Welcome to the October edition of the AALF newsletter!

Once again we’re pleased to bring you this edition of the Anytime Anywhere Learning Report. This month, we have a new editorial by Bruce Dixon, President of AALF, who writes about the corporate sector’s growing role in 1:1 education and the “tabletization” of learning. AALF Executive Director, Susan Einhorn, shares her thoughts on the definition of personalized learning. You’ll also find an article by Karen Ward who discusses AALF coaching and professional development, in addition to sharing details on Corcoran High School’s 1:1 program in California, and the role that AALF has played in their program. We also have an article by Will Richardson, who details a new website for parents, Raising Modern Learners. This month we’ll also be sharing an article from CEPTA’s quarterly journal, DatabusOnline, regarding 1:1 hardware options. Finally, we share some insights on how to build professional learning communities and a shared vision for your 1:1 program.

As always, you’ll also find some of our regular features: Have Your Say and Share Your Expertise as well as a list of upcoming Events that may be of particular interest to 1:1 educators.

Click on the link at the end of each article to read it in its entirety on our website. Please share your thoughts or add your stories to any of these articles. We would love to hear from you!

Enjoy!

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Be sure to follow us on:
CONTRIBUTING TO AALF

The AALF worldwide newsletter readership continues to grow. With this in mind, we would like to invite foundation members to contribute to the newsletter. We are currently looking for articles on the following themes:

Current Issues in 1:1
Student Voice
New Learning Spaces
Teaching Practices & 1:1
Learning Frameworks
Research on 1:1
Action Research on Innovative Practices (Teaching Practices, Professional Learning, Project-based Learning, etc.)

If you have something you would like to contribute, please send a brief (50 word) article summary, along with your contact information, including your organization and title, to Justina Spencer (jspencer@aalf.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

THE "TABLETIZATION" OF LEARNING

In this editorial, Bruce Dixon, President of the Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation, discusses the growing tabletization of learning. He asks if we are moving further and further away from our original goals in seeking ubiquitous access to technology for our students.

Click here to read Bruce's thoughts.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING? LET'S BE CLEAR

Is your definition of personalized learning different from your peers? In this editorial, Susan Einhorn, Executive Director of the Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation, examines this popular term and questions the way it has been appropriated by various reform groups.

Click here to read Susan's thoughts on personalized learning!

UNACCEPTABLE: L.A.'s iPad TROUBLES

Have you read the latest regarding the LA County School District's recent halting of their iPad program? If not, please click here and here, and then check out AALF President Bruce Dixon's opinion on the debacle, as well as his strategies on how these issues could have been avoided.

We welcome you to join the conversation and share your thoughts!

WE'VE GOT LAPTOPS, NOW WHAT? - FOUNDATIONS FOR CLASSROOM SUCCESS

Has your school recently implemented a 1:1 program or have you just started teaching at a 1:1 school for the first time? Are you curious as to what makes a successful 1:1 program?

AALF's 'We've Got Laptops, Now What? - Foundations for Classroom Success' is a Professional Development course that focuses on best practices of highly effective 1:1 classes and their organization, pedagogy, and learning culture. This course is based on four foundations for learning: inquiry, choice, collaboration, and creativity.

AALF COACHING

AALF coaches provide support for educators at all levels and, working either individually or in expert teams, coaches and consultants support educators and policy makers at every phase of their 1:1 initiative.

For additional information regarding AALF coaching support, go to the Coaching and Mentoring Services page of our website, or contact Karen Ward at service@aalf.org.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

We're currently looking for new 1:1 coaches to join the AALF team! If you're interested, please send a resume, describing any coaching and other relevant experience. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to write us by clicking here!

CORCORAN HIGH SCHOOL: INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Corcoran High School in Corcoran, California implemented its 1:1 program in 2009. This year, Corcoran launched the Corcoran Academy of Art and Technology (CAAT). Designed as an academy within the larger structure of the school, CAAT provides year 9 and 10 students with opportunities for increased rigor and relevance within a cross-curricular setting.

Click here to read about Corcoran's CAAT program, and the role that AALF coaching has played in the process.

1:1 HARDWARE OPTIONS

In this article from California Educational Technology Professionals Association's (CEPTA) journal Databus, Director of Technology for the Whittier City School District, Rolland Kornblau, discusses his journey researching hardware options for his school. Here he details his thoughts on the unique traits of: laptops, netbooks running Ubermix, Chromebooks, and iPads.

Click here to read Rolland's reviews!

RAISING MODERN LEARNERS

Raising Modern Learners, a new site run by Will Richardson and in collaboration with AALF President Bruce Dixon, shares how parents need to be involved at the heart of the conversation around change in our children's schools. As Will stresses, we need to enter that conversation with a clear understanding of what is changing, not just in schools but in the workforce, with technology, and in institutions outside of education.
HAVE YOUR SAY

Does your school use online courses (such as MOOCs) as part of the curriculum? Let us know by responding to our 10-second poll! We'll post the results in the upcoming newsletter! Thanks for participating!

AALF COACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AALF coaches help support districts and site educators to develop their leadership skills, implement a professional development plan, and design the foundation of a successful 1:1 program.

To learn more about the many ways in which AALF coaches can help shape and guide your 1:1 program, click here to read what Karen Ward, Manager of Coaching and Professional Development services at AALF, has to say!

BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

What is a professional learning community? How do you go about building one? Click here to read more about building learning communities, and be sure to explore other AALF education topics here!

COME JOIN US ON SCOOP.IT!

Have you been following us? Come join the conversation! Scoop.it is an easy, visually appealing way to share pertinent ideas with followers who share common interests. Check out our Scoop.it page and see for yourself!

Here are some Scoop.it articles we've shared recently:

Digital Innovation in Arts Must be About the Art
Harvard Wants to Know: How Does the Act of Making Shape Kids' Brains?
New Computer School Makes French Students Teach Themselves
The Rise of the Surprisingly Beautiful Snapchat Art Movement

Do you have any suggestions for Scoop.it topics to follow? Or suggestions of other curatorial sites? Click here and share them with the AALF community!

CONVERSATION STARTING POINTS

Get the conversation started with this month's quote from Smarter Than You Think: How Technology is Changing our Minds for the better by Clive...
The truth is that old and new modes of thinking aren’t mutually exclusive. Knowing when to shift between public and private thinking—when to blast an idea online, when to let it slow bake—is a crucial new skill: cognitive diversity.”

Do you agree that cognitive diversity is a crucial skill? As an educator, is this something you’ve discussed with your students or colleagues? We’d love to hear what you think! Join the conversation and let us know!

Do you have any particularly inspiring education quotes to share? Email us and we’ll spread the word!

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**EVENTS**

Check [Events](#) on the AALF website regularly to keep up-to-date on other events of interest to the 1:1 community.

**Month of October**

[Connected Educators Month](#)

Follow the calendar linked above to find out about events running all October long.

- **October 7-9, 2013**
  [Wireless EdTech Conference](#)
  Whether it’s via Wi-Fi or 4G, the world’s going wireless. And this conference in Chicago will feature a lineup (forthcoming) of speakers representing districts, campuses, and industry and policy leaders from across the nation that will be sharing their expertise on wireless learning in a mobile society through case studies and model projects.

- **November 18-22, 2013**
  [Global Education Conference](#)
  Activities will include short talks called “ignite talks” given by invited presenters, followed by work time when attendees can network, plan future projects, and/or learn about various projects, tools, and initiatives.

- **November 21-22, 2013**
  [Computer-Based Math Education Summit](#)
  By bringing together leaders from industry, technology, education, and government, representing a range of countries, this conference addresses the question, how do we deliver improved life chances worldwide by collaborating on a fundamental rethink of the math curriculum?

- **December 2-3, 2013**
  [2013 International 1:1 Computing Conference](#)
  Whether your district is just starting to think about implementing 1to1 technology or has been running a program for several years; whether you’re a teacher who is unaware of how technology can support your practice, or you’ve been awarded for your work with technology, the 2013 International 1to1 Conference will provide you with new knowledge, practical strategies and the opportunity to network and collaborate with your educational colleagues from the U.S. and Canada.
January 24-26, 2014
EduCon 2.6
EduCon is an innovation conference where educators can come together, both in person and virtually, to discuss the future of schools. Every session will be an opportunity to discuss and debate ideas - from the very practical to the big dreams.

February 26, 27, 28 and March 1, 2014
ASB Un-Plugged
ASB Un-Plugged is an all-in-one learning opportunity for audiences ranging from classroom teachers to technology directors and coordinators, from principals, superintendents and business managers to tech support teams. As you and your colleagues consider building a 21st century teaching and learning environment, enjoy ASB Un-Plugged’s learning and networking opportunities. Registration deadline is October 1, 2013.