Summer 2016 - Technology Professional Development Sessions

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Location: Rivercrest Elementary Computer Lab

Google: The Old, The New, The "Oh Yeah"!

June 7 8:30-3:30 - Session 281789 June 15 8:30-3:30 - Session 281790

TESS Components: 1d, 1e, 2b, 3a, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4e

If there is one thing we know about Google applications, it's that they are always evolving. This session will take a look at some of the tried and true features of GAFE that educators and students love, some of our favorite new updates, and the changes that have us saying..."Oh, Yeah!". Throughout the day, the facilitators will use one of the hottest trends in learning - badges! Participants will have the opportunity to explore Google Apps for Education through hands-on tasks and earn badges as challenges are completed.

The Chromebook Craze: What's the fuss about?

June 8 8:30-3:30 - Session 281794 June 16 8:30-3:30 - Session 281796

TESS Components: 1d, 1e, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4e

Have you heard the buzz about Chromebooks and wondered what the fuss is about? Or do you have Chromebooks in your school and want to make sure you use them to their fullest potential? Whether you are already caught up in the Chromebook craze or still exploring what Chromebooks have to offer, you don't want to miss this session. Participants will spend the day exploring the device and what makes it unique, learning the advantages of using a Chromebook and some pitfalls to avoid, and discovering the possibilities this device can bring to your classroom. Throughout the day, the facilitators will use one of the hottest trends in learning - badges! Participants will have the opportunity to complete hands-on tasks and earn badges as challenges are completed.

Technology Smackdown

June 14 8:30-3:30 - Session 281800 June 20 8:30-3:30 - Session 281801

TESS Components: 1d, 1e, 2b, 3a, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4c, 4e

What is a smackdown? A smackdown is a sharing of websites, tools, or technology tricks found to be useful. What makes it fun? The person sharing is given only two minutes to convince participants that her tool is the best one for the job. Watch as the facilitators describe common classroom tasks, go toe to toe to showcase their favorite applications to complete that task, and give the participants time to explore each app and vote on their favorites. Throughout the day, the facilitators will use one of the hottest trends in learning - badges! Participants will have the opportunity to complete hands-on tasks and earn badges as challenges are completed.