

Education

Nationwide connection by 1998

Test taking tips

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- **Create a series of flashcards.** Break down the material into appropriate categories to remember such things as dates, definitions and formulas. Study with a partner and learn from "flashing" each other.
- **Give yourself plenty of time to study.** Strategize your time efficiently so you will be able to review the test material prior to test day. Studying on a weekly then daily basis will save you from a torturous "all-nighter."
- **Have some fun during test week.** It is important that you stress level is low to think clearly, so do something fun. Ride a bike, visit with friends, go to the movies or read a book.
- **Ask what material to expect.** It will be much easier to prepare the material if you can anticipate what will be covered. It is also important to find out the format of the questions such as true/false or essay because that could alter your study strategy.
- **Join a study group.** A group can offer you support and encouragement. It is also important to ask peers questions and share ideas. Somebody else may have important information that you didn't pick up in class.
- **Write Clearly.** If the teacher can't read your answer, it could lower your grade or you may not get any credit at all. Take deep breaths and concentrate when you write.
- **Eat a healthy meal.** It is essential to give your body the energy it will need to perform at its best. (A growling stomach signaling it is time to eat would also be very distracting!)
- **Create a study checklist.** Make a separate list for each subject you anticipate will appear on the test so you know you have covered everything. This will be helpful in case test anxiety takes over and you should forget something.
- **Get to the test site early.** Rushing to take a test could cause stress and even panic. Get there early to have a few quiet moments to review your notes and gain confidence.
- **Get plenty of sleep.** Performing successfully on a test requires energy and alertness that are the result of a good night's sleep. Set your alarm earlier than usual to avoid running late.

Preschool openings

The Hearing & Speech Institute's Language Program (ILP) has openings for its preschool program. ILP is specifically designed to develop speech and language for children who can't get all their words straight, who are difficult to understand or who have a speech delay or disorder. Children who participate 2 or 4 days per week experience huge strides in their communication. The preschool is staffed by a speech pathologist, a teacher and a support teacher. This unique preschool has immediate openings. For more information call (503) 228-6479.

Urgent!

Adult role models are needed for youth in our community. With increasing dropout rates, pregnancy, illegal drug use and gang violence, mentoring has become a powerful avenue for providing youth from all backgrounds with support, attention, friendship and reinforcement. Come to our training in October and prepare yourself for the experience of a lifetime! Contact Phyllis Bauer, Oregon Department of Human Resources Volunteer Manager, at (503) 731-3208 today!

Projectneat (National Education Advancement Team) Thursday announced its mission to donate interactive learning tools that will connect every primary and secondary school in America to the Internet by the summer of 1998.

The first 1,000 schools will be connected by Oct. 26 in collaboration with NetDay96, the day a national grassroots initiative is expected to wire 20,000 schools nationwide.

Projectneat, an independent non-profit organization, was founded in July 1996 by high-tech entrepreneur Kamran Elahian, who has joined together a team of leading companies and associations to provide hardware, software, services and content free of charge to schools.

"Our goal is to open a dynamic window to the world for the children — no matter where they live or how rich or poor their school," said Elahian. "Access to the Internet gives teachers and students everywhere an equal opportunity to use the most exciting and interactive teaching tool in history."

Less than 30 percent of the nation's approximately 107,000 schools now have access to the Internet. Most schools simply do not have the financial resources to pay for the computers that typically provide Internet connection.

"It could cost more than \$110 billion to buy the traditional computers necessary to provide Internet access to every student in school today," said Elahian. "I started thinking about it one night and decided there had to be an easier, more affordable way—the result is Projectneat."

Rather than relying on computers for Internet access, Projectneat offers schools a new and cooperative access system. Projectneat takes advantage of a new breed of access devices called Internet appliances, which provide a simple pushbutton-type of user interface that accesses information displayed on a large television screen.

"Not only does this system address the cost issue, it also makes it extremely easy for anybody, no matter how inexperienced, to access the Net," said Elahian. "Even more importantly for schools, the display of information on a television screen enables groups of students — rather than just one student at a time — to interact."

A pilot test of the Projectneat system conducted this summer in Northern California earned high praise from both educators and students. Principal Nick Hinebaugh, whose school district was the first to receive a Projectneat system, described it as "an absolutely perfect technology

'launch package' for any school." The test program, he said, was "one of the most exhilarating experiences of my professional career."

Hinebaugh praised the system's ease of use, low cost and share learning approach because he said it addresses many challenges now facing educators including needs to:

- utilize the vast potential of technology
- accommodate the predicted enrollment boom
- contain costs
- provide an environment for connecting kids
- take into account the constraints on teachers' time
- equalize the educational experience

"When you get past the very obvious economic advantage of this system, it is really its interactive nature that makes teachers and students most excited," said Elahian. "It creates a shared learning environment that allows you to explore, learn and interact in unlimited ways."

It is this interactive aspect of the system that inspired the name given classrooms that receive Projectneat equipment: SHINE Classrooms, which stands for "Shared Internet Experience."

Projectneat intends to establish 40,000 SHINE Classrooms by June

1997, with preference given to rural and economically disadvantaged schools. Another 66,000 SHINE Classrooms will be equipped by June 1998, providing every primary and secondary school in America Internet access.

"I have co-founded five corporations in my career — all pushing new boundaries in technology," said Elahian, "but never have I been as excited about the potential of a project as I am about the power and potential of Projectneat."

Not only does Elahian believe Projectneat will open the world to children in schools, he also believes it can enrich the exchange between kids and their families at home.

"Schools are looking for greater parental participation in their children's education," said Elahian. "Projectneat's shared learning experience gives even the busiest parents an affordable and easy means to participate in their child's lessons and even work cooperatively with teachers—they can explore the world together."

Once American schools are on-line, Elahian plans to expand Projectneat's efforts, first in Japan, then in Europe, and eventually throughout the world.

"There is no greater path to understanding than direct communication," said Elahian. "If we can expose our

children to other cultures at an early age and encourage them to interact with each other, I have no doubt that the world of tomorrow will be a better place and that our children will be more open to global cooperation."

The team of companies and associations supporting Projectneat share Elahian's hope and vision and are generously donating, or deeply discounting product and services to make the school donations possible.

"We are extremely grateful to the organizations joining us in this effort and are confident that several more important partnerships will be announced in the near future," said Elahian. "I am proud that each of them is as passionate as I am about our goal—to connect the world, one school at a time."

Projectneat is a California non-profit, public-benefit corporation dedicated to donating the equipment and services required to link, first, every school in America and eventually, schools throughout the world to the Internet.

Founded by Elahian, it has headquarters in Santa Clara and is supported by a team of organizations including NetDay, Sega of America, Scholastic Inc., Ernst & Young and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich Rosati. For additional information on Projectneat, access www.projectneat.org.

Oregon Graduate School Fair

Cooperative and innovative efforts to provide opportunities to college graduates continue to grow and prosper under the leadership of Oregon colleges and universities.

College and university Career Centers across the state have pooled their resources and formed consortiums to provide broader access to educational and career opportunities in Oregon.

The latest venture is a state-wide Graduate School Fair to be held at the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center in Salem on Wednesday, October 30 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Graduate schools across the nation in every academic discipline have been invited to attend

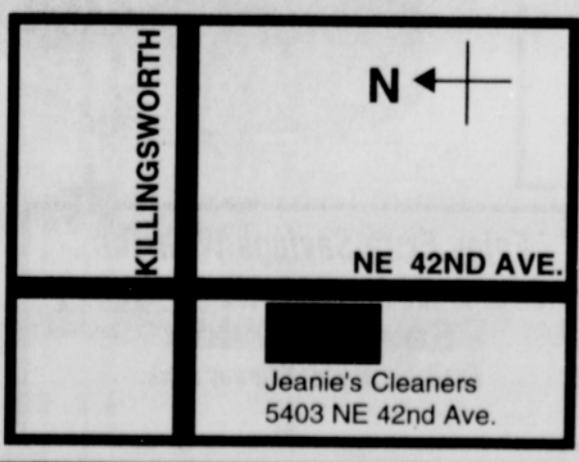
and will provide information on programs, admission, fellowships, and financial aid. In addition to the Fair, the consortium has invited Don Asher, a leading lecturer and author of *Graduate Admissions: Essays—What Works, What Doesn't and Why*, to provide special sessions on graduate school essays and admission.

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Beautiful Beginnings essay contest

Beautiful Beginnings, the children's product line for Dark & Lovely No-lye relaxer system, is sponsoring a national back to school initiative with free colorful, inspirational, cartoon style book covers saluting the strength and beauty of African American girls.

The inside jacket of the book cover features a detailed essay contest as an incentive for students to win scholar-

ship funds. All essays must be post-marked before the November 30, 1996 deadline.

The essay contest winner receives a grand prize package totaling approximately \$6,000.

Students may also write to: Beautiful Beginnings, Carson Products Company, 64 Ross Road, Savannah, Georgia 31403.

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