

IN AND 10 SESSION DESCRIPTIONS NEWBERRY HIGH SCHOOL 2013-2014

first quarter

September 12 - "Engagement Rubric"

This was a required session for all teachers to discuss the engagement rubric that will be used as an observation tool this school year.

September 19 - "Saving Files"

During this session, we talked about the different ways to save files (flash drive, Sky Drive, Dropbox, H: drive, and more!).

October 3 - "Data Team Notebooks"

This was a required session for all teachers to learn how to use Leadership and Learn's Excel file when creating your data team notebooks.

October 10 - "ClassDojo: Behavior Management Software"

This session was about the basics of ClassDojo, and it hopefully served as a good refresher for those who learned about ClassDojo last year and plan to implement it for the first time this year.

October 17 - "Prezi: A Creative and Inspiring Presentation Tool, Part 1"

We explored Prezi, a 3-D presentation tool, during this session. We discussed signing up for a free Edu Enjoy license, the features of Prezi, how to work online or on Prezi Desktop, and how to create a basic Prezi lesson.

second quarter

October 24 - "Prezi: A Creative and Inspiring Presentation Tool, Part 2"

In this session, we explored how to import Power Point presentations into Prezi and how to make intermediate Prezi presentations.

October 31 - "Dropbox and DROPitTome"

We explored DROPitTome, a program that syncs to your Dropbox account and allows students or adults to upload files directly to your Dropbox account, during this session. We even discussed how to access previous versions of files and deleted files in Dropbox.

November 7 - "OnCourse Websites and Lesson Plans"

We discussed how to share lesson plans, create templates and insert media into lesson plans and websites during this session.

November 14 - "Office 365: Your Complete Office in the Cloud"

We explored Office 365, the district's new email platform, during this session. We discussed what Office 365 offers and how you can use it to your advantage in your classroom or office.

November 21 - "Using WebQuests as a Research Tool"

Those who attended this session learned about WebQuests, assignments that use analysis of Web resources and the use of technology tools to study themes and concepts. Sometimes WebQuests take the form of an online scavenger hunt, where students search for information, and other WebQuests include activities that create an interactive learning environment based on Web research.

December 9 - "QR Codes in the Classroom"

We talked about using QR codes in your classroom during this session.

December 12 - "Windows Tablets"

Are you in need of good Windows 8 applications to download that will save you time and engage your students? During this session teachers found inspiration and asked questions about using their tablet in their classrooms.

January 9 - "Music in Your Classroom"

Have you ever thought about incorporating music into your lessons? We discussed the benefits of using music in your classroom and how to set up your computers and tablets to use music as learning instruments (pun intended), transitions between activities, and tools for focusing, engaging, and improving the atmosphere of your classroom during this session.

third quarter

January 16 - "Professional eBooks"

Did you know that the library has purchased several professional eBooks for our faculty? We learned more about the eBooks that are available to teachers during this session. *(Note: This session was led by Mrs. Bouknight, but we met in the PD Suite.)*

January 23 - "Glogster EDU"

We talked about Glogster, a social network that allows users to create free interactive posters, during this session. Glogs (graphical blogs) are interactive multimedia images that look like posters, but readers can interact with their content. Glogster EDU provides an environment for students and teachers to design interactive posters by inserting text, images, photos, audio, videos, special effects and other elements into their glogs to generate multimedia online creations.

February 3 - "Alternatives to You Tube"

While some excellent educational material can be found on You Tube, alternatives like ETV Streamline, Ted Talks, and Snag Films, exist that can be useful as well. During this session, we looked at some of these alternative educational video-hosting sites.

February 6 - "Creating Comic Strips"

Comic strips and cartoons can be a good way to incorporate writing and creativity into assignments. There are several good websites that allow students to create comic strips with multiple characters, pictures, backgrounds, and special effects. During this session, we discussed using cartoon creation websites in class.

February 19 - "How to Make Videos"

During this session, we talked about how you and your students can make videos and slideshows for free using online video editing websites like JayCut, Animoto and Masher.

February 20 - "Podcasts"

Have you ever wanted to learn how to integrate podcasts into your lessons? Podcasts, or multimedia files that are uploaded to the Internet via a subscription process known as RSS, develop communication and written skills, encourage students to collaborate, and give students a creative way to research and present. You learned how Mrs. Bouknight can help you and your class produce a podcast during this session. *(Note: This session was led by Mrs. Bouknight, but we met in the PD Suite.)*

February 27 - "Poll Everywhere"

Online polling is an innovative, immediate way of knowing exactly what your students are thinking at any given time in your lesson or presentation. You can use online polling as a teacher, and you can also encourage students to use this type of technology and assessment tool in their own presentations. During this session, we discussed how to create polls and view live feedback using the website Poll Everywhere.

March 6 - "Fotobabble"

Fotobabble is a free website that allows users to upload pictures, record their voices, and share their final product with others. During this session, we talked about how to create a Fotobabble account, viewed examples of Fotobabble lessons, and discussed how to use Fotobabble in your classroom.

March 13 - "Apps for Tablets"

During this session, we took a look at apps that you can download to your tablet from the Windows 8 Store and use in your classroom.

March 20 - "Twitter for Teachers"

Are you new to the world of Twitter and don't know where to start? Do you have a Twitter account but rarely use it to learn more about education and teaching? During this session, we talked about the basics of Twitter - setting up an account, following other users - and discussed ways to use it to our advantage as educators.

fourth quarter

March 31 - "Survey Monkey"

Survey Monkey is a free online survey builder that will organize and analyze your data in a lot of different ways. During this session, we took a look at how you can use Survey Monkey in your lessons as an instructional tool.

April 4 - "Remind 101"

Remind 101 is a safe, free way to communicate via text messaging with a group of people. During this session, we discussed how to use Remind 101 to communicate with your students and their parents. We also discussed how to schedule reminders to be sent at a later date.

April 10 - "OneDrive"

Every employee and student in our district now has access to OneDrive, a free online storage platform for photos, documents, and other important files, via our new Office 365 accounts. During this session we discussed how to create and share documents with others and access your files from any of your devices.

April 17 – "Creately"

Creately is an online diagramming tool that supports many diagrams types, including Flowcharts, Venn diagrams, and story boards. During this session, we discussed how to create a free Creately account and use Creately diagrams in your lessons. We also looked at ways your students can use Creately in class.

May 1 - "Visuwords"

Visuwords is a free online graphical dictionary that allows users to visualize the definitions of words and how words connect to each other. We examined Visuwords during this session and explored how you and your students can use the website as a thesaurus, dictionary, and writing tool across the curriculum.

May 8 - "Scribble Maps"

Scribble Maps is an online tool that allows you and your students to create and share maps for free. During this session, we talked about ideas on how to use Scribble Maps in your content area. We also explored how you and your students can share your maps with others.

May 19 - "Socrative"

During this session, we looked at Socrative, an online student response system. We talked about how you can use Socrative with your whole class, individual students, or teams of students. Socrative is a creative way to review content with your students and gauge your students' levels of understanding.

May 22 - "Populr"

Populr is a service for you and your students to create simple webpages to create a digital portfolio or online resume. During this session, we looked at how you can use Populr to create a webpage with pictures, text, and document uploads and to create PDF versions of your page.