




Sycamore CUSD #427 Staff Development

# October 2007

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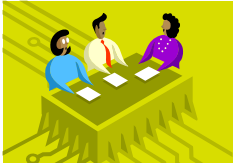






Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Teacher's Institute Day 	6
7	8 Columbus Day 	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Middle School <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 3:15-5:15	18 High School and Southeast <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 3:30-5:30	19	20 North <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 8:30-11:30
21	22	23	24	25 West and South Prairie <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 3:30-5:30	26 End of 9 weeks 1:00 Dismissal 	27
28	29	30 North <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 3:30-5:30	31			

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				1 <a href="#">United Streaming 1</a> 4:00-6:00 @HS	2	3 West <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 8:30-11:30
4	5	6 <a href="#">CPS 1</a> 3:30-5:30 @ South Prairie	7	8 P/T Conferences 	9 P/T Conferences 	10
11 Veteran's Day 	12  <a href="#">Everyday Math Assessment Assistant CD</a> 4:00-6:00 @ South Prairie	13 Southeast <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 3:30-5:30	14	15 <a href="#">Kidspiration</a> 4:00-6:00 @ South Prairie	16	17
18	19 <a href="#">Geometer Sketchpad</a> 4:00-6:00 @ HS	20 <a href="#">Publisher 1</a> 4:00-6:00 @ HS	21 2:00 Dismissal 	22 Thanksgiving 	23 Vacation Day 	24
25	26	27 <a href="#">Alphasmarts in the Classroom</a> 4:00-6:00 @ South Prairie	28	29 <a href="#">Publisher II</a> 4:00-6:00 @ HS	30	

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2	3	4 South Prairie <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 3:30-5:30	5	6	7 1:00 Dismissal 	8 High School <a href="#">On Your Own</a> 8:30-11:30
9	10	11 <a href="#">Publisher III</a> 4:00-6:00 @ HS	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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### Spring 2006

*Note: All classes qualify for CPDU credit. Not all classes are taught each semester. Locations of classes vary; please look at the current calendar for class date, time and location.*

#### **AlphaSmarts in the Classroom**

Learn some tips and tricks for using this wonderful resource in your classroom. Editing files, working with files, recovering deleted files, spell check and many other features will be covered to help you and your students get the most out of the AlphaSmarts. Simple troubleshooting tips will also be discussed, and some of the ways the AlphaSmarts are currently being used in the classroom will be shared. All elementary schools, and the Middle School have AlphaSmart labs. The High School has a lab for Special Education. [Back to Calendar](#)

#### **AlphaSmarts Basics and Beyond**

Learn some different methods for using the AlphaSmart in your classroom. Included will be a review of basic uses of the AlphaSmart and many other features to help you and your students get the most out of the AlphaSmarts. Interesting ways of using AlphaSmarts as an organization & research tool, creating flip charts/ note cards, using writing prompts, using AlphaSmarts with programs other than Microsoft word, and ways of creating classroom “games.” AlphaSmarts are available in all Elementary schools, and the Middle School. The High School has an AlphaSmart cart for Special Education. [Back to Calendar](#)

#### **CPS 1**

Learn how to use the Classroom Performance System (CPS) as a tool in your classroom. CPS is a set of 32 individual “clickers” which enable the students to interact with a questioned-based presentation, recording answers submitted by each user. The program is used much like the Millionaire or Jeopardy games. Use this software/hardware to gather information about student’s prior knowledge of a subject, to review materials and even take a test with this system. Systems are currently available for use in your classroom at the High School, Middle School and Southeast Elementary School. [Back to Calendar](#)

#### **CPS Workshop-**

##### ***Prerequisite-CPS 1***

Continue to learn how to use the Classroom Performance System in your classroom. New features are incorporating standards, advanced students and teacher reports and incorporating CPS with PowerPoint and other software programs. Time will be allowed for individualized help with your CPS Database incorporating these new skills. [Back to Calendar](#)

#### **Everyday Math Assessment Assistant CD**

##### **(New class Fall 2007)**

Come learn how to individualize worksheets, math boxes and assessments for your students using the Everyday Math Assessment Assistant CD. You will learn the basics of creating, formatting and editing using this wonderful tool. Some time to work on your own at the end will be provided, so come prepared with topics.

#### **Geometer’s Sketchpad -**

Learn to use *Geometer’s Sketchpad* as a dynamic construction and exploration tool that enables students to explore and understand mathematics in ways that are simply not possible with traditional tools. Teachers will use *Geometer’s Sketchpad* to create worksheets, exams, and reports by exporting Sketchpad figures to word processors, and more. [Back to Calendar](#)

#### **Inspiration Basics (version 7.6)**

Inspiration is a software program that quickly organizes thoughts and ideas into a variety of visual formats. Topics covered will include creating outlines, brainstorming, prewriting, concept mapping, organizing, webbing, mind maps and content area integration, including correlation with Illinois State Learning Standards. A version of the software is available at both the junior and senior high schools. Each staff member taking the class will be given Inspiration Software to install at home. [Back to Calendar](#)

#### **Inspiration Workshop**

##### ***Prerequisite: Inspiration Basics***

Learn tips and tricks of using Inspiration in your classroom. Bring a project to work on, explore additional features of Inspiration such as advanced printing, linking to documents and web pages, working with default settings and more. This class will be a workshop format with time allowed for you to work individually on an Inspiration project. [Back to Calendar](#)

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### **Integrating Inspiration and PowerPoint**

#### **Helpful to have taken Inspiration I and a knowledge of PowerPoint**

Learn about using Inspiration and PowerPoint templates to integrate interactive game-like activities into your classroom. Bring your own content to “make and take” a Jeopardy-like game, a sequencing activity, a knowledge building activity for your classroom. Activities created can be teacher-lead, student-lead or an individual activity for your classroom. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Internet I (Tips and Tricks)**

Learn tips and tricks that will make using the Internet in the classroom a safer experience for you and your students. Some concepts taught will be: Internet safety, saving web pages on a floppy disk for easy Internet access, creating, editing, exporting, and importing your favorites; and creating a simple web page with links for ease in accessing other web pages. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Internet II (Classroom Activities on the Internet)**

Explore some of the age appropriate activities that can be done on the Internet. Areas covered will include: age appropriate searches and search engines, good educational sites, scavenger hunts and Webquests. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Internet III – (Advanced Searching Strategies)**

Learn advanced features using the Internet such as Boolean search strategies, search engines and more. Learn advanced features from the Google search screens. Investigate webquests, scavenger hunts, and other online activities. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Kid Pix Deluxe 3**

This program is available at each elementary school and is a major upgrade from Kid Pix Deluxe. The format is totally changed, so even if you used Kid Pix Deluxe, you are encouraged to take this session. You will learn the painting program, fun tools like Stamps, Wacky Brushes, and other activities. We'll also look at the enhanced SlideShow, which will allow students to prepare animated reports with special effects like sounds, video, and screen transitions. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Kidspiration**

Kidspiration is a wonderful program to help younger students (K-3) see, organize, and develop their great ideas. This program is available in all of the elementary schools and is the younger version of Inspiration. The following areas will be covered in this class: picture view, writing view, audio, and the included activities. You can even create your own activities using the Activity Wizard, which will guide you through the process of creating a new activity or modifying an existing one. . Each staff member taking the class will be given the Kidspiration Software to install at home. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Thinkfinity (formerly known as Marco Polo)**

This training session will introduce the Thinkfinity Internet Content for the classroom. Staff will explore the components of the web site and learn search strategies of the Thinkfinty site. This general session will cover seven areas: Arts, Economics, Humanities, Mathematics, Reading-Writing-Thinking, Science and Geography. Enrollees will have time to experience the Thinkfinity site and save links that can be used in their classroom. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **On Your Own**

Lab hours have been arranged to allow individual staff to work “On Their Own.” That is, come in to the lab at your home school, during the three-hour session ( 1-hour minimum, 3 hour maximum per session) and work on a class project, lesson plan, software review, hook up the projector, learn new PowerPoint skills, create a spreadsheet, use the digital camera or scanner, or find curricular Internet sites or other new technology skills. You will be “On Your Own” in a lab setting. If assistance is needed, technology staff will be present to help answer your questions and assist in your learning. An “On Your Own” session will be offered at least once a semester per building. **Contact your building technology staff to enroll** in the “On Your Own” sessions at your Home building. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Photoshop Intro (Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS)**

Introduction to Photoshop CS is for individuals who have very little or no experience using Adobe Photoshop. This class is designed to introduce the basic skills that are necessary to learn this professional-level program effectively. Staff will learn how to use several tools for selecting all or parts of images and will be able to move, duplicate and resize images. Terminology, screens and palettes and hands-on image manipulation will be covered. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Photoshop Basics (Adobe Photoshop Basics CS)**

#### ***Prerequisite: Introduction to Adobe Photoshop***

This more advanced class of Photoshop CS will be a continuation of Introduction to Photoshop. Learn new features from the Creative Suite program. [Back to Calendar](#)

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### **Photoshop Workshop (Adobe Photoshop CS)**

*Prerequisite: Introduction to Adobe Photoshop and Photoshop Basics*

This more advanced workshop class of Photoshop CS will be an opportunity to work on your own with an instructor. Bring in your ideas of what you would like to learn, work on your own projects with Photoshop CS. Continue to work with layers and other advanced features of Photoshop CS. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Publisher--I**

Staff will learn how easy it is to create publications in Microsoft Publisher 2000. Some of the publications which can be created in Publisher are: newsletters, fliers, certificates, brochures, business forms, postcards, tickets, letterhead, business cards, folded cards, invitations, placecards, calendars, labels and envelopes. Topics covered in Publisher I will be using wizards to create cards and flyers while learning the basics of the program. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Publisher--II**

*Prerequisite: Publisher I*

This class is a continuation of Publisher I. Topics covered will be: keyboard shortcuts, design checker, inserting tables, custom shapes, and design gallery objects, tools, and spell check. Staff will modify an existing certificate and create a document from scratch. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Publisher--III**

*Prerequisite: Publisher II*

This class will focus solely on creating a classroom newsletter. Staff will select various layouts, edit text, insert text from a file, insert text from an AlphaSmart, connect text boxes, disconnect text boxes, insert clip art, insert drop cap, and convert a newsletter to a web page. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **Teaching with National and Illinois Technology Standards**

Learn about Illinois State Standards, National Education Technology Standards for both students and teachers and how to incorporate these standards into your classroom. Time, tools and ideas will be given for you to develop using these standards in your teaching and learning environment. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **United Streaming 1**

Learn how to register for the United Streaming subscription for digital videos available for the 2007-2008 school year at all of our schools. This one-hour course will teach you how to explore, search, and use the video content as provided from United Streaming. Imagine accessing over 20,000 video clips to enhance your lessons. Time will be allowed to do searching for your own content area. [Back to Calendar](#)

### **United Streaming Advanced**

*Prerequisite: United Streaming 1*

Using skills learned in the first United Streaming class, learn now how to build assignments, use the Teacher's Center, Quiz Center, Lesson plans and other more advanced features of United Streaming. Learn to work with your Playlist to organize your clips for use in the classroom. [Back to Calendar](#)