

- ▶ OFFICE SUITE
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Little Silver technology academy

The district's ongoing, sustained commitment to instructional technology professional development will focus on two new software tools, EFLS-funded equipment, and exciting ideas that will be introduced for the first time. Email Scott Taylor to sign up.

New tools

Microsoft Office 2007

Dave Beresford will lead participants through the new features of Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. He will make sure you know how to use the new Office Suite and how to navigate the differences between the "new" and "old" Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. Sign up for one or all of the workshops!

Information: September 24 (Word), September 30 (Excel), October 7 (Powerpoint) in Point Road library

Forward-thinking technologies

Open Source Technologies-Using Free Software to Collaborate in and out of the Classroom

Google Earth, FreeReading, OpenOffice, GIMP, Tel.A.Vision...all of these free applications are accessed just by having access to the Internet. Learn what high school and college students are using more and more to collaboratively develop projects and network around the world.

Information: October 15 in Markham



Place Computer Laboratory (A. Files)

Blogs, Wikis, and Moodle

Anna Files and Kim Christman will show participants how they have fostered virtual group discussions using online networking programs that are free to use. Blogs allow teachers and students to talk among each other about classroom topics. Wikis are Internet "encyclopedias" that can hold the important class-related information you want your students to access from anywhere. Moodle is an interactive "virtual classroom" used by some colleges to facilitate online classes.

Information: October 20 in Markham Place Laboratory (A. Files)

Video-Editing as a Performance Assessment Tool

See how district teachers are using software and video cameras to have their students create videos of their own! Children as young as Kindergarten age have been making their own videos to demonstrate their knowledge and creatively express themselves with a technology that is poised to surpass Powerpoint as the primary means of digital presenting.

Information: December 2 in Markham Place Computer Laboratory (W. Whittle)

EFLS support

Document Cameras

Come see how experienced doc-cam users have been employing the technology in the classroom! Learn how to use all of the features of the tools. Wendy Whittle was one of the first to pilot the document camera and will show you why they have become so popular in our district's classrooms.

Information: September 16 in Point Road library (W. Whittle)

Using Smart Technology Senteos to Formatively Assess Students

Motivate students to participate and quickly assess student understanding by using "clickers" (as they are sometimes called) to engage children in real-time question and answer sessions.

Information: November 11 in Point Road library (C. Bennett)