

"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."



Catch of the Day



Learn To Fish the vast ocean of computer know-how!

Back to School Tech

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September is here, and the kids (and some grown-ups, too) are back in school. As if taking their cue from the school buses, the leaves have started to change and fall. Back-to-school doesn't have to mean back to boring; you can make the most out of this season by using these cool and fun tech tools that can help students make the grade.

Wikipedia. Wikipedia (Wikipedia.com) is a free Internet encyclopedia whose distinction is that any person can add or edit articles. That idea may sound dubious, but proponents claim that this results in thoroughly vetted entries. I find Wikipedia to be a good source for preliminary research and quick info, but keep in mind the nature of the information and take everything with an appropriate grain of salt.

Google Earth. This is one of the most exciting software tools available. This free program combines satellite images to give you a bird's-eye view of practically the entire planet. Its new Sky component now lets you gaze at the stars in broad daylight just by using your computer. This is a must-download for any geography student. By the way, if you're travelling you can use it to navigate unfamiliar cities. It's available at earth.google.com.

Gradefix.com. A large factor in academic success is time management. This web site helps students prioritize homework and projects. More than just a planner, [Gradefix.com's](http://Gradefix.com) technology actually intelligently organizes a student's schedule to help them accomplish tasks.



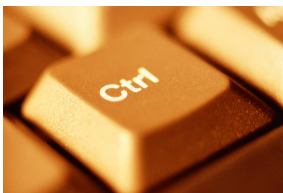
Service Spotlight: eBay Training



With the kids back in school, do you have extra time? Why not start a home-based business **selling on eBay**? Kathy Montgomery is an Education Specialist trained by eBay and provides one-on-one training. Invite a friend to join you and save!

Visit www.LTFtech.com/services for more info.

Shortcut of the Month (brought to you by the letter ...)



Increase efficiency with keyboard shortcuts!

Thesaurus in Microsoft Word (Shift-F7)

A thesaurus is an invaluable tool for improving your writing and expanding your vocabulary. While you can find the thesaurus in Microsoft Word by clicking "Tools" in the menu bar, you can reach it more quickly by using the keyboard shortcut **Shift-F7**. (You may recall from the previous newsletter that spell-check is accessible with the F7 key.) This shortcut works in the new Word 2007, too.

The Random Resource

...because your computer isn't just for computing

In honor of September, this installment of the Random Resource will re-emphasize Gradefix.com, the homework management web site. Once a user enters their schedule and tasks, Gradefix arranges their time for best productivity, even adjusting for missed tasks. Gradefix claims that its users' grades improve by an average of half a grade. The site is free for up to 10 tasks, but only \$5/month for unlimited tasks.

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