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"Transforming Education; Education Re-Energized!" Set for February 2



Please mark your calendar for February 2, 2012, and encourage your staff to do the same, and join us for "Transforming Education – Education Re-Energized!" aboard the USS Midway Museum from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Best-selling author and leadership consultant Steve Farber will share the perspectives of his book, *The Radical Leap Re-Energized*, and will lead a discussion of educators who have successfully implemented his "Leap" tenets of Love, Energy, Audacity and Proof and Extreme Leadership.

In addition, you'll have the rare opportunity to meet representatives from many of the region's most generous corporate and community-sponsored education initiatives.

It promises to be an unforgettable evening, in an historic setting. For registration and other information, go to www.re-energizeeducation.org.

We look forward to seeing you February 2.



Randolph E. Ward
San Diego County
Superintendent of Schools



William Kowba
Superintendent
San Diego Unified School District



John Collins
Superintendent
Poway United School District



Debra Schwartz
President & CEO
Mission Federal Credit Union

*"Education is the
vaccine for
violence."*

Edward James Olmos,
Actor

“Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own Governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.”

James Madison

CFF Debuts Enhanced Website

The Classroom of the Future Foundation has overhauled its website to provide more information to educators as well as business community partners.

Perhaps most notably, videos of past Innovation Award winners are now archived on the site, making it a valuable resource for educators, student groups working on projects, and potential sponsors interested in learning more about the dynamic and innovative use of technology in San Diego-area classrooms.



The overhaul was engineered by CFF's marketing committee under the **leadership of Martha King, Kim Rohr and Colleen Peterson**. To get acquainted with our new website, visit www.classroomofthefuture.org.

Learning on the Go Summit is Set

Extending learning and the classroom environment onto mobile platforms such as smart phones is just one harbinger of the future of education, according to San Diego Unified School District Superintendent Randy Ward.

His district is represented among 20 schools across the country engaged in a pilot project to provide mobile broadband access for students off campus at home and in the community. A summit meeting of most of the participants will be held in San Diego January 12-13 at the University of San Diego.

On the first day pilot project representatives will share some of the early lessons learned from the project that began in September. The following day local educators from other schools are invited to learn more about the project and its potential. A featured speaker will be Karen Cator, Director of the Office of Educational Technology for the Department of Education.

The summit is made possible by the generosity of title sponsor Ashworth University, as well as sponsorship by QUALCOMM, Wells Fargo and Classroom of the Future Foundation.

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Union-Tribune Provides CFF Grant

Platinum Equity Partners, the owner of *The San Diego Union-Tribune* that recently sold the paper to local businessmen, has made a \$75,000 grant to the Classroom of the Future Foundation.

Executive Director Bruce Braciszewski notes "This grant will allow CFF to enhance and expand a number of programs and initiatives." It's expected the grant could benefit a wide range of CFF programs, including STEM initiatives, the Foundation's awards programs, the USS Midway Museum's distance learning program and the Re-Energizing Education event.

“A desire of knowledge is the natural feeling of mankind; and every human being whose mind is not debauched will be willing to give all that he has to get knowledge.”

Samuel Johnson

Save May 17: Innovation Awards

The 9th annual Innovation in Education Awards will be held on Thursday, May 17 at the Hahn University Center on the University of San Diego campus. Newscaster Artie Ojeda again will serve as emcee.

Each year CFF presents inspire, innovation, achieve, and impact awards (\$25,000.00 in awards to schools) for innovative and effective use of technology in the classroom. Nomination forms for this year’s awards will be available at the end of January on CFF’s website: www.classroomofthefuture.org.

“This is educators’ foremost opportunity to showcase their dynamic incorporation of technology into the learning environment in ways that engage and inspire students,” said CFF board chairman, Drew Schlosberg.

In addition, a number of High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarships will be awarded to remarkably deserving students intent on continuing their education.

Business partner sponsorship opportunity information also will soon become available on the website. Jack in the Box (\$20,000) and the USS Midway Museum (\$10,000) already are sponsors of this year’s scholarships.

Digital Learning News of Note

Top 10 Education Technology Stories in 2011

Education technology was constantly in the news in 2011, spanning a wide range of learning environments. According to eSchool News, here are the top ten headlines of 2011, each worthy of additional online research:

- Research bolsters the case for 3D learning
- ACLU spurs changes in how schools use internet filtering software
- New spirit of labor-management collaboration drives school reform
- Teachers use podcasts to turn learning “upside down”
- Common Core standards change education practices
- iPads help turbo-charge the digital textbook revolution
- The demise of federal ed-tech funding threatens school technology
- Social media helps rewrite the rules of internet search
- Missouri sets social media boundary between teachers, students
- “Bring Your Own Device” could be a salvation for some districts

For more information, visit www.eschoolnews.com.

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