



WELCOME BACK!



The CASS department would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the NCSD staff and students back to a new school year. Right now, we do not have a lot going on as far as workshops and training go but soon we will begin adding new trainings to the school calendar. We will offer both advanced classes for proficient ASL users as well as beginning or basic classes. Look for the free community classes to begin around the first of October. In the meantime, if there are any trainings or workshops that you are interested in, please drop an email to Bill Ross at bill.f.ross@dhhs.nc.gov and let him know what you would like to see offered by the CASS department. **We need you, our trainings are only as good as your suggestions!**



■ 2010 CASS PRESENTATION CALENDAR ■

DATE	WORKSHOP	TIME	LOCATION
8/20/10	RID Code of Professional Conduct Training	9:30-12:30	Winston Salem

E-LINGUAFOLIO - WHAT?

The state of North Carolina is leading the way with study of foreign languages (world languages). The use of the e-linguafolio, which is an electronic language portfolio, is becoming the way students document the work they do, determine their skill level in the language they are studying and how they provide evidence of their abilities. The students will use a proficiency scale to help them determine the level of their language proficiency be it novice, intermediate, advanced, superior, or master.

The first week of August, Phyllis Miller, Treva Haynes, Sharon Hurley and Bill Ross attended a week-long pilot training about using the linguafolio. Currently the portfolio is still in paper form, but it is hoped that the electronic-linguafolio will be ready weeks after school starts. All the attendees plan to use the language portfolio with different groups of individuals. Phyllis and Treva intend to use the e-linguafolio in their classrooms with their students on language development skills (both English and American Sign Language), while Bill and Sharon will be using it with individuals who want to develop their American Sign Language skills.

Using this tool will be an amazing opportunity for the staff and students at the North Carolina School for the Deaf. Language instruction and development is a central theme in the education of the students attending North Carolina School for the Deaf. Keeping current with the trends in language education is what NCSD is all about.



2010
CALENDER
OF
EVENTS



FALL EVENTS



AUGUST

20-RID Code of
Professional Conduct
Training

*Everyone must take
time to sit and watch
the leaves turn.*

E. Lawrence



Remember Our Colleague?



Jana Lollis has been very busy in East Asia since she left NCSd. Even though we all miss her, she has begun a new and exciting time in her life. The differences in the cultures is astounding and the people she is able to work with are kind and gracious. The students there are so curious and eager to learn. Not everywhere has the

amenities that we here in America are accustomed to. Travel is often limited to public transportation or bicycles. On a recent tour of a deaf lady's village the discovery was made that there were no indoor toilets instead they had to make do with the "community" outdoor toilet, and this time in the rain no less!



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Have you noticed
our new look?
We have a new
look for the new
year. We hope you
enjoy it!



FREE COMMUNITY SIGN CLASSES

Beginning early October the CASS department will be offering **free sign language classes** to the community. Each class will be a two-hour introductory class. One class will be from birth to five years of age, older children and teens (ages 6-15) and older teens/adults (ages 16+). Please check the website at www.ncsd.net and click on "In the Loop" for exact dates and times. When dates/times are set you may contact Peggy Sanders, Interpreter Coordinator, at 828-432-5211 or peggy.sanders@dhhs.nc.gov to sign up!

-Delicioso-

Bill has a wonderful recipe for salsa that you may want to try...

SALSA

- 4-6 Roma Tomatoes (not chilled)
- 2 heaping tablespoons of Rotel drained (mild or medium)
- Finely chopped onion abt the size of a half dollar
- 3-4 sprigs of finely chopped **fresh** cilantro (just the leaves **not the stalks**)
- Onion **salt** to taste
- Garlic powder to taste

Put in a food processor and chop. Chill.

ENJOY!

