



Session Descriptions

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Paperless Classroom

Moodle for the Masses

[Judi Heher](#)

Parlez vous Moodle? Moodle seem like a foreign language? This is the workshop for you! Learn and practice Moodle fundamentals in a friendly, calm, environment. Only insecure, uncertain and uncomfortable need attend.

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Oodles about Google

[Cheryl Sizemore](#)

Geared to the novice Google user, we will learn, how to create and share forms, using Comments, Google Voice and sharing personal insights and tips.

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Showbie - The Easy Way for Teachers to Assign, Collect & Review Student Work

[Rena Shah](#)

The SHOWBIE App is designed for teachers to assign and collect student work with a few easy taps. It works with 1000's of other iPad Apps and allows annotations to be typed comments, red pen marks, voice and video.

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Nearpod: Engage Your Students with an Interactive Presentation

[Leisa Moore](#)

Create, Engage, and Assess with Nearpod it's easy! Bring the classroom to life with interactive mobile presentations that teachers create and customize themselves.

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Creation & Publishing

iMovie: 13 Techniques for Fostering Creativity and Innovation to the Classroom

[Jennifer Gerlach](#)

This seminar will cover the basics of the iMovie app, thirteen uses for this app in the classroom, and various advanced techniques for additional app integration.

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Professional Learning

Welcome to America! Now what? Classroom tactics for International Students

[Kris Rapazzini](#)

Understanding International Students: Information about their unique needs, and dialogue about how we can work well and encourage them inside and outside the classroom.

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I'm Ready for School but I Can't Find My Backpack...or Homework...and Do I have a Test Today?

[Abra Martinez](#)

This session will provide you with an overview of the different types of disabilities found in your classroom and aims to help you better understand the specific needs of these students. Receive tips and tricks to successfully teach and support students with accommodations. Leave the session with better understanding of why accommodations are given to students.

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Making Observations Work For You

[Shirley Hitchcock](#)

Individual Professional Development that Works! Use formal and informal observations for professional growth. Tips and techniques will be discussed on how to effectively implement the feedback given during observations. We will also discuss video and peer

Digital Age Teaching

How To Create Your Own Custom-Made YouTube Channel

[Tania Keck](#)

In this session you will create a custom-designed YouTube channel. You will compile a specific playlist that will enhance the subject matter you teach.

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Engaging Your Students Through Moodle Chat or Hangouts

[Arpedge Rolle](#)

This session models technological integration while providing instruction on how to academically engage your students in a one to one digital environment.

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10 Top Tech Tips From Your LTT

[Liz Fenwick](#)

Stimulate, Motivate, and Facilitate student learning in a 1:1 classroom environment with the top 10 technology applications from your LTT. Come away with immediate, tangible classroom applications for everything from frontloading to assessment in any subject area.

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observations.

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Collaboration Tools

Social Media and Subject Content: Let Your Passion Be Your Guide

[Lindsay Marshall](#)

We all get into teaching because we love our subject, but sometimes it can be hard to inspire our students to see it the same way. This session explores how you can use social media like Twitter, Facebook, and Reddit to interact with your students, remain an expert in your field, engage with fellow professionals, and be an active contributor within your discipline.

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“Look, They Move!”: Navigating the Use of Node Desks

[Lauren Chaplin](#)

A hands-on look at a teacher’s practical experience with the colorful, moveable desks, and their positive, collaborative impact on students in the classroom.

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Essential Functions

Digital Research at Skyway: Databases, Ebooks, and Websites, Oh My!

[Linda Brogden](#)

Come learn how to use Skyway Library's databases, ebooks and websites and how to incorporate them into your teaching. This session will prepare you for an exciting year of digital research, on-campus and off!
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Can You Hear Me Now? Effectively Communicating with Students and Families

[Eric Nyberg](#)

Effective Parent Communication via PowerSchool – How to utilize the tools we have to more efficiently communicate to students and their families.
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Inside Outlook

[Cheryl Sizemore](#)

See how Outlook can be more than just your email. Find out how to streamline handling and organizing email as well as creating a Calendar that really works for you.
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Become a Google Chrome Power User

[Jeremy Cunningham](#)

The web browser is easy to take for granted - we use it all day every day - but have you ever thought of it as one of the most powerful learning tools in your arsenal? In this session you'll discover some of the secret shortcuts and fancy functions that will make you faster and more efficient finder and user of information.
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Assessment, Evaluation, & Feedback

If You Were a Google Survey, Which Would You Be?

[Shannon McClellan](#)

There are more ways to use Google Surveys in your classroom than you think! Come to this seminar to find out how.
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Formative Assessment

[Aaron Cannistraci](#)

This session provides an overview of formative assessment strategies and will give you a range of formative assessment examples to use in your classroom.
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Effective Feedback, Happy Students, and Time Saving Strategies for Grading Essays

[Liz Fenwick](#)

Looking for a way to provide timely and effective feedback on writing assignments in any subject area? Look no further! The lecture portion of this seminar will cover ways to use Google Drive and add-ons in the classroom to consolidate student work, peer edits, and differentiated feedback. The workshop portion will allow you to put these strategies into action for your specific classes.
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Research, Models, & Emerging Trends

What's on the Horizon? An education & technology trends report

[Jennifer Griffin](#)

Explore the internationally recognized NMC Horizon Report, including key trends, significant challenges, and emerging technologies that will significantly impact education over the coming five years.

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YOU Set the Tone: The First Five Days of School

[Jennifer Griffin](#)

How much time should teachers allocate for building relationships, practicing skills, and learning technology before diving into content? Learn the answer while gaining ideas to create a student-centered class throughout the school year.

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Maximize Your Impact

[Alexis Schneider](#)

What has the biggest impact on student achievement? Learn how to make the most of your time and effort by discovering what research says makes a difference in learning.

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The 1:1 Classroom: SAMR as It's Always Been?

[Jeremy Cunningham](#)

The education world is buzzing with another new acronym: SAMR. SAMR is a simple model that evaluates how technology is transforming the learning process in your classroom, and the iPad has no doubt transformed learning in your classroom. In this session, we'll learn some SAMR vocabulary to help us better understand just how the iPad has transformed our students' learning.

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An Inquiry into Inquiry-Based Learning

[Mark Depold](#)

Learn about what inquiry-based learning is, what the different types are, and how to conduct an inquiry unit.

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Destination: The Highly Engaged Classroom

[Lisa Sullivan](#)

Providing teachers with the tools they need to plan for student engagement based Marzano's book, *The Highly Engaged Classroom*—effecting profound improvement in student achievement.

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Awkward Silences and the Art of Discussion

[Nick Dalbey](#)

In this seminar, I will cover what I think is the goal of student led discussions and how best to facilitate those discussions. By laying a foundation for the purpose and proper expectations of discussion, I hope to encourage teachers that discussion is a worthwhile and potentially transformative activity for their classrooms.

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Curiosity May Have Killed the Cat, but It Will Revolutionize Your Classroom

[Alexis Schneider](#)

Engaging and motivating students can seem impossible at times. Come find out how to spark students' natural curiosity to get them to want to learn!

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Biblical Integration

Biblical Integration: How to do it correctly AND enjoy it!

[Anne Delke](#)

If your boss asked you to explain your Biblical Integration, would you be able to feel confident in your response? Do you find Biblical Integration a joy? If you're answer is "no" to either of these questions, please join in our workshop! While all subject teachers are welcome, non-humanities courses will be highlighted.

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Sticky Faith in a Digital Age

[Jon Sizelove](#)

Featuring Fuller Youth Institute's research, this session will explore how to build and maintain meaningful relationships which encourage students to have a 'Faith that Sticks.'

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Imagination As Biblical Integration

[Mark Laughlin](#)

We will examine the way the Bible itself was put together in order to glean engaging, meaningful strategies for biblical integration.

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Guest Sessions

OpenEd

Rob from OpenEd, the largest K-12 educational resource library containing over a million videos, games, and assessments for every Common Core and Next Generation Science standard, will show you how you can browse their library and create playlists for your students.

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The Hidden Truth: How Students Really Feel About the iPad

[Student Panel Led by Ashley Earp](#)

As educators, we have talked and talked (AND TALKED) about 1:1 iPad integration and classroom management. But, have we ever asked the ones who actually use the device on a daily basis? Our students are a new generation of students who use digital media in all aspects of their lives (classroom, home, even extracurricular activities). This up close and personal student panel goes to the source to ask the questions educators have been dying to know- "how effective is the iPad in the classroom?" and "how can educators be more effective with iPads?". A practical and insightful look into the student perspective of a booming technological age.

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A Walk Through the Website

[Kim Ellefsen](#)

This session is geared for faculty and staff to understand and communicate the many ways our new website and portal system assists our students, parents, staff, and faculty. This session is open to anyone, and highly recommended for office staff.

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Portal Administrators Workshop

[Kim Ellefsen](#)

This workshop will focus on both best practices of the new Portal System and a refresher on how to add or edit portal pages. This workshop is intended for Portal

Administrators.
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