



Summer 2011 Workshops

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- BCIU’s doors open at 7:30 a.m. All sessions, unless otherwise noted, will begin at 8 AM and end at 3 PM and will be held at the BCIU’s **Education Centre, 2101 Centre Avenue (Route 61)**, Reading (across from the Reading Phillies Stadium)
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insideBERKSbusiness: A Five-Day Learning Experience for Educators (Berks County Educators only)

insideBERKSbusiness is a five-day summer learning experience for educators. Flexible scheduling is a distinct feature of the program. Participating businesses host an educator for four days. Those days are scheduled according to the availability of the host and the educator. During the four days, the intern learns about the company or organization, and, when possible and appropriate, works on a small business project. On the fifth day, all hosts and interns gather together for a culminating seminar. The program is funded through the generous support of the Berks Business Education Coalition and Berks County school districts. Please visit the BCIU's website www.berksiu.org for further information and to obtain an application. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 11, 2011.

Wiki - Wikispaces! - June 20, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

Explore the multitude of ways Wiki's can be used in the classroom. We will explore Wikispaces for Educators and have your creating and editing Wikis in no time. Teachers will learn how to deliver classroom content using a Wiki. A Wiki is a web page that has an edit button, allowing the user to add text, documents, images, widgets and more.

Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Act 48: 3 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12

Cost: \$48 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$60 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Jeff Rothenberger

Beginning Sign Language - June 21, 2011

This workshop will emphasize the basics of signing (fingerspelling, hand shape, placement, facial expression, sign vocabulary and prosody), the issues surrounding deaf education and inclusion as it relates to communication needs, as well as how to work with an interpreter.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12

Cost: \$60 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$85

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Philip Mills

Enhance Learning Using Your SMART Board! - June 21, 2011

Are you using your Smart board only as a fancy whiteboard to display Power Point slides and videos? Come see how you can unleash the interactive power of the Smart board to enhance learning and bring excitement to your classroom. Learn to use the free SMART Notebook software and the free Essentials for Educators Gallery, included with your Smart board, to create truly interactive and engaging lessons. Bring your lesson plans with you! It's all hands on! Time will be given for participants to create and complete their own notebook projects. Flash drives are recommended so you can take your projects with you!

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12

Cost: \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU- Main

Presenter: Marcelle McGhee

Moodle! Course Management Solution - Take your classroom filing cabinet and turn its contents digital. (Beginners Moodle Class) - June 21 or August 10, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course.

Moodle allows educators to create online classes and courses which students access as a virtual classroom. Teachers learn how to create a class, add content, manage the teacher side of the site, and explore included features such as; online quizzes, test, differentiated lessons, forums (where students can post comments and ask questions), create glossaries of terms, and links to other Web resources. (This is a beginner class for teachers who want to make their instruction learner-centered and their work easier.)

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12

Cost: \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Jeff Rothenberger

Moodle-Advance Course, Not for Beginners - June 21, July 19 or August 16, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

Moodle allows teachers to virtually extend the walls of their classroom to interact and assess student work beyond the traditional day. This workshop explores some of the more advanced features of Moodle beyond making your course.

Specifically, we will work with advanced assignment, journal, and quiz settings as well as explore possibilities beyond what you thought possible. Come with questions and content ready to develop your course.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Fred Griffiths

Music Advocacy and Assessment - June 22, 2011

Richard Victor will present, “Growing a Better K-12 Music Program: Seven steps to guaranteed success and Advocacy in Action: Tips for Effective advocacy”. Jim Seidel will present, “Music Boosters: Advocates or Adversaries?” An open forum of dialog discussing the many pros of having a Music Booster Group support Music in the school system. Tried and proven avenues to avoid controversy, in fighting and turn your parents into positive, critical thinking advocates for the Music program. Dan Long and Amy Flannery will present, “Assessment in School Music Performing Classes”. Multiple forms of Assessment for school performing groups will be discussed, examined and utilized. Connections will be made with the PA State Fine Arts and Humanities Standards, MENC National Standards, and the SAS system from PDE. Matching Assessment to your curriculum and mapping the curriculum sequence will also be discussed and demonstrated. Participants are asked to bring along their own curriculum and assessment documents from their current teaching assignment for their own analysis.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Music educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Richard Victor, Dan Long, Jim Seidel & Amy Flannery

Climate, Climate Change, and More: The Big Bang to Today - June 22, 2011

This highly interactive and hands-on workshop explores the big ideas in climate and earth science through demonstration and natural history interpretation. This is the best of best teaching practices for the classroom and will answer these questions:

- What is climate? Weather? Seasons? Day? Night? Moon phases?
- What is plate tectonics? Why does the roadcut look like that?
- What are Tsunamis? Hurricanes? Monsoons? Earthquakes?
- Where did glaciers come from? What is happening to them now? What does that matter?
- How do I know what bedrock is without digging in the ground? (Any reason I should care? Radon? Marcellus shale?)
- What can I learn from a topographic map if my GPS malfunctions?
- What is the future for humanity?

Participants should dress for outdoor activity and bring a lunch.

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$70 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$95

Location: Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center

Presenters: Nolde Staff

Learn the Basics of Microsoft Word 2007! - June 22, 2011

This 6-hour workshop will show participants the basics of MS Word 2007, including exploring the new ribbon menu interface, how to save and open documents, save documents with different names, edit text, delete and rearrange text, cut and paste text, fix mistakes, and proof documents. In addition, improving the presentation of text by formatting text and paragraphs with different fonts, different font styles, and other formatting aspects will also be discussed. You will also learn how to integrate graphics and photo elements from the Internet to create more pleasing and interesting documents. Bring your lesson plans and a flash drive!

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU- Main

Presenter: Marcelle McGhee

Making the Reading and Writing Connection - June 23, 2011

Students grow as writers by reading and analyzing texts written by professional authors. Participants will learn how to utilize children's literature, including fiction and non-fiction texts to help students improve their own personal writing. We will work together to discover the writing strategies authors use to craft texts. We will design mini-lessons and assessments to support the writing process. Please bring a favorite read aloud and/or shared reading (both fiction and non-fiction) for this workshop.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours *Location:* BCIU *Presenter:* Pam Wolff
Target Audience: Educators, grades K-6 *Cost:* \$60 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$85 (other)

How To for Self-Guided Field Trips; Forest, Field, Stream, and Garden - June 23, 2011

The class will provide field instruction increasing the teachers' knowledge of the natural environment. The Pennsylvania State Parks Activities for Environmental Learning curriculum will be provided to every participant. Teachers will gain skills on organizing and facilitating a self-guided field trip outdoors. Lessons can be used at any forest, field, stream, or open area site. Participants are enabled to more successfully achieve implementation of Pennsylvania Department of Education Academic Standards for environment and ecology and get exposure to several environmental education curriculums. Environmental education is the study of the natural and man-made world, it is interdisciplinary, and a life-long process. Sample lessons lined up with the environmental education continuum of awareness, concept building, problem solving, valuing, and action will be introduced. Participants should dress for outdoor activity and bring a lunch.

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours
Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$60 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$85 (other)
Location: Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center *Presenter:* Nolde Staff

Using Google Docs and other Google Applications in the Classroom - June 23, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

This 6-hour workshop is an overview of Google Docs applications. Google docs is all about collaboration - with students and peers, across the world. You as the teacher determine the level of collaboration desired. You will learn how to use the applications in an instructional setting. This hands-on workshop will provide lesson ideas, hints, and pitfalls to avoid as we explore the implementation from a teacher's perspective in a classroom setting. If you want to advance productivity and collaboration in your classroom, come to this workshop where you will be provided with an overview of the folder and sharing session and will use Google docs, Google spreadsheets, Google presentation, and Google forms. Don't have a Google account? You can create one in the class.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours
Target Audience: Educators, grades 6-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)
Location: BCIU *Presenter:* Jeff Rothenberger

Microsoft Publisher 2007! Create Engaging Publications! - June 23, 2011

The first part of this class will introduce you to the basic desktop publishing concepts, explore templates and wizards, insert text frames and graphics, and create columns. More advanced components, such as publication designs, frames, modifying clip art, wrapping text, and scaling and cropping pictures will also be explored. In the second part of the class you will learn to integrate Publisher into your lessons. No more boring brochures! Have your students create more interesting, interactive and exciting publications in a few easy steps. Use Publisher to create that "school and home" connection with parents through newsletters, flyer's and brochures. Recognize student achievement with certificates, bookmarks, stickers and various other motivational tools. Bring your lesson plans and a flash drive.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours
Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)
Location: BCIU- Main *Presenter:* Marcelle McGhee

New Books...New Information – June 28 or August 11, 2011

Dr. Dornish will utilize books published in 2011 and a few award winners published in 2010 to update teachers and librarians in the creative uses of literature in the classroom. Attendees will be provided with a bibliography of books included in this workshop.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours *Location:* BCIU
Target Audience: Educators and librarians, grades K-8 *Presenter:* J. Robert Dornish
Cost: \$60 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$85 (other)

Current Drug Trends – June 29, 2011

It is vital that we educate our communities and schools to the dangers associated with the use and abuse of drugs. This presentation will offer an in-depth look into the various types of drugs that are available on the street and over-the-counter. It will examine the old and new methods of use and trafficking. It will examine how these drugs affect the body and how to recognize the use and abuse of these substances. It will examine how these various drugs are manufactured, processed, packaged, distributed, and marketed in society. It will also look at the clever paraphernalia manufactured to fool parents, teachers, and Police Officers. It will provide insight on drug trafficking organizations and the methods used to investigate, arrest and prosecute drug offenders. Ideas will be provided on how to keep this nemesis out of our schools.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours
Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)
Location: BCIU *Presenter:* Sgt. Edward Bachert, MS, MPS (ret.)

Street Gangs and Violence – June 30, 2011

This class provides information about gang life, gang mentality and gang violence in our schools. Gangs and gang members are glamorized in the news, movies, television, video game and rap music industries. This publicity along with an increasing drug market has led to the proliferation of gangs and gang activities across the nation. Many smaller communities are now experiencing what the larger cities have been experiencing for years. This presentation will focus on how Super Gangs such as the Bloods and Crips out of California and the Chicago-based street gangs, such as the People and Folk Nations, influence what occurs in Pennsylvania. We will look at physical signs of gang involvement such as gang signs, colors, tattoos, clothing, and examine the messages that are made public with graffiti. This presentation will also examine how to safely interact with these individuals and recognize their dangerous verbal and non-verbal communications. Each gang will be discussed along with how they are structured, operate and the new dangers that are present in dealing with these individuals. This class is necessary to prepare our teachers with the information that is vital to keeping our schools safe.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours
Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)
Location: BCIU *Presenter:* Sgt. Edward Bachert, MS, MPS (ret.)

ISMs: Understanding Diversity – July 12, 2011

This highly interactive training will focus on issues of oppression that are present in our communities: “adulthood,” sexism, racism, heterosexism, and classism. Utilizing the “*Making the Peace*” curriculum created by Paul Kivel and Nell Myhand of the Oakland Men’s Project, the instructors will provide a framework for understanding violence and the role of gender, race, and economic status as the issues which contribute to it. This class will provide information to help educators better relate to their students as well as other adults with whom they work on daily basis.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours
Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$75 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$100 (other)
Location: BCIU *Presenter:* Berks Women in Crisis

Low Incidence Academy - July 13 & 14, 2011

Students in Multiple Disabilities, Life Skills Support, and Autistic Support have specific learning needs in multiple areas of their educational program. This two day workshop will focus on specific instructional strategies for teaching students needed skills in the most efficient and effective way possible for maximum growth and potential. It is strongly encouraged that teachers bring their classroom paraprofessionals with them to this training. Time will be given for lesson planning and instructional skill practice.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 12 hours *Cost:* No charge *Location:* BCIU

Presenters: Rebecca Chadwick and Mary Mazzoni

Target Audience: Life Skills Support, Multiple Disabilities Support, and Autistic Support teachers, therapists, and paraprofessionals with their partner teachers.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007 - July 18, 2011

This 6-hour workshop will introduce basic commands, functions, and capabilities of Microsoft Excel 2007. It is designed for computer users who are new to spreadsheets, or who plan only to use Excel occasionally. If you are a current Excel 2003 user, we recommend you take Microsoft Excel 2007! Beyond the Basics!

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU- Main *Presenter:* Mary Lipton

Bullying Prevention in Our Schools – July 19, 2011

This training will explore the prevalence of bullying behavior in our schools and the methods students use to bully others. Participants will look at current expectations of schools to address these issues and proposed legislation that could affect how we define bullying. They will also explore how some schools are addressing the issues and what funding sources are available to start a bullying prevention program.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)

Location: BCIU *Presenter:* Tina George

Digital Photography/Cool Websites - July 20, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

Have tons of photographs on your computer and wish you could correct imperfections like red eye and too dark lighting? Come see how Picasa, a free Google App, can rescue your photographs. Educators jazz up your school web pages with digital photography. Show off your class activities in the best possible light. Create digital scrapbooks to document your activities. The second part of this class will introduce you to some cool web sites that will enhance and add excitement to your classroom.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU *Presenter:* Rob Lipton

Creating Strategic Readers – July 21, 2011

Teachers will be instructed in the components of a comprehensive literacy classroom. Emphasis will be on activities to support vocabulary instruction, fluency, literal and inferential comprehension, evaluating literature, and grouping. Time will be given to develop a lesson for use in the classroom. Please bring a book that you would use to teach a reading strategy during guided reading or whole class instruction.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-4 *Cost:* \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)

Location: BCIU *Presenter:* Diane Smith

Microsoft Excel 2007! Beyond the Basics! - July 26, 2011

This 6-hour workshop is a continuation of Excel 2007 for Beginners. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to: apply built-in and custom formats; change cell size and alignment; use the Format Painter and conditional formatting; hide and unhide rows and columns; use styles and views; change Excel options; create and name ranges of cells; use various commonly used Excel functions; use the Fill command and the AutoFill handle. Come see how Excel can help with classroom management.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12

Cost: \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU- Main

Presenter: Mary Lipton

Creating a Thinking Environment in the Elementary Classroom - July 26, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

The only way we can prepare today's students to be powerful thinkers, practical and effectual problem-solvers, and lifelong learners is to create a learning environment that models and teaches students these skills. This one-day workshop begins with a review of LoTI (Levels of Teaching Innovation), the new Bloom's digital taxonomy, the NETS standards for teachers and students, and ACOT Challenge-based Learning. Classroom scenarios and example lessons will be analyzed and critiqued for levels of thinking, and participants will practice strategies for improvement. Finally, participants will create one or more activities/lessons that include higher order thinking skills and are problem-based, for use in their own classrooms. Tasks incorporating some Web 2.0 tools will be embedded in this workshop to demonstrate their effectiveness for various classroom activities. Bring your laptop computer!

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-6

Cost: \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Debbie Lugar

Basic Counseling Tools & Techniques for Groups and Individuals in a School Setting – July 27, 2011

Restorative Practices are processes and strategies pulled from the best of the social sciences and humanities disciplines for the development, repair or improvement of relationships, social capital, and social discipline through collaborative empowerment. In this workshop participants will learn basic counseling practices to more effectively engage students and parents, decrease hurtful and harmful behaviors, increase positive connections, and create an environment of social competency.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12

Cost: \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Sharon Mast

Introduction to Web 2.0 for Educators - July 27, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

Everybody is talking about Web 2.0, but exactly what is it? This workshop is for you! Learn all about the different Web 2.0 tools. The emphasis will be on how they are used in an educational setting. Invigorate your classroom by using these tools to engage and encourage collaboration with your students. Bring your lesson plans with you and see how you can integrate these tools into the learning environment.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12

Cost: \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Rob Lipton

Creating a Thinking Environment in the Secondary Classroom - July 27, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

The only way we can prepare today's students to be powerful thinkers, practical and effectual problem-solvers, and lifelong learners is to create a learning environment that models and teaches students these skills. This one-day workshop begins with a review of LoTI (Levels of Teaching Innovation), the new Bloom's digital taxonomy, the NETS standards for teachers and students, and ACOT Challenge-based Learning. Classroom scenarios and example lessons will be analyzed and critiqued for levels of thinking, and participants will practice strategies for improvement. Finally, participants will create one or more activities/lessons that include higher order thinking skills and are problem-based, for use in their own classrooms. Tasks incorporating some Web 2.0 tools will be embedded in this workshop to demonstrate their effectiveness for various classroom activities.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades 7-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Debbie Lugar

Go GREEN! - July 27, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

Tired of making endless copies for your students? Want to make your classroom more environmentally friendly? Explore and experiment with online resources and strategies for the authentic integration of technology to not only save paper, but also time. We'll look at Google Docs, Wikispaces, Diigo, Moodle, the Discovery Educator's Network as well as other Web 2.0 resources that, if integrated effectively, will result in less paper, more efficient teaching, and increased student engagement.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Jeff Rothenberger

Great Places to Learn: An Asset Approach to Relationships, Environment, Programs and Practices – July 28, 2011

A school wide focus on building developmental assets including relationships, skills, experiences, and opportunities can reinforce the reasons of the heart that inspire careers in education and help students K-12 become not only academic achievers but caring, responsible, and productive members of society. This workshop is a combination of fun and thought provoking interactive exercises and didactic learning using a variety of adult learning tools.

Objectives:

- Gain a clear understanding of the 40 developmental assets, the research behind them and the rationale for using the asset framework to current educational issues
- Share stories from across the country of creative asset building ideas by teachers, administrators, guidance counselors and other school personnel
- Leave equipped with practical ideas for integrating assets throughout the life of your school
- Feel inspired to continue teaching from the heart

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Sharon Mast

Watershed Education Workshop - August 1 & 2, 2011

This course will introduce and train teachers in the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks' Watershed Education, a statewide, comprehensive, watershed-based program for grades 6-12. This long term interdisciplinary education program encourages students to explore all aspects of their watershed, including history, culture, economics, ecology, and human impact. Watershed education involves students in classroom and field research, hands-on investigations, mapping, stewardship, and community service. Teachers will participate in hands-on activities and receive the Watershed Education teacher manual. As a result of this course teachers will be able to effectively use the teacher manual to conduct the activities with their students. Participation in the program meets several of the environment and ecology, math, and social studies standards. Participants should dress for outdoor activity and bring a lunch.

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Act 48: 12 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$75 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$100 (other)

Location: Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center *Presenter:* Nolde Staff

Project Based Learning - August 2, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

PBL engages students in their learning through authentic activities. This workshop will provide teachers with some PBL basics that will allow them to transition from traditional instruction to a more student-centered learning environment.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades 6-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU - Main

Presenter: Marcelle McGhee

Social Bookmarking - Diggo and the Power of Shared Bookmarks - August 3, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

What is your experience with Diggo? Learn the power of social bookmarking and how this tool impacts 24/7 learning. Learn how Diggo can impact collaborative projects and gets students involved with searching the Internet for relevant information. Great for research projects!

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades 6-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU-Main

Presenter: Jeff Rothenberger

Introduction to Blogs and Wikis for Educators - August 8, 2011

Personal Laptop required for this course

Blogs and Wiki's are fast and easy tools designed to quickly publish content on the Web. Come discover how they can help you engage your students and also connect with parents. Blogs are a great way to get feedback from your students. Wiki's are a wonderful collaboration tool for students working as a classroom or as groups in a classroom. This session will demonstrate the basics of using some of the most popular Blog and Wiki sites to make your classroom a "21st Century Classroom" Get a jump start on setting up your Blogs and Wiki's for the new school year.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Rob Lipton

Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 and Prezi Make Presentations Come Alive! - August 8, 2011

Come learn how to jazz up your tired presentations with the new PowerPoint tools available in PowerPoint 2007. Meet Prezi! Prezi is an online tool that allows you to create interactive and engaging presentations viewable by anyone on the web, no software needed! Come see how teachers and students are using Prezi in the classroom. This class is all hands-on. Bring your flash drive and some of your already created Power Point presentations to update.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU - Main

Presenter: Marcelle McGhee

Make Learning Exciting with Your Promethean Board! - August 9, 2011

Using your Promethean Board only as a fancy whiteboard? Come see how you can unleash the interactive power of the Promethean board to enhance learning and bring excitement to your classroom. Explore Promethean Planet to download and modify already created Flipcharts with lessons plans. Flip Charts are available for just about every subject area! Learn to create your own Flipcharts to enhance your student learning. Use the Activotes system to instantly assess student learning. Bring your lesson plans with you; there will be lots of time to work on them. It's all hands-on! Don't forget your flash drive to take your "stuff" with you. Get a jump on the new school year!

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU - Main

Presenter: Marcelle McGhee

Strategies in Holocaust Education for Classroom Teachers: Part 1 – August 9, 2011

This workshop is geared for teachers who teach about the topic of the Holocaust in their classrooms. Strategies will be specifically targeted at Social Studies and English/Language Arts teachers at the high school and middle school levels; however, anyone who teaches about this topic in some capacity is invited to attend. Specific topics will include the new guidelines from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and teaching the Holocaust using film. Additional materials and teaching strategies will also be discussed.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Location: BCIU

Target Audience: Educators (Social Studies and English/LA), grades 6-12

Cost: \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)

Presenters: Jennifer Goss, Christopher Gwin and Sean Gaston

Strategies in Holocaust Education for Classroom Teachers: Part 2 – August 10, 2011

This workshop is designed as a follow-up for teachers who have taken Part I of this workshop, either on August 9 or during the summer of 2010. Specific topics include teaching about propaganda, designing interactive lessons, and using technology to teach the Holocaust. Additional materials and teaching strategies will also be discussed.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours *Location:* BCIU *Presenters:* Jennifer Goss, Christopher Gwin and Sean Gaston

Target Audience: Educators (Social Studies and English/LA), grades 6-12

Cost: \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)

Autism 101 Academy - August 11, 2011

This one-day academy will serve as an introduction to autism spectrum disorders. Topics will include the diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorders, skill deficit areas, and common effective instructional approaches including visual supports, basic behavior principles relating to autism and behavior, behavior self-regulation, and social stories. This academy is intended for educators or parents seeking an overview of ASD and some common instructional approaches.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Cost: No charge

Location: BCIU

Presenters: Michael Herb and Megan Wright Esterly

Target Audience: Regular and special education teachers of students preschool through age 21, administrators, psychologists, related professionals, paraprofessionals and parents.

Word 2007 Advanced - August 15, 2011

In this workshop participants will explore the new features of Word 2007. Learn about Smart Art and how to use and modify all the thousands of templates available for Word 2007. Use the new ART styles feature to make your classroom newsletters POP! Learn how to create just one document and use the Word mail merge feature to duplicate that one document, for correspondence with multiple parents. See how you can make one sign-in sheet for Parent's night and re-use it every year. Make your practice homework sheets fun and inviting with Word 2007. Bring your flash drive and samples of your current documents; you will have lots of time to create masterpieces for your classroom.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12 *Cost:* \$95 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$120 (other)

Location: BCIU - Main

Presenter: Marcelle McGhee

The Only “Great Wall” is Around Our Imagination – August 16, 2011

The focus of this workshop is to explore ideas and strategies for communicating between America and China that extend beyond our common stereotypes. The China of the 21st century is not the China of Mao. With the emergence of this new economic giant, it is crucial that Americans develop a fresh understanding of Chinese culture. Among the questions that will be discussed are: How has China’s past philosophies and values shaped its present? How does China continue to espouse Communism while embracing Capitalism? What if any are the common values that the U.S. and China share? How do we reach beyond cultural barriers to communicate effectively without conflict?

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Target Audience: Educators, grades K-12

Cost: \$75 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$100 (other)

Location: BCIU

Presenter: Summer Perella

Transition Academy - Teaching Skills for Success in Postsecondary Education – August 16, 2011

What skills are needed for admission to various postsecondary education and training programs? Once enrolled, what skills are needed to achieve success in these programs? How can public school teachers provide effective instruction in these essential skills? Participants will learn the answers to these questions and will have opportunity to develop next-step action plans to apply what they have learned to their work with students. The session will include opportunity for direct interaction with postsecondary educators.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Act

48: 6 hours

Cost: No charge

Location: BCIU

Presenters: Mary Mazzoni

Target Audience: Parents, educators, and agency staff serving students approaching age 14 years old through 21 years old.

Questioning Like the keystones: Math – August 17, 2011

The questions created for the three math Keystone Exams are written at a Depth of Knowledge level of 2 or 3. In this workshop participants will learn Norm Webb’s Depth of Knowledge levels, identify algebra items written at levels 1, 2 and 3, and rewrite their own exam/quiz questions at a higher level to help prepare students for the Keystone Exams. Participants are asked to bring copies of their own tests or quizzes to revise.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Presenter: Carolyn Marchetti and Charlie Wayne

Target Audience: Educators of Algebra I, II and Geometry

Location: BCIU

Cost: \$60 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$85 (other)

Questioning Like the keystones: English and Language Arts – August 17, 2011

The questions created for the English – Composition and Literature Keystone Exams are written at a Depth of Knowledge level of 2 or 3. In this workshop participants will learn Norm Webb’s Depth of Knowledge levels, identify objectives and assessment items written at levels 1, 2 and 3, and rewrite their own exam/quiz questions at a higher level to help prepare students for the Keystone Exams. Participants are asked to bring copies of their own tests or quizzes to revise.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Presenter: Pam Wolff

Target Audience: Educators of grades 5-12 English, Reading, and Language Arts

Location: BCIU

Cost: \$60 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$85 (other)

Behavior Academy – Class wide Positive Behavior Support -- August 17 & 18, 2011

This two-day academy is intended for professional staff ONLY. This training will provide participants with the skills necessary to implement effective procedures in their classroom related to the fundamental connection between behavior and instruction. Instructional topics will include basic behavioral science, basic effective instructional practices that promote active student engagement, developing and teaching effective classroom rules and procedures, steps to structuring classrooms that will promote improved classroom management, steps to avoid common classroom management traps, and effective behavioral programs to manage groups of students.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 12 hours *Cost:* No charge *Location:* BCIU

Presenters: Michael Herb and Stacey Breiner

Target Audience: Regular and special education teachers of students preschool through age 21, administrators, psychologists and related professionals.

Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners Within the Regular Education Classroom – August 18, 2011

This workshop is designed to begin to help teachers meet the unique needs of gifted learners within the regular classroom. Teachers attending this session will develop an understanding of Chapter 16, the Gifted Guidelines and will become familiar with the traits, aptitudes and behaviors associated with gifted learners in order to begin differentiating content, process and products within their lessons. Participants will explore the roll assessment plays in guiding instruction and will acquire practical strategies that can be applied in their classroom. Participants are asked to bring one or more lesson plans or a unit of study.

Time: 8:00 AM– 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 6 hours *Location:* BCIU

Target Audience: Educators of gifted grades K-12 *Presenters:* Barb Launi and Connie Skipper

Cost: \$80 (employees of K-12 Berks County schools) \$105 (other)

Paraprofessional Academy – 8 Day Series, beginning August 22, 24, 25, 26, 2011

This is the first four days of an eight-day series that will prepare paras to meet the rigorous federal and state standards, and the Pennsylvania Paraeducator credential. Once the eight days have been completed in their entirety, individual assessments are complete, and supervisory approval has been given, the paraprofessional will be able to apply for the PA Paraeducator credential. Participants must attend every one of the eight sessions to meet the requirements.

PLEASE USE ON-LINE REGISTRATION and enter: *Paraprofessional Academy-August, 2011.*

Days 5 through 8 will be held during the months of October 2011, January, March and May 2012.

Para Interviews, Reception and Graduation will be held in June 2012 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm (specific date to be announced). This is a required component of the class for all August 2011 Academy participants.

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM *Act 48:* 24 hours *Location:* BCIU

Target Audience: Special education paraprofessionals, instructional assistants, classroom assistants, and Title I assistants *Cost:* No charge *Presenter:* BCIU Educational Consultants

Cannot attend the August Academy but can attend four days in June, 2012?

The 4 August days will be repeated 4 days in June, 2012 (to be announced). Para interviews, reception and graduation will be the last day of these 4 days in June 2012. If this is an option for you, then you must attend a mandatory meeting at the BCIU on September 22 from 4:00-7:30 pm. You will also be attending the same 4 school year days in October, January, March and May.

PLEASE USE ON-LINE REGISTRATION and enter: *Para Academy-September 22, 2011.*