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Courses & Resources for Educators January 2010

Educational Technology Classes

Blogging for Teachers **All**
Learn how to make blogging a part of your classroom! We'll discuss what a blog is, learn different ways to use them in schools, look at examples from real classrooms, address safety concerns, and finish the class by beginning to build your own blog using free online tools. Participants need a non-school-affiliated e-mail account that they can access from the Web.

Date: Feb. 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Class ID: 04-6007
Prerequisites: Basic computer and Web navigation skills
Facilitator: Theresa Gabor, CCCOE
Fee: \$25 educators; \$35 non-educators

Introduction to SMART Notebooks **All**
Have a SMART Board, but don't know what to do with it? Need a refresher on how to use Notebook software? This class is a great place to learn the basics of SMART's Notebook 10 software, and create lessons you can use in your classroom immediately. We will focus on navigating the tools and creating simple interactive lessons. We will also look at the great resources provided with the software to make lesson development easier.

Date: Jan. 21, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Class ID: 04-6005
Prerequisites: Intermediate computer skills; you will need to bring a laptop with the most current version of Notebook 10 installed.
Facilitator: Theresa Gabor, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

Photoshop Elements 6.0 (2-evening class) **All**

Photoshop Elements is a photo editing program that allows you to easily correct, alter and improve your photos. Learn how to crop, remove red eye, use the quick fix feature, re-size, straighten, rotate, and save your image for the Web. Also, we'll talk about choosing a camera and taking better photos. In the second class, you'll learn how to adjust skin tone, work with layers, select specific items in your photo, photomerge for a panorama, add a border, and hand tinting.

Dates: Feb. 2 & 16, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Class ID: 04-5951
Prerequisites: Basic computer skills
Facilitator: Helen Kostoff, CCCOE
Fee: \$70 educators; \$80 non-educators

*Complete both evening courses for .5 quarter unit (\$65 separate payment to CSUEB)

PowerPoint I for Beginners **All**
Present your classroom material in a new way to grab your students' attention. In this class, you will learn how to create a PowerPoint Slideshow presentation, apply design to the slides, and create slides that combine text and images.

Date: Jan. 12, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Class ID: 04-6023
Prerequisites: Basic computer and Internet skills
Facilitator: Amy Geotina, CCCOE
Fee: \$25 educators; \$35 non-educators

PowerPoint II: Dressing Up With Multimedia **All**

Since you know how to build a PowerPoint presentation, now learn how to enhance your presentation with multimedia resources. Learn how to create a design for your slides. Customize your slide show with transitions and special effects. Create colorful slides with graphics, pictures, and animated GIFs. Enhance your presentation with sound resources.

Date: Jan. 27, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Class ID: 04-6024
Prerequisites: Completion of **PowerPoint for**

Beginners
Facilitator: Amy Geotina, CCCOE
Fee: \$25 educators; \$35 non-educators

Promethean Toolbox and Navigation Basics **All**

Are you completely new to Promethean and the ActivBoard, and need to know how to plug it in and use the pen? Need to know what all the tools are in the toolbox and how to get to them? Need a refresher on the navigation basics? This three-hour class will address all of these questions, plus many more.

Date: Feb. 9, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Class ID: 04-6009
Prerequisites: Intermediate computer skills; you will need to bring a laptop with the most current version ActivInspire installed.
Facilitator: Theresa Gabor, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

Promethean Beginning Flipcharts **All**

This course is for those who have worked Promethean and the ActivInspire software, and have the programs installed on their computers. Students will learn how to build basic flipcharts. Along with discovering how to create your own flipchart, you will learn how to turn your PowerPoint presentations into flipcharts, how to adapt flipcharts created by others, and how to use flipcharts during instruction.

Date: Feb. 23, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Class ID: 04-6011
Prerequisites: Students should be familiar with the basic toolbox in the ActiveInspire software, such as covered by the **Promethean Toolbox and Navigation Basics** course; bring an idea for a lesson that you would like to enhance with a flipchart; you will also need to provide your own laptop with ActivInspire installed.
Facilitator: Theresa Gabor, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

Using Promethean Planet Resources **All**

Promethean Planet, the online teacher support site, has a wealth of resources just waiting for you to download for free! This class will address: What are the different kinds of resources at Promethean Planet, such as Resource Packs, ActivTips, and flipcharts from other teachers. You will also learn how to access and utilize these resources.

Date: Feb. 16, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Class ID: 04-6010
Prerequisites: Students should be familiar with the basic toolbox in the ActivInspire software, such as covered by the **Promethean Toolbox and Navigation Basics** course; bring an idea for a lesson that you would like to enhance with a flipchart; you will also need to provide your own laptop with ActivInspire installed.
Facilitator: Theresa Gabor, CCCOE
Fee: \$25 educators; \$35 non-educators

A complete schedule of technology courses offered by the Contra Costa County Office of Education Technology Systems is posted at <www.cocoschools.org/classes>. Registration for these classes can be done at this site. All classes are held at CCCOE, 77 Santa Barbara Rd., Pleasant Hill, unless otherwise noted. For COE classes only: Kelly Laidley, (925) 942-3451.

Resources/Contests

Arbor Day National Poster Contest Grade 5

This poster contest is open to all California fifth graders. This year's theme is "Trees are Terrific... and Energy Wise!" Free curriculum kits with contest rules and activities correlated to California's science standards are available now.

For info: Contact Kay Antunez at (916)-653-7958 or <kay.antunez@fire.ca.gov>, or visit <<http://www.arborday.org/kids/postercontest/index.cfm>>

Deadline: March 1

Save Me a Spot in College

Grades 6-12

Scholarships of \$500 to \$2,500 awarded for student-created advertisements created in three format choices: written word, poster-style, or for television. Applicants can enter all three categories. The advertisement must answer the question: Why should California leaders save you and your peers a spot in college? This program is sponsored by The Campaign for College Opportunity.

For info: Contact (800) 459-9586 or visit

<www.collegecampaign.org/contest>

Deadline: March 15

FindTuition.com

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Do your students need help finding scholarships for college? Have them visit FindTuition.com. This free site has approximately 1.7 million scholarships and grants, worth more than \$7 billion. Users can search by eligibility, major, college, and many other categories. They can also find scholarships and grants that match their individual strengths, be they academic or athletic.

Fee: Free

For info: Visit <www.findtuition.com>

Deadline: Ongoing

Grants

County Technology Academy Grant (CTAG) Mini-Grant Teachers grades K-12

Funded by The Dean and Margaret Leshner Foundation, The CTAG Mini-Grant is a new grant opportunity, to support integration of technology in the classroom and provide financial support for teacher professional development. Grants up to \$500.00 will be awarded to K-12 public schools in Contra Costa County. Simple application process and applicants will be notified within two weeks of submitting a proposal if they will be awarded a grant.

For info: Contact Amy Geotina, CCCOE, at (925) 942-3441; <ageotina@cccoe.k12.ca.us>; or Theresa Gabor, CCCOE, at (925) 9423452 or <tgabor@cccoe.k12.ca.us>, or visit <<http://www.ccoec.k12.ca.us/ctag/>>

Deadline: Grants are ongoing throughout this school year

Preparedness Grants

All

The Contra Costa County Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) Group has grants for up to \$2,500 available to non-profit businesses, agencies, schools, and organizations to conduct an emergency preparedness drill or exercise. The drill must have a stated list of objectives that exclusively address Contra Costa County. Complete details and rules about the 2010 grants are posted on the CAER Web site.

For info: Contact (925) 313-9296 or visit <www.cococaer.org>

Deadline: Jan. 30

Upcoming Events/Field Trips

Contra Costa County Academic Decathlon

Volunteers Needed

Come out and join the fun, while helping our students with this outstanding event. The CCCOE is looking for individu-

als to serve as speech and interview judges, as well as essay judges. Academic Decathlon volunteer judges will be needed on two separate dates: The first meeting will be the Speech and Interview sessions. The second volunteer assembly will be judging the essays.

Dates and location: (Speech and Interview judging) Jan. 30, morning or afternoon sessions; CSU East Bay, Concord, and (Essay judging) Feb. 2, evening; CCCOE, Pleasant Hill

For info: Contact Karen Rice, CCCOE, (925) 942-3400 or <krice@cccoe.k12.ca.us>, or visit <www.cocoschools.org/events/decathlon>

Contra Costa County High School Mock Trials

Law Professional Volunteers Needed

We are looking for additional members of the California Bar Association and second- and third-year law students to serve as scorers and judges at the upcoming 29th Annual Contra Costa

County Mock Trials. New volunteers will be joining more than 150 practicing and retired Bay Area lawyers, district attorneys, public defenders, and judges, as well as local college law students, who will be returning as Mock Trial scorers and judges.

Dates and location: Feb. 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, and Mar. 2, 5-8 p.m.; Contra Costa County Courthouses, Martinez

For info: Contact Jonathan Lance, CCCOE, (925) 942-3429 or <jlance@cccoe.k12.ca.us>, or visit

<<http://www.ccoec.k12.ca.us/supe/events/mocktrial.htm>>

Professional Development/Workshops

CCCOE 2010 Teacher/Certificated Staff Recruitment Fair All

Discover numerous Contra Costa County teaching and administrative positions that will be available in 2010. Along with the CCCOE, representatives from county school districts will be recruiting for open teaching positions. In addition, counselors from local colleges and universities will be present to discuss their teaching-credential programs.

Date and location: Feb. 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Alhambra High School (gymnasium), 150 E. St., Martinez

Fee: Free

For info: Contact the CCCOE HR Dept. (925) 942-3387 or visit <http://www.ccoec.k12.ca.us/supe/hr/jobfair_general.html>

East Bay Computer Using Educators Teachers K-12

East Bay Computer Using Educators (CUE) presents Cool Tools for Learning VI. East Bay CUE is a professional organization of educators dedicated to supporting the use of technology in education. This day-long program will feature 12 hands-on labs focusing on how teachers can implement technology tools and applications in the classroom.

Date and location: Feb. 6, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Alameda COE, 313 West Winton Ave., Hayward

Fee: \$60

For info: Visit <www.ebcue.org>

Special Note

The CCCOE is now on Twitter

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Follow the very latest CCCOE news and updates, as well as postings of the newest issues of *Dateline* on our new Twitter account.

Visit: www.twitter.com/CoCoSchools

Online Resources from Grants to Technology Lesson Plans:

- **Education World:** <www.education-world.com>. Type "grants" in search field and select "Grants for Education."
- **The Awesome Library:** <www.neat-schoolhouse.org> Contains thousands of education resources and lesson plan ideas.
- **www.ed1stop.net:** Connecting educators to quality online resources in one stop, supporting teachers in doing what they do best—teaching. The portal, a personal gateway to both subscription-based services and free education Web sites, has been selected to help teachers meet state standards. All are NCLB compliant. It provides digital instructional services, instructional tools, professional development activities, access to all the Contra Costa County library system data bases and resources, and data management solutions, all through one site.

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