

Johnson County Schools
Fall Academies
2007-2008
Morris Woodring, Director of Schools

“Expect Success”

Teachers and assistants may attend the following high quality “Fall Academies” funded through Title II-A, BEP 2.0, and Niswonger Partnerships. These sessions will be planned and led by various Johnson County educators. Space will be limited in the academies so please sign up in a timely manner. All academies will focus on “best practice” teaching strategies and presenters will provide all participants with valuable information and hands-on instructional techniques. These academies are for inservice credit, licensure renewal credit, continuing education, and for further expansion of valuable teaching tools and techniques. Inservice credit or stipends (\$100 per six hour session; \$35 per two hour individual session) will be offered, except where noted.

All academies will be held on Saturdays or afterschool and will be located in Johnson County for convenience. There must be at least six registered participants for the academy to be offered. Registration can be made by contacting Dr. David Timbs at 727-2640 or by email at timbsd@k12tn.net. We hope that offering these academies will prove valuable to teachers and classroom assistants and will provide opportunities for those interested to attend training sessions without having to travel outside Johnson County. All session locations and times are noted.

Session Title: “Comprehension Skills in the Secondary Classroom: How to Teach Comprehension Skills in Each Discipline”

Date: October 23, November 13, and December 13 (3:30-5:30 each day; \$50 per session stipend)

Presenters: Edna Miller, JCMS Assistant Principal, and Dr. David Timbs, Supervisor of Instruction

Location: JCMS Media Center

Target Audience: Grades 7-12 Teachers and Assistants

Description: Reading comprehension strategies will be reviewed, introduced, and explored as they relate to “reluctant readers” at the middle and high school level. Specific content area strategies will be shared each time and teachers will share and discuss progress over the three sessions.

Session Title: “Utilizing Otter Creek Math in the Classroom”

Date: October 27, 2007; begins at 8:30 a.m. (6 hours)

Presenter: Glenn James, Johnson County Schools Math Consultant

Location: Johnson County Schools Central Office Conference Room

Target Audience: Grades K-3 Teachers and Assistants

Description: Teachers will be given an opportunity to learn research-based, hands-on strategies for improving instruction in the area of mathematics. Teachers will also be given time to locate and share resources related to their grade specific SPIs. Much of the training will center on a proven method to help students in the primary grades learn and retain important “math facts.”

Session Title: “SmartBoard Beginner Session: Integrating the SMART Board into Your Classroom” (6 hours)

Date: November 3, 2007; begins at 8:30 a.m.

Presenter: Anne Timbs, Roan Creek Elementary Media Specialist and Technology Site Coordinator

Location: Johnson County Schools Training Lab (lower level of Central Office)

Target Audience: PreK-12 Teachers and Assistants

Description: We will start the day with SMART Board basics. Teachers will learn the processes of connecting and orienting the board. They will also be introduced to the Start Center and Floating Tools toolbar as well as the Recorder. Teachers will get practice in using the programs SMART Notebook and SMART Ideas and see how these programs can be applied to lessons that they teach. Finally, teachers will learn how to use the SMART Board in conjunction with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. There will be plenty of time for hands-on practice. Teachers will create a short lesson, using SMART Notebook or SMART Ideas software, which they can use in their classes. Teachers should bring a flash drive if they have one.

Session Title: “Analyzing and Using ThinkLink Data in the Classroom”

Date: November 5, 2007; December 5, 2007; and January 22, 2008 (begins at 3:45 each day; 6 hours total)

Presenter: Edna Miller, JCMS Assistant Principal

Location: Johnson County Schools Training Lab (lower level of Central Office)

Target Audience: Teachers and assistants in grades 2-10 who teach a class which receives ThinkLink information from the formative assessment

Description: Participants will given specific strategies and skills to pinpoint gaps and trends within a given classes results from the ThinkLink assessment. Time will be devoted to analysis of class level and student level information in planning for improvement. Specific, practical methods of addressing learning gaps will also be explored.

Session Title: “Utilizing NetTrekker in Your Classroom”

Date: November 8, 2007 (begins at 3:45; 2 hour session)

Presenter: Julie Dunn, JCHS Media Specialist and Technology Site Coordinator

Location: Johnson County High School Media Center

Target Audience: PreK-12 Teachers and Assistants

Description: Participants will be given an opportunity to learn about and use the online resource “NetTrekker” that allows for Tennessee SPI specific searches and uses in the classroom. This session will explore many of the powerful functions of the NetTrekker site.

Session Title: “Integrating Holocaust and Genocide Literature into Middle and High School Courses”

Date: November 10, 2007 (6 hours)

Presenters: Tina McGuire and Kelly Sells, JCHS English teachers

Location: JCHS Media Center; begins at 8:30 a.m. (6 hours)

Target Audience: Teachers and Assistants in Grades 7-12

Description: This session will discuss how literature and history teacher, including special educators, could integrate Holocaust and Genocide Literature in a sensitive, yet informative, manner.

Session Title: “Using GradeKeeper: An Electronic Gradebook”

Date: November 13, 2007 (begins at 3:45; 2 hours)

Presenters: Don Garrett, JCHS Technology Coach

Location: Johnson County Schools Training Lab (lower level of Central Office)

Target Audience: Teachers in Grades 3-8

Description: After attending this session, teachers will be able to more efficiently keep track of grades by utilizing the “GradeKeeper Program”, an electronic gradebook program that has been purchased by the school system. This session would include how to use software for gradekeeping, generating reports to principal and parents, and for posting of grades online.

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Session Title: “What’s Mine is Yours: Sharing Kindergarten Resources”

Date: November 17, 2007 (begins at 8:30; 6 hours)

Presenters: Janet Reece, Mountain City Elementary Kindergarten teacher

Location: Mountain City Elementary School

Target Audience: Kindergarten Teachers and Student Teachers

Description: Come and partake in the wisdom and expertise (as well as all the “stuff”!) that an experienced Kindergarten teacher has to offer!

Session Title: “Moodling for Grades 7-12”

Date: November 27, 2007 (begins at 3:45; 2 hours)

Presenters: Julie Dunn

Location: JCHS Media Center

Target Audience: Teachers and Assistants in Grades 7-12

Description: This session is designed for middle school and high school teachers who would like to have students submit work electronically to their Moodle Website, which they will learn to create in this session. The session will cover the basics of “moodling” and websites should be up and running smoothly by the end of the session.

Session Title: “Technology Integration and WebQuests”

Date: November 29, 2007 (begins at 3:45; 2 hours)

Presenters: Don Garrett

Location: Johnson County Schools Training Lab (lower level of Central Office)

Target Audience: Teachers and assistants in Grades K-5

Description: Teachers and assistants will learn about many applications on the web to integrate into the K-5 elementary curriculum. All core subjects will be addressed (i.e. United Streaming, ThinkLink, TEL, Google Earth, Discovery School, Technology Lesson Plans, etc.).

Session Title: “SmartBoard Level II: Going to the Next Page”

Date: December 1, 2007 (begins at 8:30 a.m.; 6 hours)

Presenters: Anne Timbs and Terri Henson, Roan Creek Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher

Location: Johnson County Schools Training Lab (lower level of Central Office)

Target Audience: Teachers and assistants in Grades PreK-12

Description: This session will extend knowledge of the SmartBoard. Learn new and creative ways to use it in your classroom. Specific lesson plans will be shared as well as tips on using the Smart Airliner to utilize the SmartBoard even more!

Session Title: “Moodling for Grades PreK-6”

Date: December 6, 2007 (begins at 3:45; 2 hours)

Presenters: Julie Dunn

Location: JCHS Media Center

Target Audience: Teachers and Assistants in Grades PreK-6

Description: This session is designed for elementary teachers who would like to use a webpage for parents and students to view homework, class assignments, and projects. The session will cover the basics of “moodling” and websites should be up and running smoothly by the end of the session.

Session Title: “Using Classroom Blogs, Wikis, and PodCasts: Oh My!”

Date: January 15, 2008 (begins at 3:45; 2 hours)

Presenters: Anne Timbs

Location: Johnson County Schools Training Lab (lower level of Central Office)

Target Audience: Teachers and assistants in Grades 4-12

Description: Are your students speaking a foreign language when it comes to technology? Learn the latest trends in Web 2.0 and how to use them to enrich your classroom.

Session Title: “Technology Integration and WebQuests”

Date: January 29 (begins at 3:45; 2 hours)

Presenters: Don Garrett

Location: Johnson County Schools Training Lab (lower level of Central Office)

Target Audience: Teachers and assistants in Grades 6-12

Description: Teachers and assistants will learn about many applications on the web to integrate into the grades 6-12 curriculum. All core subjects will be addressed (i.e. United Streaming, ThinkLink, TEL, Google Earth, Discovery School, Technology Lesson Plans, etc.).

Session Title: “Utilizing the Tennessee Electronic Library: TEL”

Date: January 24, 2008 (begins at 3:45; 2 hours)

Presenters: Julie Dunn

Location: JCHS Media Center

Target Audience: Teachers and Assistants in Grades PreK-12

Description: Participants will learn to use the TEL more effectively for research needs, lesson planning, and enjoyment. Learn at this session how to train your students to use TEL as well.