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## News from the State Director

Valerie Fischer

April showers bring May flowers. Oops, I guess this year our rhyme should be much different. Wow, what a long and difficult winter it has been! Almost every conversation across North Dakota seems to focus on this longest season. Everyone is anxiously awaiting snow melt (slowly), the sight of green buds, grass and flower blossoms. With spring also comes a new excitement about graduation and the culmination of another year. Time does pass quickly the older we get. In our haste to move from one season to the next, don't forget to be grateful for the students and their success. In each story is a season of growing, learning and moving on, moving upwards. Celebrate the spring season with your students as a new beginning of what's yet to come for each of them and all they've accomplished. Don't forget to include yourself in this ceremony of thanksgiving and renewal – without you and your compassion and passion for learning, there would not be the next season. As always, thanks for what you do.

## I-Pod Touch for Adult Education

WOW!!! What a site!!

The purpose of this site is to serve as a resource for educators who are using iPod Touch in Adult Education Programs. Includes: Math, Science, ELL, Reading and Writing, Social Studies, and General Resources.

<https://sites.google.com/site/ipodtouchforadulteducation/>

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## Ninite

Ninite is a great website with all the apps you may want to download on your computer for web browsing, messaging, media, run times, images, documents, file sharing, utilities, developer tools, and more.

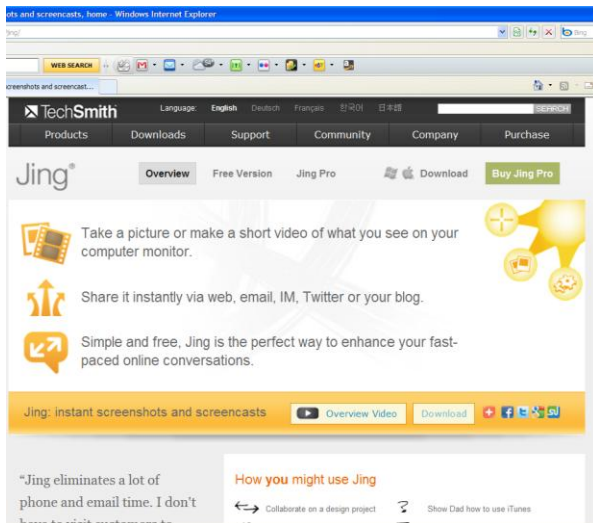
For security you can download Malwarebytes and Avast. You may want C Cleaner downloaded on your computer. Many apps are available at this one website:

<http://ninite.com/>

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## JING Visual Communication

Need to give a presentation, but will be unable to attend? Would like a different way to present instead of using Power Point? Try JING. This is a neat way to present. All you need is a computer or laptop, and a microphone. Download JING to your computer. View the tutorial and have fun JINGING!!



<http://www.techsmith.com/jing/>

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### GED Update: A New Partnership

#### ***Enhanced GED Testing Program Will Validate Career- and College-Readiness***

ACE and Pearson Collaborate to Transform GED Test, Aligned with Common Core State Standards, Based on GED 21st Century Initiative.

For more information:

[http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Press\\_Releases2&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=40286](http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Press_Releases2&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=40286)

## Note Taking Tips

Note taking is an extremely important part of the learning process. It doesn't matter whether you're trying to find a way to study the material later or you're just trying to learn the material. You simply have to take good notes to learn some of the more complex concepts that people are supposed to learn in high school and/or college.

This website gives information on:

How to prepare for class  
 How to get motivated  
 Note taking strategies  
 How do I take notes in class  
 What do I do with notes after class

<http://www.notetakinghelp.com/>

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## List Serve

**Deb Sisco**

The NDALL Board has set up a ListServe for membership use. Please use it to stay connected as a state organization. Protocol was included in a listserv message to help you be a good member. Please contact Deb Sisco, president; or Nola Storm, Membership Chair, if you have any questions.

ListServ Message:

**LISTSERV** is an electronic mailing list software application, consisting of a set of email addresses for a group in which the sender can send one email and it will reach a variety of people. Some email servers block emails with multiple list. a listserv assist in getting the message out to multiple listings with only one address. Everyone on the listserv can post messages

without approval. This is an easy way to ask questions, share information and feel connected to the others in the state.

A listserv has certain protocol to follow so that rights of others are respected. You should not:

- Only send a message to the entire group when it contains information that everyone can benefit from.
- When replying to a message make sure you mean for the message to go to the group and not just the sender (If going to the sender, be sure to reply to the sender).
- All defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive or illegal materials are strictly prohibited.
- Do not post jokes, humorous stories or "pass-around" emails.
- Be sure to use the subject line to identify the substance or purpose of your message.
- Do not use the listserv for administrative messages such as remove me from the list, or "Out of the Office" replies.
- Always include a signature to identify yourself and give contact information so others could contact you individually.

Nola Storm, Membership Chair, and myself are the list managers. If you have questions please contact one of us. We invite you to use this resource to share information you feel pertinent and important for the membership of our organization.

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## Singapore Math

Laurel Kaae

Singapore Math is being used in different states with Adult Education.

Singaporean students have been top mathematics performers for over a decade! Singapore Math goes from Concrete to Pictorial, to Abstract and uses a layering technic. The basics for Singapore Math are number sense and place value. It makes math more purposeful.

If you are interested in taking a class on Singapore Math, UND is offering a couple of classes. I am currently taking one of the classes and enjoying what I am learning. If you are interested in taking a class you can find information at:

<http://educators.und.edu/onlinecourses/>

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### Reading Website:

Another good resource for online reading materials is the Reading for Today's Adults at the Marshall Adult Education website  
<http://www.marshalladulthoodeducation.org/reading-skills-for-todays-adult>.

