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#### Mark Your Calendars for the following events from the ASCP!

January 20, 3:00 ET Instructor Learning: Global Instructor Resources

February 17, 3:00 ET Academy Success Dashboard: What It Tells You

March 17, 3:00 ET Student Learning: Games Arcade and Cisco Aspire

# Happy New Year; New Education Opportunities

On Tuesday January 20, 2015, at 3:00 pm Eastern the ASCP will be broadcasting our first webinar in our free educational series of 2015. The webinar, "Instructor Learning: Global Instructor Resources" is a perfect choice for all the instructors out there that might not be extremely familiar the the resources available in Netacad.

The Global Instructor Resources resource is located in Netacad. Here, you can explore resources designed to expand your knowledge and facilitate teaching. From IPV6 to Packet Tracer, come learn about the different learning opportunities available to instructors.

Don't miss this opportunity to take advantage of the free resources that your membership with the ASCP affords you!

Academy Success

Dashboard: Analytics

May 5, 3:00 ET Cisco PACT



#### Indiana Schools Unprepared for Online Tests

About 77 percent of Indiana schools are technologically illequipped to to reliably administer state ISTEP tests online, and the Indiana Department of Education told state lawmakers it will take millions of dollars to fix the problem.

The deputy superintendent said schools need better broadband Internet support most of all, but in some places schools also need better computers.

The state has embraced online administration of the state ISTEP test for about 500,000 students in grades 3 to 8 since 2010. But in three of the last five years, the state experienced major problems with online testing, including students who were interrupted while taking ISTEP online by glitches or because

# **Academy Membership Renewal**

Having started September 2014, the new renewal process will continue into 2105. Approximately 9,400 academies will be renewing in 2015, and your academy may be one of them. Here's what you need to know:

- NetAcad Contacts will receive their first notification
   60 days prior to their renewal date.
- Follow up communications are sent 30, 15, 7, and 1 days prior to the renewal
- These notifications will come from SalesForce, informing NetAcad Contacts that their agreement renewal is pending in NetSpace
- After the renewal date has passed and the academy has not accepted the renewal agreement, the academy will no longer be able to open new course until the agreement is submitted
- 30 days after the renewal date without renewing the academy will be deactivated

A graphic detailing the above information is <u>here</u>.

### **Netriders Is Coming!**

Instructors, be sure to start talking to your students about the NetRiders competition coming up in February 2015!

For USA/Canada, we will be running 3 competitions this year.

IT Essentials - 2 round competition geared toward the IT Essentials course

they were unexpectedly logged out of the system.

The state's test vendor, CTB/McGraw-Hill, gave the state free services and other reparations to make amends for the problems, which also plagued other states that used the company for online exams.

Specifically, the department is asking for \$15 million per year in the two-year budget to reinstate a fund exclusively for technology. Most of that money would go toward broadband, but some would also be used to increase the security of student data. The department also wants a \$2 million increase per year to nearly double the size of a fund that helps train teachers for online instruction.

CCENT - 2 round competition geared toward the CCENT certification

CCNA - 3 round competition geared toward CCNA certifications

As of right now, here is the tentative schedule:

- February 9 March 20 Registration is open for all 3 competitions
- April 7, 2015 Round 1 IT Essentials
- April 8, 2015 Round 1 CCENT
- April 9, 2015 Round 1 CCNA
- April 28, 2015 Round 2 CCENT
- April 29, 2015 Round 2 CCNA
- April 30, 2015 Round 2 IT Essentials
- Round 3 CCNA will be one day the week of May 18

More details will be announced as they are available. Exact times for each day are TBD.

Get your teams formed today and don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.

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