

Michigan DEN

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Michigan Discovery Educator Network

Connecting with Others to Learn, Share, and Grow



Gearing up for the holidays!

Is it just me or does it seem like we rush from one holiday or event to another, never really taking the time to enjoy, but getting caught up in the moment of preparation?

I hope that all of our Michigan DEN STARS can take some time this holiday season and enjoy time spent with the family and rejuvenating their energy for the new year!

Be sure to check out the **Michigan DEN Blog** to keep up-to-date on exciting events and news from around Michigan!

The Michigan DEN Leadership Council would like to take this time to welcome all of our new Michigan DEN STARS to the Michigan DEN! We're excited that you have joined our family!



STAR Discovery Educator

Michigan DEN STARS

Dalcione Vollink ~ Mi REMC4 Catholic

Juli Sian ~ Harrison Community Schools

Peter Weise ~ Caledonia Community Schools

Tim Melaragni ~Holly Academy

Webinars

[Get more information, the schedule, and registration link here!](#)

SCIcon 2011

DEN SCIcon 2010 is just around the corner! It is scheduled for January 22, 2011. DEN SCIcon is an online conference (with a twist) focused on providing participants with some of the most effective strategies for transforming their science classes through the meaningful and effective integration of digital media content.

Copyright and Fair Use

With the World Wide Web and a plethora of information literally at our finger tips at any given moment, the question of copyright and fair use in and out of the classroom is enough to give the most seasoned tech geek a headache. Copyright protects works such as poetry, movies, CD-ROMs, video games, videos, plays, paintings, sheet music, recorded music performances, novels, software code, sculptures, photographs, choreography and architectural designs. With so much information and a growing need to make our students aware and responsible digital citizens, this month's Tech Tip will focus on this important topic and how you can introduce it to your students.

Some great resources in various formats are:

[The Copyright Handbook: What Every Writer Needs to Know by Stephen Fishman](#)

[The Teacher's Guide to Music, Media, and Copyright by James Frankel](#)

[The Teacher's Guide to Copyright by Mark J. Davis](#)

[Copyright for Teachers and Librarians by Rebecca P. Butler](#)

[A Teacher's guide to Copyright and Fair Use \(website\)](#)

[Copyright \(Wesley Fryer\)](#)

An interesting and very informational website on copyright and fair use is

[Stanford University's Copyright and Fair Use site.](#)

Professor Eric Faden of Bucknell University created an informative video that outlines copyright principles in an engaging way. View the video here:

[Fair \(y\) Use Tale .](#)

SCRATCH



In November, I had an opportunity to attend a DEN Webinar on using Scratch in the classroom. Scratch is a programming language that makes it easy to create your own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art -- and share your creations on the web. It was developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab. Resources can be found at:

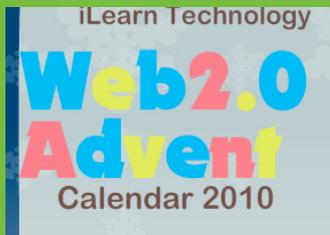
[Scratch Home](#)

[ScratchEd](#) (educators)

[21st Century EdTech/Scratch](#)

[Michael Gorman Scratch](#)

HTTP: Here's Today's Tech Picks:



Click on a number each day of December to reveal a Web 2.0 tool. You could peek early, but what is the fun in that? All resources come from iLearn Technology blog posts. To find more excellent classroom resources, check out iLearn Technology.
<http://www.wix.com/ktenkely/advent>
(Via Jen Wagner and Kelly Tenkley)

Virtual Snowflake Creators

Make-A-Flake

Virtual Snowflake Creator

Snowflake Maker

The Michigan Leadership Council for 2010-11

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