

Staff Development Day

**New Prague High School
Tuesday
March 25th, 2008**



**Online Registration Only
Begins Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 a.m.
Ends Wednesday, March 12th at Noon**

**Log on to: www.np.k12.mn.us and follow
Staff Resources/Staff Development Day to the workshop
registration.**

Staff Development Technology Day
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Welcome!

**ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE ONLINE
ONLY at www.np.k12.mn.us.**

**Follow Staff Resources/Staff Development Day to view the
brochure with class schedule, descriptions, and the
registration process.**

- **Registration begins Wednesday, March 5th at 7 a.m.**
- **Registration ends Wednesday, March 12th at 12 p.m.**
- Each workshop has a class size limit of 30, so sign up early to ensure your preferred class selections.
- Staff must sign up for three sessions. (**Mental Health is 2 Sessions**)
- Classroom time will allow for reflection and/or implementation of ideas that you have gathered from these sessions.
- All staff will enjoy lunch on their own.

The Staff Development and Administration team are hoping that you find these professional development opportunities beneficial as we strive to provide quality experiences.

Colleen Cardenuto
Curriculum Director

Schedule

Coffee and rolls will be provided!

**Session I
7:30-9:30 a.m.**

**Session II
9:45-11:15 a.m.**

**Lunch Break ~ Lunch is on your own
11:15-12:20 p.m.**

**Session III
12:30-2:00 p.m.**

**Classroom Time
2:00-3:30 p.m.**

Reminder!

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Session I: 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Research Made Easy with Google Notebook

Presenter : Kiffin Deihl ~ Room 120

Level: Introduction

Notebooks and note cards have been used for years to summarize, organize, and track cited references. When using the Internet, it seems a little inefficient to go from electronic references to hand-written notes... back to electronic text. With Google Notebook you can bookmark web pages, "clip" parts of the page, and access your electronic notebook from any computer.

Wikis in the Classroom

Presenter : Shellie Kriha ~ Room 112

Level: Intermediate

What is a wiki? It is a web page, an online writing tool, a collaborative project, and an electronic portfolio. It allows a large group of people (your students for example) to collect, write, report, post, share, and edit content. K-12 teachers are finding innovative uses for wikis. Participants will explore examples, add content to a wiki, and learn how to create a classroom wiki. Participants are asked to bring curriculum materials for project ideas.

Software & Websites for Elementary Classrooms

Presenter : Brian Triplett ~ Room 110

Level: Introduction

Participants will explore Internet resources for elementary classrooms. Visit great sites that can be used with students to integrate technology into your lessons. Teacher help sites will also be explored. Basic use of elementary software programs will be explained. Time will be given for exploration. Focus is K-5.

Mind Mapping

Presenter: Rick Bell ~ Room 122

Level: Introduction

Take a look at programs that help students pre-write, brainstorm, concept map, and critically think spatially. Inspiration, Kidspiration, SmartArt (Office 2007), and Mindomo are some programs to show this idea of mind mapping.

Mimio in the Elementary Classroom

Presenter : Julie Hull ~ Room 242

Level: Introduction / Intermediate

Learn the basics of the Mimio interactive whiteboard and/or use the Notebook feature. This course will be appropriate for all levels of interactive whiteboard users. Participants will leave this session prepared to begin using the Mimio in their classroom. Hands-on training will be emphasized with a focus on using the hardware. Please bring curriculum materials.

Digital Storytelling with PhotoStory

Presenter : Scott Lhotka ~ Room 256

Level: Introduction

PhotoStory is a free program used to easily assemble a digital slideshow. The software allows you to insert pictures, transitions, record narration, and background music. Participants are asked to bring curriculum materials to create a PhotoStory video. This PhotoStory video will be used to introduce a unit or displayed as a student project example.

Audacity

Presenter: Carrie Walter ~ Room 121

Level: Intermediate

Do you or your students have a need to record and edit audio? Audacity may be the solution you have been looking for. Learn how to download the free program, record audio, add background music, and edit tracks. When the audio file is created, it can be burned to a CD, inserted into a PhotoStory, or posted on a web page or podcast.

A 21st Century Conversation with Voice Thread

Presenter: Stephanie Torczon ~ Room 114

Level: Intermediate

Easily create an online presentation with pictures, video, and audio. The best feature? All visitors can comment on the presentation with text, audio, or video. Discover how it can be used in special education, world languages, or any class that would benefit from audio communication. It's a tough one to describe...you have to see it to believe it!

Discovery Education Streaming & PowerPoint

Presenter: Nick Huber~ Room 260

Level: Introduction

Discovery Education Streaming (formally United Streaming) is an online video library of over 5,000 full-length videos segmented into over 50,000 content-specific clips. Learn how to search for content that matches academic standards and download videos, lesson plans, and worksheets. Participants will insert downloaded video clips into a PowerPoint presentation.

MENTAL HEALTH

Session I & II

Presenter: Kelly Peterson ~ Room 265

Level: Licensure - Mental Health Licensure Requirement

This workshop will train staff to recognize the warning signs of early-onset mental illness in children and adolescents. Depression, fears, anxieties, change in behaviors and performances are just a few topics that will be discussed.

Google Earth

Presenter : Shawn Brandt ~ Room 140

Level: Introduction

Google Earth is a 3D model of the entire planet. The free program lets you grab, spin and zoom down into any place on Earth. It's fun, but the real power of Google Earth is the ability to insert content. Teachers can create interactive lessons with hyperlinks, pictures, and video. See why it made Computer World's top 10 products of 2006.

Skyward - Special Ed

Presenter : Lisa Blaschko~ Room 154

Level: Special Ed

Let's clear up the confusion! Attendees will refresh their skills in creating and locating special ed. documents. Access past documents. Scan in Documents from transfer districts. Learn about a New Feature in Skyward. This feature allows the students' classroom teacher to access special instructions with the click of a mouse. Time to work with documents will be provided.

Session II: 9:45-11:15 p.m.

Assistive Technology Overview

Presenter: Bridget Ames ~ Room 144

Level: Introduction

Simon Technology Center (PACER CENTER) will provide an overview of AT as well as examples of AT for the classroom. AT promotes greater independence for people with disabilities by enabling them to perform tasks that they were formerly unable to accomplish or had great difficulty accomplishing, by providing enhancements to or changed methods of interacting with the technology needed to accomplish such tasks.

First Aid Refresher

Presenter: Tim Thorp ~ Room 121

Level: K-12

What is an EPI pen and how does it work? What if the student is too sick to work their inhaler? How do I control bleeding in a deep cut? How does the defibrillator on the wall work? What are the signs of concussion? How do I know little Joey is just hot and not suffering from heat stroke? What do I need to know about diabetes?

These topics and others will be discussed in a relaxed setting with hands-on demonstrations of equipment plus short American Red Cross video clips.

6 + 1 Traits of Writing ~ K-5

Presenter: Charon Tierney~ Room 154

Level:

Enjoy an overview of the highly popular 6 + 1 Traits of Writing and learn a few strategies for incorporating them into your writing curriculum. You'll also learn about lots of free resources that will help you teach your students the traits. Special attention will be given to the trait of "Ideas" which helps kids find meaningful topics that can be well developed and appealing to a reader. This session will also help you learn a common vocabulary and vision of quality writing performance.

Emergency Preparedness

Presenter: Dan Carlson ~ Room 120

Level: K-12

This session will focus on Emergency Preparedness from a school perspective. If a Pandemic Influenza outbreak occurs, are you as a teacher ready? What about your students? What can we do ahead of time to prepare for this event, and if it occurs, what can we do to maintain the educational needs of our students, the needs of our homes, and the well being of our families? Come to this session to begin your preparation.

Secondary Reading Strategies

Presenter: Tom Wetschka ~ Room 160

Level: Licensure - Reading Licensure Requirement

This session will focus on strategies that secondary teachers can use with individual students as well as whole class instruction. The session will emphasize and demonstrate a variety of strategies that students can use and teachers can model throughout their curriculum. Teachers attending this session are encouraged/required to bring a textbook, workbook, and/or other “text” that they use with students in class. Time to plan and work with strategies will be provided. Collaboration time will also be provided so all teachers can see and hear how colleagues are using and plan on using reading strategies in their classrooms.

Make a Difference with Differentiation

Presenter: Julie Bowers ~ Room 112

Level: Licensure - Accom/Modification Licensure Requirement

This session will briefly refresh participants on what differentiated instruction is. We will focus on a few strategies that you can use in your classroom. We will have some time to take one of your existing worksheets, activities, lessons, or quizzes and differentiate it not only for upper level learners, but for SPED students as well.

iTunes and Podcasting

Presenter: Shawn Brandt ~ Room 140

Level: Intermediate

What is a podcast? Nothing more than an audio file posted on a web page. Once online, anyone can listen to the file or download it to their mp3 player. Gcast is one way to create a podcast for free. Some teachers record important lectures, audio books, or have students create their own “talk show” discussing specific subject content.

NPMS Academic Accountability Policy

Presenter: Tim Dittberner ~ Room 158

Level: K - 12

Tim Dittberner, Principal, will share the formation and implementation of a new academic policy at New Prague Middle School. Many schools have unmotivated students who are failing multiple classes. In this policy, failing students in two or more classes must successfully complete summer school in order to be promoted to the next grade level. This intervention is timely and directive in order to identify students who need additional time and support to master the necessary concepts.

The academic policy is an example of building a culture of experimentation through the engagement in active research. The primary basis for embedding this policy into our school culture is to see how it will positively affect learning in a results-oriented culture.

ACTIVITIES INCORPORATED INTO THE SESSION

In the presentation Tim will share the following information:

- 1) The rationale for needing this plan.
- 2) The process for implementing this plan.
- 3) Parent and school board letters explaining the plan.
- 4) NPMS school-wide pyramid of interventions.

Digital Images

Presenter : Rick Bell ~ Room 122

Level: Intermediate

Technology gives teachers a variety of opportunities to supplement curriculum with visual content. Explore lesson plans that use digital cameras, scanners, and digital video. This hands-on session will demonstrate the hardware and software needed to get your project off the ground. If you have access to a digital camera, please bring it, also bring any images/pictures you want to include in a class presentation.

Understanding & Dealing with the Difficult Parent

Presenter : Mike Bartusek ~ Room 110

Level: Licensure - Behavior License Requirement

Take a look at where angry parents and students are coming from and learn a few techniques to handle them along the way. Family dynamics, sources of anger, and parenting skills all play a part in your students' behavior in the classroom. Any one of these realities can lead to a frustrating encounter with parents or students. Learn some great techniques to work with both!

Session III: 12:30-2:00 p.m.

RTI

Response to Intervention

Presenter : Panel ~ Room 265

Level: K-5

This overview will provide you with the basics of Response to Intervention (RTI). What it is, who it helps, how it works, and its process... Come and learn about RTI! **Mandatory K-5 staff. Any Interested MS or HS teachers are welcome to attend.**

Cabri Jr. for Geometry

Presenter: Andrea Kieser ~ Room 110

Level: Introduction

Add a new dimension to your students' learning experience with Cabri Jr., interactive geometry for your calculator. Create excitement in the classroom as you construct, analyze, and transform geometric diagrams with this program. This session is for those who want to learn the basics of how to use Cabri Jr. and where to find prewritten activities for Cabri Jr.

How to Successfully Implement the Transition Process

Presenter: Jayne Spain, MDE ~ Room 112

Level: MS / HS Special Ed Teachers

This session will cover the intent of transition planning, key points for families and educators. Jayne will guide you through the transition planning process and IEP development. **Mandatory for all special education teachers at the Middle School and High School, all other staff welcome.**

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Office 2007: Word & PowerPoint

Presenter: Shawn Brandt ~ Room 140

Level: Introduction

So you've been using Office 2007 since the beginning of the school year. You've learned the basics of Word and PowerPoint... but there are tools to help make more efficient and effective use of your time. In Word, learn how to quickly change the style of text, align tabs and columns of text, insert pictures, modify the page layout, and insert citations. In PowerPoint, learn how to change the slide style, insert video, create SmartArt diagrams, record audio, and animate objects. Please bring a course syllabus and previously created power point to update.

Google Tools

Presenter: Rick Bell ~ Room 122

Level: Intermediate

Google is the world's most popular search engine... but it is so much more! Explore the wide variety of Google tools that teachers are quickly adding to their toolboxes. Explore iGoogle, Google Gadgets, Google Reader, Google Notebook, and if possible, more.

Roundtable Discussion Special Education

Presenter: Kim Isley ~ Room 120

Level: Special Education

I will be holding a round table discussion on the Robin McWilliams Effective Early Intervention practice of Routine Based Intervention. This new and exciting practice will help Early Childhood Special Education Teachers, Special Education Teachers, Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists determine the needs of the children they work with. You will learn how to conduct an evaluation based on home and school routines to better plan and write functional IEP/IFSP goals and objectives. Please bring paper and pencil and an eagerness to learn a new and exciting technique.

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