

EDIFIDE SUMMER 2015 WORKSHOPS

Google Apps for Education

A team of Christian educators from around the province will be leading a two day workshop on implementing Google Apps for Education (GAPE). The exact structure of this workshop will be determined through a survey of those who sign up. Topics may include: Docs, presentations, spreadsheet, sharing, Gmail, Drive, Classroom, Forms, add-ons like Flubaroo or Doctopus, the administrative panel, chromebooks, implementation and more.

Instructors: Alex van Donkersgoed, Phil Hosmar & David Geertsema
July 6-7, 2015
8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Halton Hills Christian School

*\$225.00 / **\$285.00

* for Edifide Members

** for non-members

(minimum: 10; maximum 30)

Cool School Tools to Make Your Life Easier

Teaching is a pretty busy job and if you are trying to use a new tech tool at the same time, just trying to get through the day can have you pulling your hair out. In this one day “learn by doing” workshop, we will not only play with a number of tools for your classroom, but we will also look at how to choose the right tool for you and your class as well as some great project management tools that will not only help the students stay on track but will also keep you from going crazy! (for Junior/Intermediate/Senior)

Instructor: Eric Brink

July 8, 2015

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: HDCH

*\$150.00 / **\$180.00

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Designing Projects that Work: Lessons Learned and Tools Discovered from the Hits and Misses of PBL

This one-day workshop will provide teachers with an opportunity to generate ideas and develop strategies for large-scale writing projects for the Junior Intermediate Senior curriculum. It will focus on project ideas, assessment strategies and project management tools.

Instructor: Nate Van Kampen

July 8, 2015

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

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Woodworking in your classroom

Coming up with fun and creative project learning opportunities is hard work. In this one day, hands on workshop, in an effort to try to make your lives easier, you will learn how to tap into the great resource of woodworking to design and create easy and fun projects that you can use in your class in September and pick up or brush up on some woodworking skills!

Instructor: Rich Vanderwier

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Beyond the Microphone: Using Audio recording in Your Classroom

Back in 1984 my Grade 7 teacher, Mr. Essenberg, had us create a radio play using a book, student created sound effects (I think I played a ghost) and that standard five button, book-like tape recorder and it was awesome. The difference is that now the recording is just the beginning. With digital recordings you can add voice effects to sound like chipmunks or add sound effects to create professional style realism all with the click of a button. OK, maybe three or four buttons. In this learn-by-doing seminar, participants will learn how to record, edit, enhance and export sounds using free audio editing software. Create your own Radio plays or audio books. Create your own classroom soundtrack. Create a Grade 5 Greatest Reads package for parents. Have your students create weekly newscasts for parents. The possibilities are endless. Participants will leave with project ideas and the tools and knowledge to bring them into the classrooms this September.

Instructor: Eric Brink

July 9, 2015

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: HDCH

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Meaningful Play, Inquiry and Learning in the Kindergarten Classroom (K-1)

What do we know about best teaching practices in the Early Years, which includes Kindergarten? Does our teaching practice in the classroom truly reflect our image of the child, our image of the teacher, our image of the family and the faith we share in our loving God and Creator? Learning together is a journey of inquiry and burning questions. I am excited about sharing a day with you, as we explore this topic together. Reflection, discussion and play will be the foundation for learning at this workshop. Bring your passion for play, your own inquiries and an openness for sharing.

Instructor: Cheryl Herder

July 9, 2015

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: RUC

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Special Ed - Assistive Technology

This is a hands on workshop where we will look at a number of Assistive Technology software tools that help students have greater academic success. Whether you're an expert or just beginning with technology, come prepared for discussion and collaboration on how schools are dealing with Assistive Technology. Programs like: WordQ, SpeakQ, Kurzweil, Smart Ideas, Inspiration, Dragon Naturally Speaking, and our primary focus Read&Write for Google.

Requirements: An active Google account, a laptop (Apple or Win), Netbook or Chromebook that have the Chrome browser installed.

Administrator rights to install programs on your device is ideal. (Bring an iPad if you can however it shouldn't be your primary device)

Instructor: Jason Jarvis

July 10, 2015

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: RUC

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WORKSHOP LEADER BIO'S

Eric Brink

Eric Brink has been involved in Christian Education for ten years or so and is currently teaching Grade 9 Computers, History 10 and Media Studies at Hamilton District Christian High School in Ancaster having already taught Geography 9, English 9, 10, 11, Drama, and Communication Technology at HDCH and Woodland Christian High School. He has also recently taught Redeemer's Faculty of Education Course *Computers in the Classroom* and has led a number of workshops at the EDIFIDE October Convention but still learns new techie things from his students every day. Eric is excited to be able to share some of the exciting opportunities technological tools can bring to the classroom.

David Geertsema

David Geertsema has been teaching at Holland Marsh District Christian School for 4 years. In the role of technology coordinator, he has spent the last two years leading his students and fellow staff in the use of GAFE. HMDCS has been fortunate enough to purchase a portable lab of over 30 chromebooks which they've used in classes throughout the school.

Cheryl Herder

Since 2013 Cheryl has fulfilled the role as the Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator at Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario. In addition to this she teaches a range of courses in Early Childhood Development, Full Day Kindergarten Programming, Play Based Learning, Observing Young Children, and the Administration of Preschool Programs. Cheryl gains daily inspiration from her colleagues and the students that she teaches. The bottom line is, she is passionate about the pedagogy of how children learn, and enjoy networking with others who share her passion. She is excited about the changing paradigms in education in the province of Ontario and believe these are exciting times for all those in the teaching profession. Prior to her role at Fleming College, she taught Kindergarten at Rhema Christian School in Peterborough for 19 years and gained her daily inspiration from the wisdom of 4 and 5 year olds. During this time, she also served as a member of the OCSTA Kindergarten Advisory Committee. She and her husband have raised three boys, who are now, young men. She has two beautiful grandchildren who continue to teach her how to wonder, how to explore, how to dream and never, never stop asking why?

Phil Hosmar

Phil has been using GAFE in his classroom for about 4 years and has overseen a school wide deployment over the last two years. He is working toward becoming a Google Certified Teacher to assist students and teachers in navigating the Google world. He is constantly amazed by the speed which things change in the technological world and is thankful for students who figure things out for him.

Jason Jarvis

Jason graduated from Heritage College in 1997 with his B.R.E and C.S.E, Christian School Education, degrees. Since then, he has received further training in areas such as: special education, interactive whiteboards, the active classroom, GAFE (Google Apps for Education), Office 365 and has been a part of many technology initiatives in a variety of schools. For the past ten years he has been working with the public boards and Christian schools teaching teachers and students how to integrate technology into their classrooms. Developing 21st century skills for our teachers and students, while maintaining a secure and safe environment, has been a primary focus.

Rich Vanderwier

Rich Vanderwier has been a Manufacturing Technology / Woodworking Teacher at HDCH for 7 years and loves working with students to realize their woodworking dreams. He has worked to integrate the magic of the woodshop into other classrooms by jointly working with the Art, Geography, Science, and Venture departments at HDCH as well as working with individual students to incorporate woodworking into their own classwork.

Alex van Donkersgoed

Alex van Donkersgoed attended Calvin College for his BA and graduated in 1995. He spent some years trying out various careers before attending Redeemer to earn his teacher's certificate in 2000. He's spent the last decade in the most challenging and fun schooling he could imagine, teaching in elementary classrooms! His childhood love of computers and technology has morphed into part of his career as he is now the technology coordinator at Halton Hills Christian School. He is fascinated by the potential and peril of technology in education.

Nate Van Kampen

Nate Van Kampen teaches English at HDCH. He is passionate about engaging students through meaningful projects. He loves to see students come together as a community to create meaningful and beautiful work. He is currently working on his MEd at Brock in the Teaching, Learning, and Development stream.