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WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER

Wicked Good Software

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WELCOME NEW CUSTOMERS!

We are thrilled to welcome new schools from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont for the 2009-2010 school year. It is a pleasure to have you as part of the Wicked Good Software family.

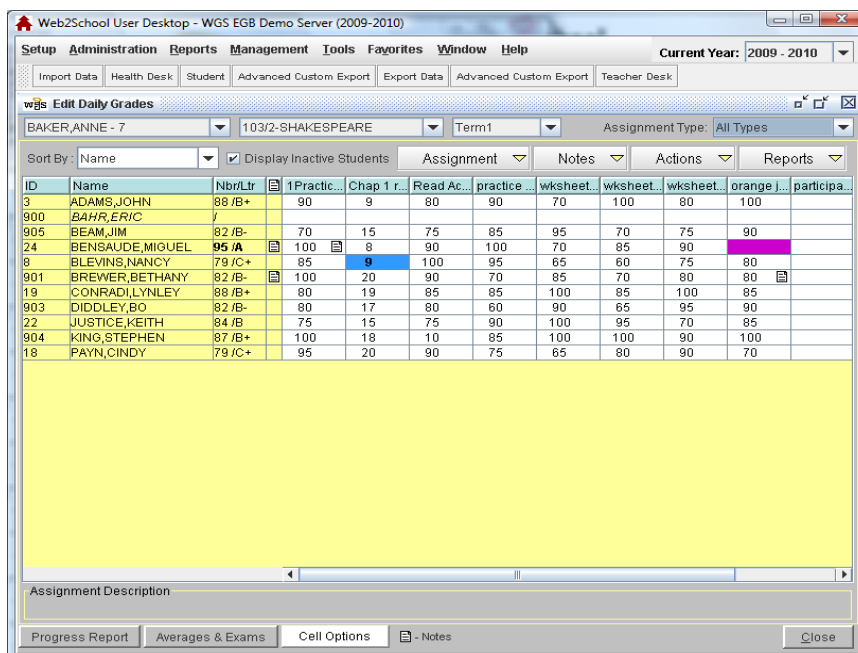
WEB2SCHOOL USER MEETINGS

Wicked Good Software hosts annual one-day training sessions at regional conference facilities each spring. Attendees receive low cost product training along with information about new features and additional products. Perhaps best of all, users can meet each other, meet the Web2School technical support staff, share ideas, and ask questions about the software.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Date	Location
April 5	Orono, ME Best Western Black Bear Inn
April 9	Rutland, VT Holiday Inn-Rutland
April 14	Bedford NH SERESC Facility
April 29	Watertown, NY Ramada Inn

A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 during registration and the meeting begins at 9:00. A light lunch will be pro-



vided at noon. The cost is \$120.00 per person. Registration forms will be mailed to each school, and we will make a best effort e-mail, understanding that many schools block such e-mails. Forms can also be downloaded from our website www.web2school.com.

TEACHER DESK

Teacher-recommended improvements to the Teacher Desk provide more features with fewer clicks. The working term, as determined by the terms created in your calendar, now displays beside the teacher name. Double-clicking on a class will

now take you directly to the **Daily Grades** window. Color and additional buttons in the Daily Grades window make features more visually accessible. Assignments are easier to manage and modify, actions (such as Zoom and Drop Lowest Grade) now display in a drop-down menu, and powerful reports are available from within this screen. Further, term averages that have been manually entered (not auto-calculated) will display in Bold in this screen.

The **Averages and Exams** window has been similarly improved. Auto-calcs can now be turned on or off for all students using the new Options button. Auto-calcs can be changed per student by

right-clicking their term average and selecting from the drop-down menu. The Midterm, Final, or Custom Exams fields can be populated using an assignment from the daily grades. We encourage you to click around and see what's new!

STATE UTILITIES

Very exciting enhancements are happening with Web2School's state reporting capabilities. To facilitate entering and extracting data for state reports, we now offer the option to set up State Descriptive and User Defined categories as required and/or hidden. Under State Utilities, *required* categories will display in red, and the software will notify the user if the category for a student was left blank. You cannot exit and save changes for the student until you fill in a value. *Hidden* categories will not display in State Utilities, and will only display under Attendance for the student. This will help prevent users from making multiple unnecessary entries.

Validate Fields under State Utilities will display all students with their assigned category information. Fields that are required, but have not been filled in, will display in blue to make the user aware of missing data for students.

Attendance data for each student may now be viewed from within State Utilities.

ALERTNOW EXPORT

Many of our customers are using the AlertNow system as a means of rapidly communicating important and time-sensitive information, such as school closings or other events, to parents and school staff. Web2school has created an export template for use with the AlertNow system, and it is available for *free*. Just give us a call and we would be happy to put the template in place for you.

SCHEDULING TIPS

Scheduling season is upon us. This is the sequence most schools follow:

- Be sure to create a new year first.
- Remember that some data changes may need to be done in both the current year and next year.
- Update your course catalog.
- Update your personnel list.
- Gather student requests and enter them into the system.
- Print Simple Tally reports to determine the number of requests per course.
- Determine the number of sections of each course that will be offered.
- Decide whether you will edit your existing schedule or create a new one.
- After the master schedule has been created (either by the scheduler or by hand), assign students to classes to see what your conflict rate is.
- Modify the master schedule and student schedules until all conflicts have been resolved.
- Print the Schedule Matrix Report to determine the number of students who do not have a class for any given day and term combination.
- Based on that report, add study halls to your master schedule.
- Assign students to study halls.
- Print and distribute student schedules.

CUSTOM EXPORTS

Master Schedule - You now can select from several course and section formats in your export, such as course/ section or course:section, depending on your reporting requirements. In addition, filter options are now available allowing you to filter by course name, number, or department.

Discipline - Student data may now be exported with discipline data.

Elementary Daily Grades - Teacher, course, skill, and grade data may now be exported to a spreadsheet.

Standards - Student objective and custom information may now be exported.

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

In December, Web2school joined other leaders in education technology at the three-day Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference held in Nashua, NH. It was a terrific opportunity to showcase our product to the staff of schools shopping to replace their current student information system, and to visit with many existing customers who stopped by.

NEW FEATURES LIST

The list of new features is updated as each new release becomes available. Check out the list under the Help Menu, then View New Features.

The Help menu also offers access to our on-line Help files and our Frequently Asked Questions page.

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS?

Fee Module - Our engineers are building a new Fee module for use in tracking fees and payments. This module can be used by private schools, for library fees, lunch money, and more. Please call for pricing.

Moodle Integration - Plans are underway to integrate Web2school with the Moodle learning management system.

School Counselor - Discussions are in process regarding the creation of module especially geared to help school counselors manage their myriad pieces of student information.