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PITTSBURGH SMALLAB CONSORTIUM 2.0

On Wednesday, November 16th, the Pittsburgh SMALLab Consortium 2.0 held its second meeting. Leaders from Carnegie Mellon University, Northgate School District, and

EdMotion, along with leading educators from over a dozen area school districts, met to discuss the Consortium's latest updates and initiatives.



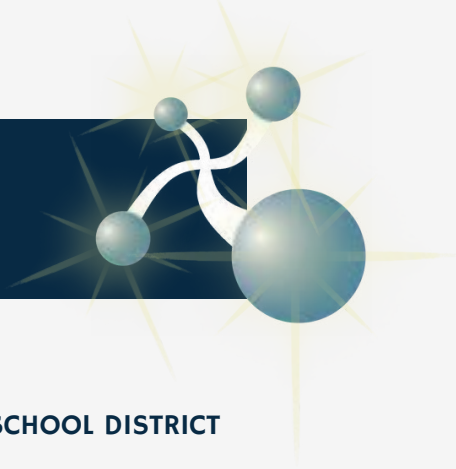
The Chill Project. In search of a cost effective, scalable approach for addressing the rising social, emotional, and mental health issues facing today's students, Jeff Evancho, Director of Partnerships and Equity at **Northgate School District**, provided an informative update on the **Remake Learning Moonshot Grant** he championed which seeks to make mental health interventions an engaging force for good using technology, games, and horticulture. Called the The Chill Project, a team of **Carnegie Mellon University** graduate computer science students are working with mental experts from **Allegheny Health Network** and others to develop game-based, mental health solutions utilizing the 3D, mixed-reality, embodied learning environment of **SMALLab**. The completion of three initial prototypes are expected by the end of next month which will be followed by opportunities for playtesting by members in Q1 2023.

SMALLAB LIVE EVENT!!!

John Balash, Director of Educational Engagement at CMU-ETC, announced he's creating a virtual storytime event for Spring 2023 that will take place live from within SMALLab featuring a renowned children's author but will be interactive and simultaneously available to every school with a SMALLab. Stay tuned!



SMALLAB ALL-STARS



TYLONE MALONE

WEST POINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

EdMotion recognizes Tylon Malone from West Point Consolidated School District for his dedication, teamwork, and expertise provided during the installation and implementation of SMALLab mixed-reality learning environments at two district campuses in the during the Spring and Summer of 2022.

SALLIE WARD

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

In recognition of her leadership, commitment, and teamwork in the training of fellow teachers, students and staff during the successful roll-out of SMALLab to two additional schools in the **Aberdeen School District** during the Fall of 2022. Sallie has recently been recognized as Teacher of the Month. Congratulations, Sallie!



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Challenge

Are you **CREAtive**? Do you enjoy **dESigning** lesson plans and activities?

Take part in the **NEW! CREATE STUDIO CHALLENGE** for a chance to win prizes!

Beginning in January, SMALLab will host a themed Create Studio challenge each month. Activity creation requirements and a rubric will be provided. Submissions will be reviewed and the creator of the best activity will win an Amazon gift card!



CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BLAIRSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

River Valley School District installed its first SMALLab at the River Valley Academies at Saltsburg this fall. Students and teachers at the Early Childhood Learning Academy and the adjacent Saltsburg Elementary can engage in active learning experiences that suit students in pre-k through 5th grade.

Saltsburg Elementary is creating health lessons for the SMALLab so students can learn in an environment that supports and encourages movement - a perfect fit for health and PE. SMALLab makes learning active and fun, and students are always excited to visit. In fact, some ask to visit the SMALLab *every single day!*

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER

BLAIRSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Congratulations to Diane Fraser, Director of Emerald Coast Science Center, who took the stage at a conference in Pittsburgh to accept an award that honored the science center for surviving and thriving during COVID. The

Center received the *Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award in Resilience* from the Association of Science and Technology Center, an international association that provides support and programming opportunities for science centers and museums.

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VETERAN'S DAY

We would like to thank all of our veterans for your service and sacrifice to help our country, including EdMotion's very own, Alton Delane. Happy Veteran's Day!

THANKSGIVING

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving from our EdMotion family to yours!

