

The following sessions will be offered at the October 12 inservice. The format for the session descriptions below will include the title, the presenter, the location, the topic level, and any prerequisites the presenter has suggested. You can click on the title below to go view more information about the topic.

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Sessions 12:30 - 1:30

Microsoft Product Basics by Katie Ellis in E.Rm.211-Lab

Beginner Level for Paraprofessionals

Prerequisites: None

Summary

How to help students with basic Microsoft PowerPoint and Publisher projects, including adding images, audio, and video; how to change the template, fonts, and colors; and how to correctly save projects into student drives. This session will also include how to copy and paste information from one source to another, including to and from students' Google Drives.

How to use Google Docs/Slides in Class Projects by Ellen Schaefer in E.Rm.119

Beginner Level for Everyone

Prerequisites: Able to login to Google Drive

Summary

Participants will learn how teachers and students can create individual or team projects using Google docs/slides that can be individually or globally shared and edited. Sample projects will be provided. Sample projects of Google Earth will be provided as well if time.

Creating Screencasts for Your Classroom by Deb Lindner in H.Rm.112

Medium Level for Everyone

Prerequisites: None

Summary

Participants will learn several methods for creating videos and screencasts for content they can use in their classroom.

Classroom Diagnostic Tools Prep by Greg Miller in H.Rm.320

Beginner Level, Teachers in 7-12 Offering CDTs

Prerequisites: Login to the DRC website

Summary

Learn how to setup test sessions for CDTs using the DRC website. Teachers offering CDTs should arrive to the session having logged into the DRC website to confirm their account is active.

Image Editing by Lance Mabus in H.Rm.122

Advanced Level for Everyone

Prerequisites: Bring two images to the session that you would like to edit. Know how to perform photo cropping, resizing operations. Know that images can have different file types.

Summary

You can use a variety of tools to edit images that you will include in your presentations. This session will provide an overview of those tools. We will go over how to perform basic manipulations on images such as cropping, changing file type, modifying the resolution, and applying a filter. We will go in depth on how to use the GNU Image Editing Program (GIMP) to merge two images together to create a new image. This process will demonstrate how to remove the background from an image.

Sessions 1:30 - 2:30

How to Use Google Apps with Teachers and Students for Paraprofessionals by Deb Linder in H.Rm.112

Beginner Level for Paraprofessionals

Prerequisites: None

Summary

This is an introductory training session on the use of Google Apps. Paraprofessionals will leave the session with knowledge of how to access their Google Apps account and how teachers and students may use Google tools to complete work.

Using Digital Books and Storytelling by Katie Ellis in E.Rm.211-Lab

Medium Level targeting Teachers in Grades K-3, Teachers in Grades 4-6, Teachers in Special Education Grades K-6, Teachers in Special Education Grades 7-12

Prerequisites: Knowledgeable in navigating the internet.

Summary

Sullivan County has access to many different types of digital books, all of which are free for teachers to use. This session would cover how to use and access Bookflix; The International Children's Digital Library (ICDL); and eBooks through the library's Destiny software.

Creating Discovery Education Posters by Ellen Schaefer in E.Rm.119

Medium Level for Everyone

Prerequisites: Participants should have their DE username and password and know what an online poster is. They should have some understanding of how to cut, copy and paste.

Summary

Participants will learn how to create an online poster using items provided by Discovery Education and Britannica online. They will then be able to use that information to have students do an online poster project using the board feature on DE. Examples of student work will be provided.

Classroom Diagnostic Tools Prep Independent Work for New CDT Teachers in
H.Rm.320 (or your classroom)

Beginner Level for Teachers in 7-12 Giving CDTs

Prerequisites: Participants are new to the CDT process. Participants attended the session hosted by Greg Miller in 12:30 - 1:30 timeslot

Summary

This session is being offered to any teachers that are new to the CDT process that attended the session hosted by Greg Miller and need additional work to complete their test sessions for the Fall 2015 CDT window.

Smartphone Uses In The Classroom by Lance Mabus in H.Rm.122

Medium Level for Everyone

Prerequisites: You must have a smartphone. You must know how to install a new app on your smartphone.

Summary

Most of us are walking around now with awesome computers in our pockets. In this session, we will go over several ways you can use your smartphone (or your students' smartphones) in your classroom. The presentation will cover the following: (1) How to use the Google Drive app to scan a document as a pdf into your Google Drive account and share it with a student (2) Take a short classroom demonstration video and post it to your Youtube Channel (3) Type a paper with your voice (4) Turn off alerts automatically while you're driving (if capable on your device) (5) Take a picture of a whiteboard session and share it with another teacher (6) Create a form that your students can respond to on their smartphones

Sessions 2:30 - 3:30

Using Digital Books and Storytelling for Paraprofessionals by Katie Ellis in
E.Rm.211-Lab

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How to Encourage Good Classroom Behavior with Class Dojo by Ellen Schaefer in E.Rm.119

Beginner Level for Teachers K-6

Prerequisites: Must have a computer

Summary

The training will provide teachers with a how to guide of how to use Class Dojo, a free online behavior management system. You will learn how to set up an account, create a class, print our parent flyers, and other tools to get you on your way to better classroom behavior and easier parent contact.

Activinspire Basics by Deb Lindner in H.Rm.112

Beginner Level for Everyone

Prerequisites: None

Summary

Participants will learn the basics of the ActivInspire software products that can be used with Promethean smart boards.

Interactive Presentations Using Peardeck by Lance Mabus in H.Rm.122

Medium Level for Everyone

Prerequisites: You must know your Google Apps login. You should know what a web address or URL is. You should know how to crop a photo.

Summary

PearDeck is a web tool that integrates with Google Apps, and both you and your students can use it. This session will cover how to create your first PearDeck. We will review the different types of slides that you can use. We will also go over how you can reuse content that you have already created to create your PearDecks. In addition, you will create a PearDeck that you will present to a partner. Likewise, your partner will present a PearDeck to you so that you can experience both the Teacher and Student views of PearDeck.

Using Finale 2014 to Compose Music by Dick Boehret in H.Rm.303-Music

Medium Level for Teachers interested in Music

Prerequisites: Only five students can be accommodated

Summary

Finale 2014 is a software can be used to compose and arrange music. This session will review some of the basics and uses of Finale.

