

EL/Civics Lesson Plan

Program Name Columbus City Schools/Adult and Community Education

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Date(s) Used	01-25-11
Civics Category	II. Civic Participation
Civics Objective	<p>5. Community Resources – Directory Identify, locate, and map important places in the community and list services available and/or importance of each location. Teaching students to sign up for School Closing Alerts via cell phone and/or email.</p>
Time Frame to Complete Lesson	2 hours
EFL(s)	NRS Level 3
Standard(s)	Read with understanding. Speak so others can understand Listen actively.
Benchmark(s)	R 3.1, S 3.1, L3.1
Materials	<p>Handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Terms • 1 – Directions for setup. • 2- from Columbus TV Station ABC-6 website, photos of each step; Internet access, students' cell phones. Check your local stations for School Closing Text/Email Alerts. We used: www.abc6onyourside.com. Students can also setup email notification using Handout-1 Directions for setup
Activities	<p>Background: We have access to five computers in the classroom, a projector + a separate computer for the teacher. Handout-2 can also be used as a transparency for an overhead projector.</p> <p><u>At computers:</u> Students work in pairs, pairing a higher level student with a lower level student, in case one student has a lower computer literacy level.</p> <p><u>1. Read:</u> Handout-1, read and discuss basic computer terms, clarify meanings of new words. Students practice using the mouse to feel comfortable moving the mouse pointer or arrow around the screen, and picking up the mouse and placing the cursor at different locations on the screen, and to</p>

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	<p>see “blinking” action of cursor. Have students practice “left click” (one time, and “double click” and “right click”, noting that “left click” is used most of the time.</p> <p>2. For cell phone alerts only- Students read the “terms and conditions” paragraph before starting. Ask comprehension questions of students to make sure they understand – What kind of cell phone do you have? Do you have unlimited texting or do you have pay each time?</p> <p>3. Students follow the directions to get onto their local TV station website and for setup. Note: Local TV station websites will vary, yet to setup email and/or cell alerts, the information is usually listed under WEATHER or SCHOOL CLOSING categories.</p> <p>4. Handout-2 is a photo display of each step, lifted from the website we used.</p>
Assessment/ Evidence	Student oral responses.
Reflection	Students enjoyed working on the computer and becoming more comfortable with the keyboard, typing (using backspace or arrow keys a lot because of typing errors) and the mouse. Higher students worked with lower level students well.

Computer Terms:

Mouse: A hand-held device, next to your keyboard, with two buttons (“left click” is used the most). It also moves the “cursor”. The cord (wire) stays at the top.

Mouse pointer: A small white arrow that moves on the computer screen. The *mouse* moves the “arrow”.

Cursor: A blinking straight line that shows where text will begin. The *mouse* moves the *cursor*.

Keyboard: a set of keys with letters of the alphabet, numbers, arrow keys and other special keys.

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HANDOUT 1

To Begin:

1. “click” the START button (bottom left), then “click” on Internet Explorer (blue “e”)
2. Do a **GOOGLE** search for the website for your local TV station (Teacher note: You can provide students with the exact website to type in.) Click on WEATHER or SCHOOL CLOSINGS.

Examples: **NEWS WEATHER** or **ABC6-Columbus**

3. Find **WEATHER**, double click to get onto local TV station website.
4. **Use your cursor**, move across the categories
HOME, NEWS, WEATHER.....

4. Find: **SCHOOL CLOSINGS** or **ALERTS**
“Scroll down” to

[Click here to sign up for text alerts now!](#) (double click)

or **Get Email Alerts:** [Sign up for school closing alerts](#) (double click)

Note: Go to Handout-2

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HANDOUT 2

Step 1: Account setup <http://www.abc6onyourside.com>

- Enter your cell phone number, area code first.
- Read: **terms and conditions**, then use the cursor
"Click" (once) in the white box ("I agree")
"Double click" **SUBMIT** button

(example on computer screen)

Register now!

Step1: Account setup

Your number:

I Agree to the **Terms and Conditions**

**** **Please read: Terms and Conditions** *****

Available only on participating wireless carriers: ALLTEL, AT&T, Cincinnati Bell, Dobson/Cellular One, Nextel, nTelos, Sprint, T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular, and Verizon Wireless.

If you have an UNLIMITED TEXT MESSAGE PLAN, there are NO additional charges. If you do NOT have an unlimited plan, Message and Data Rates May Apply.

To **cancel or stop** your service, send the text message **STOP to 43201 (your zip code)** or contact us.

You **agree** that you are the owner of this handset, you are at least 13 years of age or older, or you have your guardian's permission to register.

Step 2:

Wait 30-40 seconds to receive a **text message**
From **ABC-6** to your cell phone with your **PIN** verification.

You will receive a **code** (four numbers) – this is your **PIN**

Type the four numbers in the box: **EXAMPLE:**

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Step 3: Alert registration

Please enter your ZIP and select the types of Alerts you would like to receive, then click SUBMIT. (Scroll down to School Closing)

Your ZIP Code:

- Fighting Back - (Crime Tracking Alerts)
- News Alerts -(Up-to-the-minute alerts about breaking news)
- Sports Scores - (Get the latest sports scores)
- The Football Fever - (The latest updates on the Ohio State Buckeyes)
- Traffic Alerts - AM - (morning)
- Traffic Alerts - AM and PM - (morning and evening)
- Traffic Alerts - PM - (evening)
- Weather Alerts - (Sign up to receive severe weather alerts)
- Weather Forecast - AM - (Get daily weather forecasts at 7am)
- Weather Forecast - PM - (Get daily weather forecasts at 4pm)

School Closings (select multiple schools by using "Ctrl + Click"): Our school: **Columbus City Schools**

<p>--Cancel School Closings Alerts-- 1st Presbyterian Church Preschool 1st UMC Christian Preschool 1st UMC Daycare A Child's Dream A Child's Garden A Place To Grow A+ Child Care & Learning Center ABC Academy Academy For Kids ELC Inc.</p>	<input type="button" value="RESET"/>
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