

TECHNOBLAST

BREAKOUT 1 10-10:50am

Exploring New Literacies for a World of Networked, Self-Directed Learners and Makers

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LMC East Will Richardson - Powerful Learning Practice

Revamping Websites with Weebly

Are you in need of a FAST and EASY way to create your own classroom website? Weebly is quick and user friendly and allows you to make changes throughout the year without hassle or confusion. The website has drag and drop features like pictures, documents, links, videos, and Google calendar and allows for simple creation of a website.

LMC Presentation Room Dee Dee Aldrich, Lynnea Urbanowicz

Create Your Own eBooks

Learn how to use Apple's iBook Author software to create your own eBook and to make it available to read electronically. Participants will learn how to embed audio, video, and hyperlinks into their text to make it a truly interactive book.

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Room 129 Sarah Rodriguez, Teresa Shea

Skyward Educator Access Plus for Teachers and Administrators

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Room 208 Gail Minkus

SMART Notebook Saved My Life-It's More than a Digital White Board!

In this session, you will learn how SMART Notebook software can save you time in the long run. SMART Notebook files can be organized, saved, and shared in a variety of ways. Have you ever wanted to capture exactly what happened in class to share with students and parents-or even just for yourself to use again? In this session, I will show you ways you can use SMART Notebook

software that you may never have thought of before.

Room 201 Marcie Callicoot

Go for the GOAL setting!

We all want our students to own their learning, but do they do it? How do they set goals and self-reflect? Learn ways students use technology to own their learning.

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Artrage - Making Art with the iPad

Sharpen your creative thinking skills, as you work in the ArtRage app on the iPad. Explore a new and exciting way to develop skills and sensitivity to color, value, texture and composition. ArtRage has a wide range of artistic tools that lets you get right down to the creative process without having to learn complex or technical controls.

Room 002 Linda Anderson

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Beginning to Excel at Data Warehouse

How well do you know your students -statistically? If you would like an opportunity to dabble in the Warehouse for the first time or revisit the Warehouse and learn to dig a little deeper, then this session is for you. You will learn the BASICS: how to mine for data, generate Excel reports, adapt the reports in multiple ways to best suit your changing needs, create groupings for each class, and identify the least proficient and the most capable. If an introductory class is what you need, you will be satisfied with your learning for the day.

Room 301 Kayla Wheeler

Mac Basics

Want to have students use the Hadley Mac lab, but not sure of its capabilities? Come to this session to learn the basics of the iLife software and how you can incorporate it into your curriculum.

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Using Facebook to Communicate with Parents

In this session you will learn about Facebook pages and how they can be used to keep parents informed about your class. This is different from creating a Facebook account for your class and "friending" your parents. Parents access your updates by "Liking" your page, and you will not see parent feeds. Benefits include: having access to statistics like how many people have seen your posts or clicked on your links, easily sending out updates from the internet or mobile devices. Keep parents informed about upcoming quizzes, tests, projects, events or happenings in your classroom. (Remember: Domain 4C of Danielson is "Communicating with Families")

Room 201 Karla Montes De Oca, Samantha Sutton

Khan Academy

This session is targeted to Level 3 and Hadley Math teachers. Come find out how you can use Khan Academy to support your math curriculum by using basic videos, assigning lessons by CCSS or by topic, and easily tracking student progress. You can use Khan Academy as support for your lessons or to flip your classroom, whether or not you set up student accounts. Accessible from school or at home, Khan Academy is a student preferred site where they can play and learn! Discover how you can make the most of this free website.

Room 139 Susie Thomas

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Room 003 Kelly Lewis

I See What You Mean

Visual literacy is more than just a 21st century buzzword. Students need to learn how to read images just as fluently as they read text. This session will explore how creating art, watching videos, and reading online can be used to strengthen students' comprehension and critical thinking skills while keeping them highly engaged.

Room 304 Linda Anderson, Stacy Slater, Amy Wagner

Exploring Google Drive and Docs

Sometimes an introduction to technology just isn't enough. This session is targeted to people who have been introduced to Google

Drive and Google Docs, but still aren't comfortable using it. We will review the creation, storing, and management of files as well as sharing and remote access. This is an opportunity to practice your Google skills and get your questions answered.

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BREAKOUT 3 12:50-1:40pm

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PBL - Give It A Try!

Level 2 STEAM Teachers at Lincoln and Churchill have given Project Based Learning a try this past fall. Come learn the 8 Essential Elements of a PBL and how it can work for you.

Room 130 L2 STEAM Teachers at AL and CH

Excite and Engage with Edmodo

Edmodo can enhance your workshop for both Literacy and Math in the classroom. Tired of standing in line at the copier? Edmodo helps teachers move toward a paperless classroom. Edmodo is a great online tool to allow students to communicate with their teacher and submit assignments virtually. There are features like quiz creation, online gradebook, polls, and an ease for tracking assignments at home and at school. Come explore this Web 2.0 tool.

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Room 201 Barbara Layer - Orthopedic Itinerant Teacher, CASE

From Time to Time, You Want More Time

Is it hard to find time to fit in technology? Should technology even have to fit in or can it be embedded into student learning daily? Classroom teachers are invited to come to this session to learn time saving tips!

Room 139 Erin Fiene, Katie Johnson

Programming with Kodu

Kodu is a free programming language that simply uses "When/Do" statements to program 3D games. It's easy enough for students of all ages (even adults) and is a great way to teach programming to young children.

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Room 304 Whitney Crouch

QR Codes

Learn about resources to capture and create QR codes. Utilize your smartphone or iPad to quickly bring your students to online materials with the click of a button.

Room 129 Christina Kellam, Ken Harbauer

How Can I Use iPads For Learning?

We'll explore the basic operations for effective photographs and video clips created with the iPad. Participants will explore and share strategies that use the iPad as a tool to address learning needs of different students. The goal: How can all our students create content that supports their learning?

Art Tech Lab (next to LMC) Frank Tomasziewicz

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Making Contact with Twitter

Are you new to Twitter and want to understand the difference between a # and a @? Are you wondering if anyone uses Twitter to share valuable information beyond what they ate for breakfast? Come to this session and you will be introduced to the power of the Tweet to increase your professional knowledge. Build your PLN (Personal Learning Network) by finding meaningful people to follow on Twitter. You'll be tweeting before you know it.

Room 134 Christina Kellam

Edmodo Workshop

If you attended the Edmodo session in Breakout 3, or simply want to work on your Edmodo virtual classroom, come to this session

where experienced users will be on hand to assist you.

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Lions, Tigers, and Technology Management, OH MY!

You have lots of technology in your classrooms (SMART Board, laptops, Netbooks, iPads). You want to use it, your students want to use it... but how do you manage it all? Come learn tips and tricks to successfully manage your classroom technology.

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Stories Come to Life with Storybird and FlipSnacks

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