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Upcoming Statewide Events:

Sept. 30th-Innoventure Reg. DUE and Standards to Web for MESA Day Prepared Events

Oct. 2nd-AMP Conference

Oct. 9th- NC RoboRave (Santo Domingo MS)

Oct. 13th – Roswell Innoventure Workshop

Oct 14th – Las Vegas Innoventure Workshop

Oct. 15th – Albuquerque Innoventure Workshop

Oct. 17th – Gallup Innoventure Workshop

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What's Happening at NM MESA?

Microsoft Expression Studio Web Design Software: Microsoft is excited to provide our NM MESA programs this software with teaching and learning resources at no cost. *Microsoft Expression Studio* is a perfect tool to enable you to create compelling and expressive designs for the desktop and the web.

All MESA programs will receive a license for *Microsoft Expression Studio* by mid October, along with instructions for electronic download and an electronic code for NM MESA, Inc. program use. This code enables you to install on as many computers as needed for NM MESA use. If you wish to obtain a school license for other computers at your school site, please contact ew4hs@innovativeteachers.us for details. **If you would prefer a disk copy versus an electronic copy YOU MUST e-mail Anita Gonzales no later than October 4, 2009.**

What is Microsoft Expression Studio Web Design?

Expression Studio is Microsoft's most recent Web Design and media software. Expression Web is a successor to FrontPage plus much more. It gives students the tools they need to create high quality, standards-based Websites with sophisticated CSS-based layout and formatting. Expression Studio is used by professional Web designers- students will be using the same "real world" tools as the pros! It is most appropriate for middle and high school students.

What teaching resources are available?

The curriculum is free and available at the *Microsoft Expression Education* site <http://expression.microsoft.com/education>. You will find short 2-hour tutorials, 2-3 week units, and a full semester of teacher created and student-tested materials. The materials were developed for middle and high school students. Resources are downloadable in an electronic format which includes: lesson plans, tutorials, presentations, educator and student materials, and assessment tools appropriate for middle and high school students.

Can students install this software on their personal computers?

Yes. MSDN AA allows students to install the software on their computers. Students can download the software via "DreamSpark" after the school registers. DreamSpark is an additional free service so that students can install the software in their personal computer. DreamSpark is not required to use software, but it is if you want students to obtain a version. See attachment.

What are the hardware requirements?

- Systems: Windows Vista; Windows XP with most recent Service Packs
- PC with Pentium 700 or faster processor -512 MB of RAM or more
- 1.5 GB of available hard disk space; a portion of this disk space will be freed after installation when the original download package is removed from the hard drive
- CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive
- 1024 × 768 or higher resolution monitor
- Internet functionality requires Internet access

More information about Expression Web:

- An excellent tutorial and short curriculum units are available to download at the following website: <http://expression.microsoft.com/education>
- More about Expression Web: <http://expression.microsoft.com/en-us/cc136529.aspx>
- More Expression Learning Resources: <http://expression.microsoft.com/en-us/cc197140.aspx>

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Upcoming Events:

RoboRave and Innoventure Workshops: Registration is now closed for these events. Current information on workshops is available via the event website. More information will be coming via e-mail as needed to registrants.

Reminders & Deadlines:

MIMS Update: Please update all information in your MIMS account (address & e-mail). This is important for the distribution of the *Microsoft Expression Studio Software*. Please be reminded that all information for students including A-1's must be entered prior to October 16, 2009.

MESA Day Resources:

There are now multiple resources posted on the NM MESA website to assist you as you are preparing for your Region Designs and/or MESA Day. Of particular importance is the frequently asked questions document. If you have a question related to the event guidelines, please email Anita Gonzales for a response. If appropriate, the answer will be relayed to all via the FAQ document. This document acts as an addendum to the handbook so please review as it contains important clarifications and information.

To Access go to the NM MESA Website: Advisor Section; Events and Registration Area; MESA Day.

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