

Teacher Center
of Broome County

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Course Catalog



Office Hours:

Mondays –
Thursdays
9:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Fridays
7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Online registration for all workshops and programs is required. Go to <http://www.teachercenter.info> and click on REGISTER ONLINE.

Smart Board Magic

Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 4-6 pm. Instructor: Gail Szeliga.

Teachers of any subject or grade level will be amazed at all the features of the Smart Board. During this introductory session the fundamental features of the Smart Board and accompanying Smart Notebook software will be demonstrated. Sample interactive lessons pertaining to all subject areas are available online. Come see this revolutionary tool for creating interactive learning activities in action. Attendance at this workshop is a pre-requisite to all other Teacher Center Smart Board workshops. This is not a hands on workshop.

Smart Board Tips for Foreign Language Educators

Interactive whiteboards are valuable tools, especially for the foreign language teacher. Don't miss this opportunity to come together and share teaching strategies, technology integration and assessment techniques. Facilitator: Cheri Panko

Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 4 –6pm. Location: Teacher Center of Broome County
Topic: "Online Videos". Please post links to the videos on our website
www.flsmart.wikispaces.com

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, 4-6 pm. Location: Teacher Center of Broome County
Topic: "Overview of Tried and True Activities". Please post your activities to our website
www.flsmart.wikispaces.com

Thursday, April 7, 2011, 4-6pm. Location: Teacher Center of Broome County
Topic: "Audio clips/Podcasts: finding and making". Please post any podcasts or links to our website- www.flsmart.wikispaces.com

Smart Board Users Group

Please join us to share ways of using SMART board technology more effectively as a tool for teaching and learning. The SMART board User Group will exchange ideas and learn new techniques for the classroom. The goal is for educators to build collaborations with other teachers who teach with a SMART board and share exciting SMART Notebook lessons. Facilitator: Mary Ann Karre.

Thursday, January 27, 2011, 4-6 pm - Discussion will focus on getting students actually using the SMART Board through interactive activities. All attendees are asked to bring an example to share with the group.

Thursday, March 3, 2011, 4 -6 pm - Discussion will focus on the Lesson Activity Toolkit. All attendees are asked to bring an example of how they are using the LATK in their classroom.

Thursday, April 28, 2011, 4 -6 pm - Discussion will focus on the Interactive Websites. All attendees are asked to share their favorite interactive websites with the group.

Teachers as Writers Workshop With Seven Valleys Writing Project Staff

Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 4-6 pm. Instructor: Staff Seven Valleys Writing Project.

The Seven Valleys Writing Project at [SUNY Cortland](#) is a [National Writing Project](#) (NWP) site. Through the NWP's professional development programs, teachers in all subject areas and at all levels learn new strategies for helping their students become accomplished writers and learners. Teachers also become members of a professional development community that helps them keep their teaching fresh and vibrant.

Smart Board: Tips for Primary Teachers

Wednesday, February 9, 2011, 4-6 pm. Instructor: Laura Coleman. A SMART Board is an interactive whiteboard that allows educators to create lessons that give students the opportunity to learn in a variety of ways. Student motivation is increased, and those with special needs benefit from the tactile presentation of the lesson. **SMART Board Tips for Primary Teachers** will focus on SMART Notebook examples and interactive websites that relate directly to the K-3 curriculum. Participants should already be familiar with the SMART Board and SMART Notebook software.

Google Docs

Thursdays, February 10 & 17, 2011. Instructor: Christine Horowitz. This will be an introductory, mini workshop on using Google Docs with students and/or professionally with peers. Please plan on attending both sessions for the best learning experience! . Workshop will be hands-on and include the following:

February 10: creating and editing a document in Google along with storing and organizing your documents.

February 17: using templates, forms along with suggestions for creative and effective ways to use Google Docs in the classroom including monitoring student group collaboration efforts, peer editing and teacher grading.

Pre-requisite: Basic computer skills, mouse and keyboard proficiency. All attendees need a Google Account (if you do not already have a Google Account, please create one using any email address).

Teaching the Wong Way

Instructor: Diane Richards. Audience: Grades K-12 educators. "The Effective Teacher" video series which captures the warmth, humor and enthusiasm of Harry K. Wong will be used during each session. This is an introduction to Harry Wong's teachings on how to be an effective teacher. This six hour in-service workshop has been packaged into three parts so that a teacher can attend all three sessions or select ones based on their personal need. This series of workshops is laced with research and humor as only Harry Wong can deliver.

Teaching the Wong Way, Part I: Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

An introduction to the three fundamentals of Harry's teachings: Positive Expectations, Classroom Management and Lesson Mastery. Part I includes an in-depth look at the impact and integration of positive expectations into the classroom, the "how to" of setting up and an excellent classroom management program and what it takes to be a truly professional educator!

Teaching the Wong Way, Part II: Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 4:00-6:00

Focus will be on designing lessons that help students reach mastery, as well as establish a cooperative learning environment.

Teaching the Wong Way, Part III: Wednesday, April 6, 4:00-6:00

Offers an in-depth look at lesson mastery offering techniques to support students in their learning. Also addressed will be how you can achieve happiness and success in your career.

Tools and Tactics for 21st Century Teaching and Learning

Wednesday, February 23 and Thursday, March 17, 4-6 pm. Instructor: Mary Ann Karre.

Become a 21st Century Teacher: Explore tools that will help you connect your classroom to the world, and help your students become more productive, better organized, and more creative. Participants will become familiar with some very useful Web 2.0 tools, will be asked to try one with their class and return with the results in March. This is your opportunity to enhance your teaching and your student's learning.

Aligned to MST Standard 2: Students will access, generate, process and transfer information using appropriate technologies.

Defensive Driving

Mondays, February 28 and March 7, 2011, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Location: Conference Room A, BOCES Instructional Support Area, Glenwood Road, Binghamton. Instructor: John Wiktor.

Fee: \$30. Must register through Teacher Center. Fee payable at first class. This workshop will help you reduce your auto insurance premiums and any points you (or family members) may have on your license. Brush up on your knowledge and driving skills in order to make you and your family members safe. Co-sponsored by NYSUT.

Introduction to Google Earth

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Nancy Coddington

Google Earth is a virtual globe, map and geographic information program. It is free and easy to install. This workshop will explain how to use Google Earth in your classroom, present applications of Google Earth and suggest ideas on how to integrate Google Earth into your curriculum

Making Words

Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Betty McAndrew.

Audience: Elementary educators. Making Words is a research-based, hands-on, manipulative activity which you can use to augment your spelling program, increase reading and writing fluency, and teach vocabulary. We will cover the essentials of a making words lesson and you will receive preformatted files and internet resources to easily create your own lessons. Please bring to the class a list of 10 words that are related to your social studies or science curriculum. Each word must be at least 7 letters long.



GPS in the Classroom

Tuesdays, March 22 and March 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Audience: Grades 4th and up classroom, science, phys ed and technology educators. Instructor: Nancy Coddington. Learn how to incorporate GPS into your curriculum to increase higher order and critical thinking skills. Join other teachers for two interesting and fact filled sessions which will include an introduction to GPS, cross-curricular curriculum & lesson ideas, web sites and links, and resources. All attendees will participate using the Teacher Center's set of handheld Garmin GPS 60 units. All who attend will be eligible to borrow the GPS handhelds for use in their own classrooms during the school year. Aligned to MST Standard 2: Students will access, generate, process, and transfer information using appropriate technologies.

Introduction to Word Study in the Primary Grades

Wednesdays, March 23 and March 30, 2011, 4:00-6:00 pm. Instructor: Betty McAndrew. Audience: K-2 classroom, reading, special education or AIS educators.

Are you wondering how to make your spelling program more effective? Would you like to positively impact student fluency in reading and writing? In this workshop you will learn how to use a simple assessment from Words Their Way to find out what your students already know about spelling. We will discuss the stages of spelling and how to plan word study lessons based on your assessment. You will also receive formatted word processing files which you can modify to create your own word study lessons and games, and links to internet resources to use with your class. There will be time to browse books and additional resources.

Brain Gym

Thursdays, March 24 & 31, 2011, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Jan Fiore. Location: Twin Orchards Church, 3701 Vestal Road, Vestal. Audience: K-12 teachers. Brain Gym balances and integrates the whole brain using simple and enjoyable movements and exercises. It helps children to focus and center, empowering them to use their brain more effectively. This workshop will demonstrate how to strengthen brain patterns through simple movements designed to improve attention and performance.

Get Smart: Brain Based Discipline

Monday, April 18, 2011, 4-6 pm. Instructor: Cindy Middendorf. Audience: PreK- 4. Why do they behave like that? What can we do about it? Can any of our management issues be prevented? Explore common sense, research based strategies that will give you insight into what is going on in a child's brain during periods of confrontation, uncertainty, and stress. Learn simple tips to keep incidents from escalating, to encourage children to become self-managed, to diffuse the explosive child, and to help children resolve their own social conflicts. Plus, learn how *our* actions and reactions impact the behavior of the children in our classrooms.

The Differently Abled Learner: Red Flags and Proactive Strategies

Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 4-6 pm. Instructor: Cindy Middendorf. Audience PreK-4.

At-risk children with undiagnosed problems do not qualify for special services, but often demonstrate learning and/or behavior problems. Learn to recognize red flags and incorporate common sense strategies for some of the most common issues we see in young children: sensory integration issues, stress and anxiety disorder, and attention disorders. Hear what experts are saying about practical interventions and proactive strategies for these gray-area children.
