

Course Descriptions for Technology Classes

2011-2012

To register for classes, please email Lester Brown - lester.brown@washougal.k12.wa.us with your choices or complete the form below and send it to him via interoffice mail by September 16. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Teacher Name: _____ School: _____

- Thinkfinity/Research Strategies** 3 clock hours; Facilitated by *Kim Dillon and Les Brown*; 9/20/2011, 4-7 PM; *WHS Library lab*.
Join Kim and Les as they teach a lesson illustrating the incredible power of the Thinkfinity.org tool, and the great resources it can bring to your classroom. This class will model a lesson on how to help students find and recognize high-quality, researched, free, student-friendly websites on the Internet, and how to avoid citing biased, non-factual websites in their assignments.
- Google Sites for Teacher Web Pages** 3 clock hours; Facilitated by *Heidi Kleser & Rochelle Aiton*; 9/22/2011, 4:00 - 7:00 PM; *WHS Library lab*.
Create a new, free website using the easy-to-learn Google Sites for your classrooms. Share information with parents and students 24 hours per day! This is a replacement for the TeacherWeb software many teachers used in the past. WSD Technology is going to stop paying for TeacherWeb, but individual teachers are welcome to continue using it if they want to pay for it.
- Microsoft Office productivity & tips** 3 clock hours;
Facilitated by *Rebecca Woodings & Susan Nesmith*; 10/25/2011, 4 - 7 PM; *Excelsior High School Lab*.
Want to create forms in Microsoft Word? Wonder what all those icons in the tool bar do, but you're afraid to click on them? Join Susan & Rebecca for a fun, informative lesson on Microsoft Office, and how you can use Word and Excel in your classroom.
- Webquests** 3 clock hours; Facilitated by *Chelsea Meats & Scott Rainey*; 11/1/2011, 4-7 PM; *Excelsior High School Lab*.
Have you ever wished you had a lesson to use with students, where they could do a self-guided search of a series of websites around a central topic? Many other teachers have created Webquests, which you can use with your students. Join Chelsea & Scott, and learn how to find high-quality Webquests that are kept up to date, as well as how to create your own.
- iMovie in the classroom** 6 clock hours; Facilitated by *Trudy Tkach & Les Brown*; 11/5/2011, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM; *Excelsior High School Lab*.
Looking for a way to have students present information to a variety of audiences in a more engaging way than PowerPoint? This hands-on iMovie boot camp will walk you through the process of planning, filming, and editing a short movie. Participants will work in small groups with equipment that can be checked out by classroom teachers for use by their students.
NOTE: You must have a Mac computer to use this software.
- Ciscero** 3 clock hours; Facilitated by *Scott Rainey and Les Brown*; 11/30/2011, 4-7 PM; *Excelsior High School Lab*.
Learn to use the wonderful resources, including lesson plans, primary sources, standards, rubrics, assessments, activities, videos, games, interactive maps, and more, provided to WSD Teachers via the Ciscero site. The Teaching American History grant paid for this excellent, high-quality resource, but it's available to all of our teachers. Join Les & Scott, and learn how to search and utilize these resources.

- Library of Congress/Primary Source Materials** 3 clock hours;

Facilitated by *Heidi Kleser & Cheryl MacIntyre*;

12/15/2011, 4:00 – 7:00 PM; *Excelsior High School Lab*.

Join Cheryl and Heidi for an incredible tour of the resources available for free through the Library of Congress! They will showcase primary source materials, literacy resources, and interesting useful features of this incredible repository. This hands-on class will focus both on teacher tools and student-centered resources, and include time for you to explore and plan uses for these in your classroom.

Refresher Courses – shorter courses intended for teachers who have taken a previous course, or who are comfortable with the topic and want to see some new ideas for integrating technology into their curriculum. Due to ESD rules, there are no clock hours available for classes less than 3 hours.

- 30 Websites in 90 Minutes** *Clock hours not available*; Facilitated by *Jay Bennett and Kelli Dizmang*; 11/14/2011; 4:00 – 5:30 PM; *WHS Library Lab*.

Join Jay and Kelli for 90 minutes of fast-paced learning! They will show off 30 engaging, interesting, and useful websites, showing web 2.0 tools, productivity powerhouse tools, and things you can start using right now! This hands-on class will focus on both teacher tools and student-centered applications.

- Document Camera refresher course** *Clock hours not available*; Facilitated by *Philicia Weaver*; 1/12/2012; 4:00 – 5:30 PM; *Hathaway, Rm. 126*.

Looking for a way to put that Document Camera in your classroom to new uses, but can't remember how to get into the menu? You know it can take pictures which you can transfer to your computer, but don't recall how? Join Philicia for a class that will remind you of the features built in to your document camera, and how to get to them.

- Webquest Refresher** *Clock hours not available*; Facilitated by *Chelsea Meats & Scott Rainey*; 1-23-2012; 4-5:30 PM; *Excelsior High School Lab*.

Took the Webquest class last year, but haven't started with them? Have you ever wished you had a lesson to use with students, where they could do a self-guided search of a series of websites around a central topic? Many other teachers have created Webquests, which you can use with your students. Join Chelsea & Scott, and learn how to find high-quality Webquests that are kept up to date, as well as how to create your own.

- PowerPoint Intro course** *Clock hours not available*; Facilitated by *Tom Hays & Les Brown*; 2/16/2012, 4:00 - 5:30 PM; *Excelsior High School Lab*.

Are you interested in having your students create PowerPoint presentations? Join Tom and Les' class, and you'll create a PowerPoint to use with your students, which will help them create their own slideshow. Learn how to add and format text, insert pictures and embed video, and how to turn on (or off!) animations and sounds in PowerPoint. At the end of the lesson, we'll show you a neat way to "showcase" all your student's PowerPoint presentations, and have them give feedback to one another without taking a week of class time!

Make sure to put your name in the box at the top of the form if you register on paper!