

EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 18 and 24, 2012

Time: 2:00-4:30pm

Venue: 3 Lim Teck Kim Rd,
Genting Centre #08-02

Knowledge Management: Keys to Success

Gone are the days of cramming and rote learning. Today's mobile, dispersed workforce collaborates across distances using Knowledge Management Platforms to do Dynamic learning.

ACP invites you and your team to this workshop to addresses the issues and challenges surrounding fast paced learning and, exploring just how to succeed in this new world of work.

Key highlights:

1. 6 factors that affect dynamic learning
2. How to measure organisation, group and individual outcomes
3. Which technologies are essential for effective collaboration and more...

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ACP hosts Moodle Training for Indonesia participants!



From March 19 to March 22, ACP successfully hosted Moodle System Training for a batch of 12 participants from PT Len Industri, Bandung Indonesia.

Providing back-to-back sessions of Administrator and Advance training for the latest version of Moodle Learning Management System, ACP successfully hosted a 4 day comprehensive training schedule.

ACP and its skilled trainers ensured that by offering meaningful training, this trip proved to be a highly productive and a memorable one for all our friends from Indonesia.



ACP has won the tender for Designing and Developing On-line Testing, Item Banking System for Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Singapore.

This achievement is testimonial to ACP's emergence as the leading provider of quality greenfield ICT solutions for learning and training.

ACP goes to Batam, Indonesia!

There is an old adage by James Howell's in Proverbs in English, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". As what we commonly believe a Career in ACP is more than Just a Day Job.

After months of intensive planning by the planning committee spearheaded by our General Manager, Mei Ling, the retreat finally took place on 2nd – 3rd March 2012. The objective of the retreat was to align colleagues on the focus in 2012 and moving forward as well as allowing colleagues to have a clearer understanding on various departments operations.



Even though the rain took control during Day 1, it did not dampen our spirits as Marcus Yeo, *Accounts Manager* bonded everyone with team building games and uncovering of dancing and singing talents of ACP staff. On Day 2, colleagues were given a treat to a game of Paint Ball and Go Kart.

As our promise at ACP, community involvement is still very centre to our heart. We brought forth items humbly contributed by every staff member to give love and smiles to the children of Al Jabar Orphan at Bengkong Laut Batam.

This retreat has definitely fostered togetherness among colleagues and management. Surely, everyone still lingers on the wonderful memory from the retreat.



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Technology now allows us to work in ways never before possible to create virtual education and connected communities and to tap on "the wisdom of crowds".

Welcome to the 8th Issue of The Cyber Nautica, a special edition where stories captured from various classrooms around the globe and across the web -- digitally fuelled to create awareness to all of you.

This issue, we dig deeper into the different perspectives of how education is being provided to our youths today. You may be amazed as you start turning the pages and to discover the various trainings which hive in athwart the ocean. Here, you can discern how unbelievably lucky we are to be at this time and place - to feel the ground shifting beneath our feet and see the world change in ways we can barely imagine.

Get to know the facts and myths of virtual school, how the schools from other countries looks like and more!

As you read this newsletter, we hope our hearts and minds approach in embracing learning management system as our new platform in reaching the greater future - for our students - by our virtual school.

Ronald

ACP NEWS

Chinese New Year Celebration @ ACP



Culture Diversity is fast becoming an integrated part of operations at ACP. Today we have colleagues from Myanmar, Sri Lanka, India, China, Malaysia and the Philippines.

To foster a closer working relationship and let our overseas friends have a better understanding on our Chinese New Year's culture, we had a get together on the 6th February, which also marked the 15th Day of Chinese New Year.

Welcome to this world little one!



Management and Staff of ACP would like to congratulate:

Bernard Chong, Senior Accounts Executive and Zhang Yan on their new born, Chong Xin Yun Geraldine on 10th February 2012.

Going the extra mile do get rewarded!



Congratulations to Marcus Yeo, our Project Manager for being the 1st recipient of ACP Pa.P (Protect and Promote) Award!

An ACP's way to reward staff who has made an effort above and beyond to protect and promote the Company as a whole.

Congratulations to the newly promoted staff!



Camille Punzalan Nunez
Lead Developer
ACP eSolutions

Paras Chadha
Business Manager
ACP eSolutions



More websites launched!

Here is the list of websites launched as of March 2012!

FAST (www.fast.org.sg)
CARE Network (www.carenetwork.org.sg)
FINLOGIQ (www.finlogiq.com)
and Heritage Roads Website for National Parks Board, Singapore

This is yet another testament to ACP's steadfast and strong foothold in the domain of website development and design solutions.

OUR LUMINARIES

Ek Ngee shares about the invaluable experience gained as ICT Executive

Ng Ek Ngee
ICT Executive

I have been seconded to Rulang Primary School for over a year and 3 months now. I am happily assisting the school in maintenance of the school's website and helping with multimedia aspects such as photography, videography in school events as well as resolving any IT or technical-related issues that teachers might face daily.

The people in ACP are a friendly and fun bunch who always knows how to get things done. They strive to bring out the best in everyone. Coming from an era of overhead projectors and chalkboards, I have a better grasp on how technology can help the school and the students to grow academically, such as the usage of iPhone applications for Learning Journeys, and interactive whiteboards. I have also become more vocal in discussions and decision making process, along with having better work management and people skills.

As an ICT Executive of the school, I would always ensure that the Microsoft Office Skills Competition and Media Literacy Programme of the school would be held every year, so as to have a good standard for the school's ICT Baseline Skills.

In ACP, I have learnt that whenever there is a procedure to go through or an event to plan, you should never miss out on any details, no matter how small it is. However, if circumstances do prevent things to go as planned, learn from the situation, and move forward.

Wilson shares how rewarding to be part in ACP as an Training Executive

I've been working with ACP as a Training Executive for over 4 years now.

Before I became a Training Executive at Yuhua Secondary School, I was hone as a Corporate Trainer. For years being with ACP Family, I have been continuously trained by the Company offering us several trainings and seminars to improve my skills in different areas of information technology as well on teaching pedagogies.

As a trainer, I learned to be patient, to encourage and motivate the youth of today to learn new skills and put the vast resources of technology in good use.

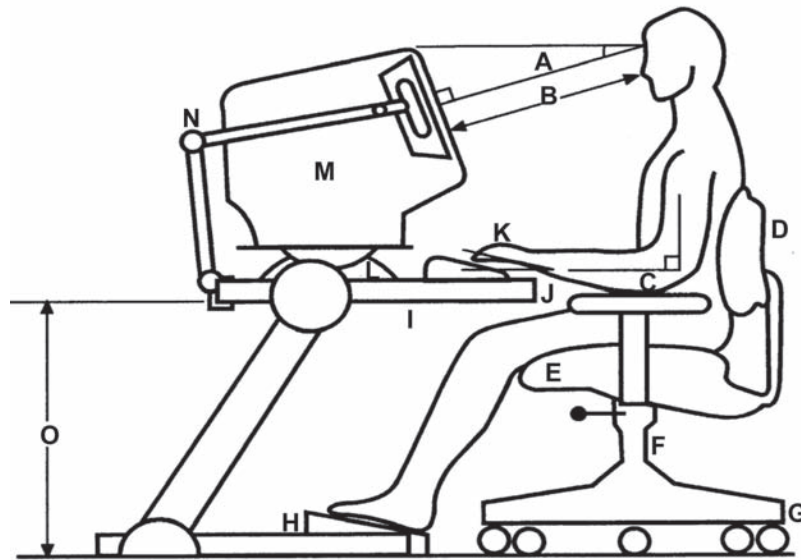
I always believe that education and technology are integral parts of life and being part of ACP has certainly brought me to a level of consciousness and confidence to face the constantly changing and enduring technological landscape.

The most rewarding part of my job is helping others and seeing their happy faces. I have learnt that being a training executive is not about putting knowledge in, but about drawing knowledge out and realising the hidden potential of every student I meet.



Wilson Koh
Training Executive

CORRECT POSTURE @ A COMPUTER



Today we are spending more time at computers, an activity through which people's bad posture can affect their overall health.

Posture ranks at the top of the list when talking about good health. It is as important as eating right, exercising, getting a good night's sleep and avoiding harmful substances.

Unquestionably, students and adults alike spend more time at computers today than 20 years ago. So here are nine tips designed to help people's posture when they're at the computer at home, school or work.

*** Note that posture at a computer is the same whether you are working from a laptop or desktop.*

- A** Look down slightly towards the screen with an angle of 15-20 degree to minimize the reflection of ceiling light.
- B** Maintain a distance of around 40-60 centimeters to the screen to prevent strain of the ciliary muscles of the eyes.
- C** Keep upper arm and forearm at 90 degrees to prevent muscle strain.
- D** Choose a chair with adjustable aback-rest to keep spine straight.
- E** Choose a seat with rounded or rolled edge, to keep posture stable.
- F** Choose a chair with adjustable height and keep the height at around 34-52 centimeters so that the eyes can look slightly downwards at the screen.
- G** Use a chair with wheels to facilitate movement while working.
- H** Use foot-rest to support feet if needed.
- I** Keep some space between the table and the knees to allow room for leg movement.
- J** Use wrist-rest or pad to support the wrists.
- K** Hold wrist at an angle less than 10 degrees to reduce strain.
- L** Turn and tilt the screen to adjust for different working environment.
- M** Place screen directly in front of the body to keep the eyes looking forward.
- N** Use an adjustable stand for document. Keep document and the screen at a distance of around 40-60 centimeters from the eyes.
- O** Choose a table with adjustable height to fit with the height of the chair.

REGENT SECONDARY SCHOOL Riding the wave of eLearning

Technology used in imparting quality education has made virtual school one of the most popular education options these days. Earlier, this was only chosen as an alternative to classroom education by people who could not attend traditional classroom for various reasons. Today's technological advancements have enabled virtual school to give a superior learning experience with all the real time learning modules implemented in day to day lessons.

So what exactly does virtual classroom look like? What are these "Virtual Classrooms" all about?

Virtual school is a system that aims to simulate the traditional classrooms and eliminating all the disadvantages of the later. It frees the students from all the pressures of attending traditional classroom such as voicing opinions in front of a large audience and many such activities.

In today's 21st century learning approach, schools are moving towards a total virtual environment such as doing an e-learning. Regent Secondary School, users of our Learning Management System (LMS), CyberSphere, has been pretty satisfied with the support of the system, and has helped to bring up their level in ICT. This web based platform for Regent Secondary School used technology that make the learning environment more robust, and to enrich their presential learning activities.

The blended learning approach of learning management system would definitely impact and influence the students deeply. In this approach, students are able to self-learn, revise, and even collaborate with their fellow students in the LMS. This virtual classroom, the learning process in our school today is complete which offers a wholesome school experience.



Get a real-life learning experience in CYBERSPHERE

Version 2.0
Academy

Watch out for the unveiling of CyberSphere 2.0 on May 2012! Gearing towards motivation, engagement and accessibility with tools to create 21st Century Learning environment.

Call 6227 7996 or email esolutions@acpcomputer.edu.sg for more information!

IT'S TIME FOR A BRAINTEASER!

So, here we go:
can you find the mistake in the image?

Can you find the
the mistake?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Myths about Virtual Schools

Despite the growing popularity of online education, there is still some confusion regarding how virtual school works. So here are few of myths about virtual school that helps demystify some of the most common misconceptions about online schooling:



Myth: Virtual schools are about technology.

Truth: Virtual schools are about curriculum and instruction for students. The "medium" is not the message because the student, instructor, content, and learning goals are key.

Myth: A student is more likely to cheat online.

Truth: Cheating is no more prevalent online than in the classroom. In addition, there are many technological ways to deter it and track it, such as Turnitin; a leading academic plagiarism detector, utilized by teachers and students to avoid plagiarism and ensure academic integrity.

What Schools In Other Countries Look Like?

Somewhere in the world, right now, students are hard at work in school. With over 190 nations spanning the globe's 24 time zones, students and their academic years come in a variety of forms.



Wherever you are in the world, education is a key element to a more fulfilling life. Schools in Singapore are certainly not temples but you may not know just how good you have it until you take a look at other schools below. While teachers in Singapore embrace modern classroom environment, teachers around the world are excited to have an actual classroom.

From China to Afghanistan, teachers and students are doing whatever they can with very few resources to learn. Here's a sampling of the typical classroom environment captured around the globe in some unexpected locations.



Afghan girl in an outdoor classroom

An Afghan girl trying to learn the letters of the Dari alphabet on a blackboard in an outdoor classroom, during a lesson on the first day of the official school year in Kabul March 23, 2002. For the first time in six years school girls, who were banned by the Taliban from getting an education

are attending classes.

In China, children attend class at the Dongzhong (*literally meaning "in cave"*) at a Miao village in China's Guizhou province. The school is built in a huge, aircraft hangar-sized natural cave, carved out of a mountain over thousands of years by wind, water and seismic shifts.



Dongzhong Primary School at China's Guishou province

In Swaziland, "*Neighborhood Care Points*" are community-based feeding centres serving local orphans and vulnerable children. Hot meals and sometimes informal schooling are offered by volunteers from the community.



"Neighborhood Care Points" in Swaziland

Some other schools like in the Australian outback and Egyptian desert, distance learning was made possible because of the dedication and enthusiasm of their children in gathering around their computers for their classes via the internet -- they called it school in the air.

In the tropical regions of Cambodia, students take boats to their floating school; so, too, in the Guatemalan rainforest, students are ferried to their schools. In remote Indian villages, children learn out in the open, while Kenyan children study under a tree. Children from all over the world gather at an international school in Malaysia, while kids from neighboring villages are taught at a monastery in Myanmar.

All these seems to prove how unbelievably lucky we are to be at this time in Singapore to have a modern learning environment adapting towards 21st century learning approach fully administered by the Ministry of Education.



FACTS ABOUT EDUCATION AROUND THE WORLD

1. One in five adults in the developing world — almost 862 million people — cannot read or write. Most illiterate persons are female.
2. As much as 115 million children of primary school age are not enrolled in school. More than 226 million children do not attend secondary school.
3. Many children who do enroll in school do not graduate with even the most basic reading and math skills because their schools do not have enough teachers, books or facilities to provide a quality education.
4. Across the world many children miss out on their education because:
 - They are made to work to help support their families,
 - They are recruited into armed forces and become child soldiers,
 - Their families do not have the means to pay for schooling,
 - Discrimination and racism undermine their chance to receive an education
5. In most developing countries, public school is not free. The costs of books, uniforms, and teachers' salaries are borne by the students' families.

Classrooms around the World



P4 Buckten, Switzerland



Sikkim, North India,



Helmand, Afghanista



Mekong Delta, Vietnam



Leon, Nicaragua



China