



Warren County Career Center
Technology Professional Development, 2011-12

WCCC Mission: To prepare youths and adults to make informed career choices and to successfully enter, compete, and advance in a changing world.

WCCC Vision: WCCC is the valued partner of choice within the educational and economic systems of our communities, by providing quality academic and career technical education. We pave the way for a future of opportunities unique to each of our learners.

Technology Professional Development Vision: WCCC provides highly skilled educators, adept in the use of Web 2.0 and interactive learning tools, to engage students of all ages and walks of life.

Technology Professional Development Goal for 2011-2012: All sessions will be led by professional consultants with expertise supporting our mission. Offerings will be streamlined with focus on essential resources WCCC has subscribed to and made available to staff and students.

Note: All of the tools for a paperless classroom are in place at WCCC. We are moving closer to becoming a 1 to 1 school where every student will be issued an internet capable piece of technology. Are you ready?
~Dave

15 hours of training = 1 purchasable semester hour of graduate credit from the University of Dayton. For details, see: http://www.soita.org/section_home.aspx?sid=6&cid=24

Oct 19th – Intro to Google Doc's - Caryn Rupert

Docs is Google's answer to those "other" office suites. Unlike the word processors from days of yore, Google Docs exists in the cloud so all of your files are accessible from anywhere, at any time. Create presentations, spreadsheets, documents, drawings, and forms from the comfort of your favorite browser. Best of all, Google Docs is collaborative, providing a variety of ways to share your creation; even in real time! See what all the buzz is about, and give Google Docs a chance to change the way you work forever.

Note: All WCCC secondary students and staff have Google Docs accounts. If you are not using this tool with your students, you are behind the times! ~Dave

Session: Wednesday, October 19, 3:00 – 5:00, Main Campus, Room 219

Oct 25th – Online Tools and Resources – Katie Poepelmeier

One of the biggest obstacles for teachers is time! Wouldn't it be great to have some tools to maximize your productivity? This class will explore resources and tools including standards-aligned lesson search engines, worksheet, quiz, and rubric generators, social bookmarking, and free software options. Spend a little time now to save yourself a lot of time later!

Note: This session is full of tips and options to make your life more organized and convenient. This is a must-attend for all!! It is also an opportunity to use the new Public Computer lab in Room 521. ~Dave

Session: Tuesday, October 25, 3:00 – 5:00, Main Campus, Room 521, MAC Lab

Nov 3rd – Intro to SmartBoards (at Atrium Facility) – Deb Tschirhart

Come learn the basics of SMARTBoard! This includes setup of the board, video projector, orientation, and more basics. In this workshop, you will also learn about the software and utilities that are a part of the SMARTBoard package. Learn how to input text directly on the SMARTBoard and have the software recognize it and convert it to text.

Note: Deb Tschirhart is the Smartboard master! Learn from the best. Even if you've trained before, you will learn something new in this session. If you have never trained on a Smartboard, you will not believe the things you can do with it! Plus you will get to see the newest Smart products in a state of the art environment! ~Dave

Session: Thursday, Nov 3, 3:30 – 5:30 at Greentree Health Science Academy, Room 142

Nov 15th – Safe and Secure Sites for Online Discussions – Deb Tschirhart

Looking for a way to hold a discussion online? There are many tools that allow for both synchronous and asynchronous discussions as well as information sharing. Join us to find out about a variety of tools that could work in your classroom

Note: Our district goal is a paperless environment. This lends itself to online discussions and information sharing as a primary tool for interaction and even assessment. If you intend to stay focused on our district goal, then this session is a must attend! ~Dave

Session: Tuesday, Nov 15, 3:00 – 5:00, Room 521

Nov 29th – Creating Great Presentations with Free Prezi – Caryn Rupert

Looking for an alternative to the typical presentation applications such as PowerPoint and Keynote? Prezi might be the tool for you! You can easily create and deliver stunning non-linear presentations that zoom into details, show relationships between information, and include text, images, videos, and PDFs. Join us to learn more about Prezi and how this online presentation tool works.

Note: Prezi is an engaging way for students to create presentations without Powerpoint meaning they can complete their assignment anywhere, anytime that they have an Internet connection. Student find Prezi to be a fun improvement to ordinary Powerpoint. ~Dave

Session: Tuesday, November 29, 3:30 – 5:30, Room 219

Dec 10th – Google Apps and Everything Google – Sean Beavers

Every High School student and every staff member at WCCC has a Google Apps account at Apps.Mywccc.Org. Did you know that you can purchase 25 GB of additional online storage from Google for just \$5.00? Do you know how to create a document workspace and share it to your students? Do you know how to integrate all of the tools that Google provides to educators? This is your chance to get in-depth training on the most essential tool available to 21st century educators. Learn how you can make the most of any computing environment from phones to tablets to laptops to PCs and begin to work in the cloud.

Note: While this is a five hour Saturday session, if you are serious about learning and using Google Apps, this workshop is a must! You will leave the workshop set up and ready to roll! ~Dave

Session: Saturday, December 10, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, TEC Building

Dec 13th – Intro to Google Forms - Katie Poepelmeier

With Google Docs, you can quickly create a form or survey, send it to students, parents, teachers, or staff, and keep track of the answers in one spreadsheet. Responses are collected and displayed immediately in a corresponding Google Docs spreadsheet which allows you to sort, analyze, and visualize the information. Respondents can access the form via email, a published webpage, or embedded on a site. Learn how to create, customize, and publish forms. Examples of how forms can be used at your school will also be discussed.

Note: The application of Google Forms is limitless from surveying the community, parents, students to seeking required student input on discussion topics or assignments. Don't miss this one! ~Dave

Session: Tuesday, December 13, 3:00 – 5:00, Room 521

Jan 11th – Digital Storytelling - Deb Tschirhart

Students thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to creatively tell their stories with technology. Digital storytelling allows students to bring life to their words and fosters creativity in any curriculum area. Educators in this workshop will learn the importance of story planning and access a variety of free websites where students can create and share their tales. Bring your story ideas and have some fun!

Note: Digital storytelling has direct application to English, Teacher Academy, and Early Childhood Learning. However, it is also an excellent way to engage students for research assignments for any class. Consider this – how about an integrated project in partnership with the English Department?? Also consider the fun you can have with your own family by learning this skill. Digital Storytelling is for everyone! ~Dave

Session: Wednesday, Jan 11, 3:00 – 5:00, Room 219

Jan 21st – Creating E-Portfolios in Google Docs – Caryn Rupert

Are you still assigning paper-based portfolio assignments? If so, it is time to step it up with electronic portfolios. A quality portfolio in the 21st Century is online, available to be shared to family, friends, and potential employers, and contains video, written text, audio, and graphical images. The E-Portfolio should contain a cumulative body of work. Learn how to use Google Docs as the vehicle for students to publish their E-Portfolio online where you can grade it without ever collecting a piece of paper. Best of all, the student can print any or all pages if desired or needed at any point in time, anywhere. Obviously this brings to mind a resume or a letter of recommendation.

Note: There can be no fear of giving up paper copies in the 21st Century. With E-Portfolios, your senior Capstone is covered. Best of all, the student can print any or all pages if desired or needed at any point in time, anywhere. Obviously this brings to mind a resume or a letter of recommendation. E-Portfolios should be an essential piece of the work our students do and they should be cross curricular.

Session: Saturday, Jan 21, 8:00 – 1:00, TEC Building

Jan 25th – Intro to Smart Slates – Deb Tschirhart

With the SMART Slate you can interact wirelessly with your workstation from up to 32 feet away. The battery-free tethered pen lets you control any software application, write notes, and highlight information in digital ink. SMART's wireless slate enables you to teach from anywhere and allows students to interact with information while remaining in their seats. Up to four slates can be connected on one workstation.

Note: The Smart Slate is a little different than the former Airliner. The Slate is the new technology deployed at Greentree Health Science Academy and could be ordered for your classroom. Who knows, you may want a classroom set of four! Free yourself to be mobile while you teach with the Smart Slate. ~Dave

Session: Wednesday, Jan 25, 3:30 – 5:30, Greentree Health Science Academy, Room 142

Feb 7th – Gmail: Your students have it, are you training them to use it? – Sean Beavers/Caryn Rupert

Gmail is Google's email client included with Google Apps for Education. Not only is Gmail easy to use and setup, but it also provides some unique and compelling features not found anywhere else. Besides being a fantastic email client, Gmail has the flexibility to work the way you want to work; fitting your needs and *work-flow*. *Prepare to navigate your inbox, create and manage labels and filters, and even experiment with labs.* Step up to the ultimate email client: Gmail!

Note: We all have skills with email because we use it every day. Gmail will become the preferred email client for your students. And who needs to teach them how to use it? You do. Gmail is not meant to replace Exchange or your Outlook email client. Gmail is how you will train your students to interact with you via email. Currently, all secondary students have Gmail accounts with their Google Apps account. ~Dave

Session: Tuesday, Feb 7, 3:00 – 5:00, Room 521

Feb 11th – Smartboard Training – Deb Tschirhart

This all in one session combines the content of Intro to Smartboards, Intro to Smart Slates, and Intro to Smart Doc Camera and blends in advanced topics within the Smart Notebook software. The Smart product line continues to evolve and there are many changes with the new line of equipment. This all in one session will get you up and running with Smart's state of the art Technology.

Note: This session is being held at Greentree Health Science academy where the new Smart Audio System, Smart Slate, and Smart Document Cameras have been installed. The new Smartboard has four cameras that detect a user's presence and allow for simultaneous touch sessions from students. The layout, look, feel, and touch of the board is different. Who knows – attend this workshop and you may be first in line for an upgrade in your assigned classroom! ~Dave

Session: Saturday, Feb 11, 8:00 – 1:00, Greentree Health Science Academy, Room 142

Feb 23rd – Intro To SMART Doc Camera - Deb Tschirhart

The SMART Document Camera makes it easy to create digital content from any object. Instantly display real-time images of any static or moving object onto an interactive whiteboard for your entire class to see. Join us to see how easy it is to use the SMART Document Camera and see how it integrates with the SMART Notebook Software.

Note: I have purchased two brands of document camera over the last five years. The new standard at WCCC is definitely Smart because it integrates seamlessly with your Smartboard. If you think a document camera is just an electronic overhead, you are missing 99% of what a document camera can do. As we continue to standardize our classrooms, the Smart Document camera is a definite must as a teaching tool! ~Dave

Session: Thursday, Feb 23, 3:30 – 5:30, Greentree Health Science Academy, Room 142

March 6th – Intro to Glogster EDU - Caryn Rupert

The days of glue, glitter and displaying 25 student posters in your classroom are no more! Glogster EDU is an educational web 2.0 platform that allows users to create interactive virtual posters using images, video, audio, text and links. This session will train you to use your Glogster.edu account and set up classes and groups within our student body. We will learn the basics of creating a glog, collaborating with Glogster and publishing finished glogs. Encourage creativity while teaching digital literacy and come glog with us!

Note: All secondary education students and teachers have Glogster.Edu accounts. This is the exciting way to get students to create, share, and learn from interactive posters that they can present to mentors, classes, parents, etc. Don't miss this one! ~Dave

Session: Tuesday, March 6, 3:30 – 5:30, Room 219

March 17th – Web 2.0 Tech Tools for Teachers – Katie Peoppelmeier

Are you already using online tools with your students and are you close to going paperless in the classroom? This session will provide you with an array of Web 2.0 tools that can push you over the top and make your life easier. Take a much more in-depth look at the topics covered in Online Tools and Resources and actually leave the workshop having created and explored accounts with free services that will enhance your online presence as an educator.

Note: Enjoy an early Spring Saturday morning in the TEC Building and pick up on tools that will prove to be convenient and useful. You will leave this session running with online services and many ideas to implement for the 2012-13 school year! ~Dave

March 22nd – Intro to Voice Thread - Caryn Rupert

Have discussion beyond the confines of your classroom! VoiceThread is an internet-based application that allows students to create multimedia slideshows containing images, documents and videos. With VoiceThread, students can interact within a secure application to comment, post and collaborate. With a service like this, students can foster authentic learning and use higher level thinking skills to demonstrate, critique, and analyze their work. There is no software to install. Just log in and contribute.

Note: All secondary education students and teachers have Voice Thread accounts. This is the exciting way to get students to create, share, and learn from interactive presentations. Don't miss this one! ~Dave

Session: Thursday, March 22, 3:30 – 5:30, Room 219

April 11th – New and Cool Tools from Google – Sean Beavers

Everyone is familiar with Google Docs, Calendar, and Gmail; but did you know there are tons of other lesser known Google tools you may not be aware of? During this session we will examine Google Moderator, Alerts, Scholar, and Google Body plus many, many more. Get ready to discover what you have been missing from Google!

Note: Google continues to grow and expand their services. They make so many cool applications available to educators that it is difficult to keep up. Be sure to attend this session and sample the best! ~Dave

Session: Wednesday, April 11, 3:00 – 5:00, Room 521

April 25th – Bringing Projects to Life with LiveBinders - Caryn Rupert

Participants should come with video, documents, etc. on a flash drive to use for the class. If time allows, participants will create their very own binder to use for a class project, lesson, presentation or professional resource.

Looking for an innovative and interactive presentation method for your students? Are you drowning in 3-ring binders and looking for something a little more compact? Need a way to organize and share resources? LiveBinders solves all these issues and more! With LiveBinders you can insert web pages, videos, pdfs and images into an online “binder” that can easily be organized, presented and shared. Join us to learn the basics of LiveBinders and to discuss how you can use this wonderful resource with your students. Participants will create their very own binder to use for a class project, lesson, presentation or professional resource.

Note: LiveBinders is a new service for me, so I won't be missing this one. Let's face it. The name of the game for the 21st Century educator is online interaction with students. There are enough resources to make your head spin. Take the plunge and give LiveBinder a try. The uses are limitless. ~Dave

Session: Wednesday, April 25, 3:00 – 5:00, Room 219

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19-Oct	Wed	3:00 - 5:00	Room 219	Intro to Google Docs	Caryn
25-Oct	Tues	3:00 - 5:00	Room 521	Online Tools and Resources	Katie
3-Nov	Thur	3:30 - 5:30	GHSA Room 142	Intro to Smartboards	Deb
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11-Feb	Sat	8:00 - 1:00	GHSA Room 142	Smartboard Training	Deb
23-Feb	Thur	3:30 - 5:30	GHSA Room 142	Intro to Smart Document Camera	Deb
6-Mar	Tues	3:30 - 5:30	Room 219	Intro to Glogster EDU	Caryn
17-Mar	Sat	8:00 - 1:00	TEC Building	Web 2.0 Tech Tools for Teachers	Katie
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