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Welcome to the this month's issue of The Activ Times! This newsletter is intended to keep educators up-to-date with the Promethean ActivClassroom.

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Have suggestions or comments? Want to contribute a story to next month's issue? Contact Kim Jurczak at kim.jurczak@prometheanworld.com with ActivTimes in the subject line.

Submit to Win!

Could your flipchart lesson be the most popular free resource on Promethean Planet? Submit lesson, and you could win some great prizes! [Upload a new lesson](#) to Planet between now and December 15, 2010. If it becomes the most downloaded lesson during this time, you will win some great prizes for your ActivClassroom, including a set of ActiVotes or ActiExpressions!



Professional Development - Flipchart Fundamentals

Building a better flipchart begins with having the right tools. Check [out this link](#) for six simple steps to help you create great flipchart lessons for your students.



ActivInspire Tool of the Month



This month, we are featuring a neat tip instead of an actual tool. Did you know that you have a third column in your ActivInspire (and ActivStudio) software that can be used to store commonly used objects? At the click of a button, you can instantly add things like graphic organizers, math charts, or other much needed items to any page of any flipchart!

[Adding Objects to the Third Column in ActivInspire](#)

[Adding Objects to the Third Column in ActivStudio](#)



Science can be so much more fun when you can see it to experience it! The Planet team has partnered with science.TV to bring to you some explosive video clips, informative interviews and revealing facts, with key people from the science industry.

Check out the [science.TV partner page](#) on Promethean Planet!

December ActivTips

ActivTips are short video tutorials on how to complete a variety of functions in ActivInspire. Check out this month's featured clips:

[ActivInspire Resource Packs](#)

[ActivStudio Resource Packs](#)



Flipchart Design Tips

Designing your own flipcharts? Use these tips to help you design a more effective lesson.

Do's and Don'ts for Text

- Sans-serif fonts are easier to read on screen.
- Size – make sure it's EASILY legible from the back of the classroom.
- Don't use italics. It's hard to read on an interactive whiteboard.
- Don't take up more than 50% of the page with text.
- Do limit the use of uppercase text.
- Don't use more than two fonts for a better design.
- The text needs to be within reach if it needs to be moved or manipulated by the students



Technical Corner

This is a repeat from last month, but we wanted to remind everyone that Promethean will be holding some free sessions via WebEx on troubleshooting and supporting Promethean Products.

Technical Training Courses

Topic: Trouble Shooting ActivBoard and Projectors*

Agenda

[December 14, 2010 10:00am EST – 12:00pm EST](#)

*This session is intended for technical support staff

Topic: Interactive Tools and Learner Response Systems (LRS – ActiVotes and ActivExpressions)

Agenda

[December 14, 2010 1:00pm EST – 3:00pm EST](#)

A recorded version of the trainings will be emailed to anyone who registers for the training.

If you find you are unable to attend after registering, there is no need to cancel. You will receive an email covering what was missed.

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