D3A2 will help educators analyze data, and then point them to resources such as lesson plans and assessments designed to address academic needs identified by the data.

The project is currently being piloted in a few schools across the State. Phase II of the pilot is scheduled to begin in November. During this phase additional schools will begin using the D3A2 product. Based on the outcome of the pilots, it is anticipated D3A2 will be made available to all schools in January, 2007.

Please check [www.D3A2.org](http://www.D3A2.org) for more information!

## Fiber Project Update and Link Comparisons

LACA has contracted with Time Warner to replace the aging T-1 connections to your districts with high-speed fiber connections. Because of the recent acquisition of Adelphia by Time-Warner, ALL schools in the LACA service area now have access to this high speed fiber.

In a typical scenario, a main circuit of 100 megabits per second will be installed from LACA to one location in each district (normally the High School). From there, connections of 10 megabits per second fan out to each of the other buildings in your district. There are exceptions to this, but in the majority of the cases, this is the design. All buildings that were already Time-Warner customers before the purchase of Adelphia are already completed and running on these new high speed links. All buildings in the former Adelphia service area are scheduled to come up on these high-speed links in the next two months.

The chart below compares the speed of these data circuits to a standard 56K dialup modem to help illustrate the speed increases.

Link Type	Bits per second	# of 56k modems
56k Dialup	56,000	1
T-1	1.5 million	About 24
10mb Fiber	10 million	About 160
100mb Fiber	100 million	About 1600

**Fall is for Frolicking!**



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