

FHSD Tech Fest 2008 Schedule

Date: November 4, 2008

Time: 12:30-3:30 pm

Location: Weldon Spring Lindenwood University Campus (right past FHHS on Hwy 94)
7295 Highway 94 South, Weldon Spring, MO 63304

Tech Fest Information:

- This schedule is subject to change -- room assignments may change. Everyone will receive an updated schedule when you arrive at the Tech Fest on November 4th!
- **All attendees need to bring a laptop and charger with them!**
- Tech Fest attendance prizes!! Four lucky attendees will win a 4 GB Jump Drive!

Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E (Lab)	Room F	Room J	Room K
Session 1 (12:30-1:20 pm)							
Encyclopedia Britannica Online	Study Island.....the next steps	Rockin the house with Photostory 3	Delicious – Social Bookmarking	Using Technology to Support Marzano’s Categories of Instructional Strategies	SMART Board Make-n-Take	Using Videoconferencing to expand learning past the walls of your classroom	Fantastic Freebies for Frustrated Faculty
Session 2 (1:30-2:20)							
I didn’t know Outlook could do that	United Streaming.... it's not just videos anymore	Using Microsoft Publisher in the Classroom	Voicethreads	Internet Safety	Bring them down to Google Earth: how to incorporate Google Earth into any curriculum	Using Videoconferencing to expand learning past the walls of your classroom	Creating a personal learning network using Twitter
Session 3 (2:30-3:20)							
Getting started with the Classroom Performance Systems	Study Island....the next steps	Getting started with Google Docs	Get Them Talking - Using Online Discussion Groups to Increase Student Literacy	The Power of RSS	Become a SMART Ideas Smartie	Podcasting 101	Wacky Web 2.0

Session 1 Descriptions

Session: Encyclopedia Britannica Online

Presenter: Margie Wayman, Library Media Specialist (Mary Emily Bryan Middle School)

Session Description: Did you know the Francis Howell School District now has a subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica online? This session will focus on the many ways that Encyclopedia Britannica can be used: text, images, web links, journal entries, curriculum standards, citation and more. Compton's Encyclopedia will be highlighted, along with ways to expand research by using this on-line encyclopedia both at school and at home.

Session: Study Island....the Next Steps!!

Presenter: Ronda Nesser, Study Island Educational Consultant

Session Description: So, you have been introduced to Study Island and you know the basics, but what are the next steps? This session will focus on planning assignments, creating classes within a class, and using reports to drive instruction.

Session: Rockin' the house with Photostory 3!

Presenter: Andrea Blanco, Educational Technology Specialist (FHSD)

Session Description: Come see how you can use Photostory 3 to create digital stories with your students! Don't worry....Photostory 3 is a free program!! Try to come to this session with Photostory 3 already downloaded on your laptop!

Session: Delicious

Presenter: Karen Montgomery, AT&T

Session Description: "delicious is a social bookmarking website that allows you to store and share your bookmarks on the web. Using tags, you can organize and remember your bookmarks and access them from any computer. Delicious can be used by both students and teachers to tag, share and back up bookmarks for research and collaboration."

Session: Using Technology to Support Marzano's Categories of Instructional Strategies

Presenter: Donna Phillips, Instructional Technology Specialist (Francis Howell North High School)

Session Description: In this session, participants will learn about resources and tools that support Marzano's Categories of Instructional Strategies, specifically focusing on the homework and cooperative learning categories. Examples of student projects will be available, and many great web links will be shared.

Session: SMART Board Make-n-Take

Presenter: Jill Meadows, Instructional Technology Coordinator (Wright City School District)

Session Description: Bring your review questions with you.....in this great session; you will be making an interactive SMART Board review game to use with your students.

Session: Using Videoconferencing to expand learning past the walls of your classroom!

Presenter: Rebecca Morrison, Cooperating School Districts

Session Description: Videoconference Coordinator Rebecca Morrison of Cooperating School Districts will give an overview of videoconferencing: what it is, how to incorporate it into your curriculum, and how New Links to New Learning, CSD's videoconference subscription program, works for you. Topics covered include CSD's services, content providers, fees, virtual field trips and collaborative projects. Resources that will be reviewed include links to distance learning websites, blogs and wikis.

Session: Fantastic Freebies for Frustrated Faculty

Presenter: Eric Wilson, Instructional Technology Specialist (Hollenbeck Middle School)

Session Description: Participants in this session will get an introduction to some free internet programs and sites that increase productivity, keep your computer safe, and speeds up your system focusing on programs that can be installed to a flash drive and sites that utilize Web 2.0 technologies.

Session 2 Descriptions

Session: I didn't know Outlook could do that!

Presenter: Doug McKay, Instructional Technology Specialist (Barnwell Middle School)

Session Description: Would you like to learn how you can use some of the advanced features in Outlook? If so.....this session is for you. In this session, participants will:

- learn how the calendar feature in Outlook can be used as an alternative to sending emails and/or reminder emails about meetings
- learn how to drag and drop emails into the task list and calendar events
- learn how to set email to empty the trash when logging off
- learn how to automatically check the spelling before sending emails
- learn how to setup and share distribution lists
- learn much more!

Session: United Streaming-It's Not Just Videos Anymore

Presenter: Marie Haupt, Instructional Technology Specialist & Instructional Web Specialist (Saeger Middle School)

Session Description: Learn all the features United Streaming has to offer. Explore and learn about story starters, quiz maker, puzzle makers, lessons, calendars, training opportunities, and much more.

Session: Using Microsoft Publisher in the Classroom

Presenter: Jill Meadows, Instructional Technology Coordinator (Wright City School District)

Session Description: In this session, participants will be introduced to Microsoft Publisher and the many great templates that can be modified for learning projects. Ideas for class projects and activities will be discussed. If you have a unit/chapter that you teach that needs to be spiced up with technology, then this session would be a great one for you!

Session: VoiceThreads

Presenter: Karen Montgomery, AT&T

Session Description: "Digital storytelling projects are relevant for all learners. VoiceThread is a free online digital storytelling environment that permits students and teachers to safely (with moderated feedback) share their voices on the global stage."

Session: Internet Safety

Presenter: Robert Martin, MOREnet Technical Trainer

Session Description: Helping Kids Learn To Be Safe Online. This is an informational session that will discuss internet safety basics and talk about the programs and curricula available to teach kids how to be safe online. Bring your questions and see how easy it is to add this important topic to your classes!

Session: Bring them down to Google Earth: how to incorporate Google Earth into any curriculum

Presenter: Dee Opatz, Instructional Web Specialist (Hollenbeck Middle School)

Session Description: Come find out how Google Earth turns your curriculum into a reality show!

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Session: Creating a Personal Learning Network using Twitter

Presenter: Gina Hartman, Educational Technology Specialist & eMINTS Instructional Specialist (FHSD)

Session Description: Do you love learning about new resources and tech tools you can use to enhance learning and engage the 21st century learners in your classroom? If you do.....then this session is for you. In this session, participants will learn how to create their own personal learning network by using a free online program called Twitter. Learn how to connect with other educators across the world that has the same interests as you.

Session 3 Descriptions

Session: Getting started with the Classroom Performance Systems (clickers)!

Presenter: Kelly Hauquitz, Instructional Technology Specialist & Library Media Specialist (Francis Howell Middle School)

Session Description: Did you know that your building has a tool that easily makes your lessons interactive? This same tool allows you to:

1. create and deliver course-relevant questions via a SMARTboard or projector
2. lets your students answer these questions via wireless remotes
3. and these questions are graded immediately

Come and learn all the basics, from how to get started creating classes to generating student performance reports.

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Session: Getting started with Google Docs!

Presenter: Andrea Blanco, Educational Technology Specialist (FHSD)

Session Description: In this session, participants will learn how to integrate Google Docs into their curriculum/classroom. Discover the amazing ways students can collaborate with other students and schools within the district and even around the world.

Session: Get Them Talking - Using Online Discussion Groups to Increase Student Literacy

Presenter: Jill Kelly, Instructional Web Specialist & Bill McDade, Instructional Web Specialist (Independence Elementary)

Session Description: Online discussion using wikis and blogs are a great way to get your students engaged in talking and thinking about what they're reading and learning. Students who might otherwise be too shy to give an opinion in a verbal class discussion can contribute their ideas in an online discussion in a safe environment that is monitored by the teacher. Students also get the chance to read what others have written, and comment on others' ideas. Teachers can participate and ask follow-up questions, leading students to deeper levels of thinking and understanding.

Session: RSS in the Classroom

Presenter: Robert Martin, MOREnet Technical Trainer

Session Description: It is easy to become overloaded and overwhelmed with the huge new volumes of information that Web 2.0 throws at you. One of the easiest, most effective ways for teachers and students to manage this information is through the understanding and use of RSS and the readers used to manage it. See how easy it is to setup and manage RSS for you and your students. Hear some strategies for making this powerful group of tools work for research and information management in the classroom.

Session: Become a SMART Ideas Smartie!

Presenter: John Omoresemi, Instructional Technology & Web Specialist (Francis Howell Union High School)

Session Description: Have you seen SMART Ideas? Smart Ideas is a concept mapping program that FHSD now has a district license to. Students love to create graphic organizers using this computer program. If you're not using Smart Ideas with your students your missing out. Come to this session and get a guided tour of Smart Ideas and see some examples of how it can be used with students in the classroom. To see a list of Smart Ideas lesson ideas FHSD teachers have brainstormed, check out this website: <http://smartideas.pbwiki.com/>

Session: Podcasting 101

Presenter: Carl Wayne, Instructional Technology Specialist (Francis Howell High School)

Session Description: If you want to learn how to podcast, then this session is for you. In this session, participants will learn how to record, edit, and publish teacher and student created audio podcasts in a cheap, but effective manner.

Session: Wacky Web 2.0 Tools!

Presenter: Gina Hartman, Educational Technology Specialist & eMINTS Instructional Specialist (FHSD)

Session Description: Have you heard of Web 2.0 tools, but have no idea what they are or how they can be used in the classroom. In this session, participants will understand the difference between Web 1.0 and Web 2.0 and will be shown some examples of how Web 2.0 tools can be used for teaching and learning. Research on the effects of using Web 2.0 tools in the classroom will also be shared.