

## **2008-2009 TEACHER CENTER WORKSHOPS**

*(Unless otherwise stated, all workshops begin at 8:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM)*

### **Introduction to EdVideo Online and WSKG Resources for Teachers**

Learn how to view and organize media with PowerMediaPlus, navigate WSKG's website for programming relevant to your classroom instruction, and find helpful PBS teacher guides with lesson plans, activities, assignments, and quizzes for upcoming shows on WSKG. (Workshop requires a minimum of 10 participants to take place.)

**Instructor:** Provided by WSKG  
**Date:** ½ Day / AM - Wednesday, November 19, 2008  
**Location:** High School

### **Connecting THE WAR to Your Curriculum**

In 2007 PBS released the latest documentary by Ken Burns titled, "The War". This seven-part series tells the story of the Second World War through the personal accounts of nearly 40 men and women from four American towns. The wealth of themes explored in THE WAR offers an extraordinary educational opportunity for your classroom. Learn how to navigate THE WAR website and utilize its many resources. We will also explore ways to integrate this content into your curriculum. (Workshop requires a minimum of 10 participants to take place.)

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### **Differentiated Instruction (2 Days)**

**DAY 1:** Teachers from grades 1-7 will learn a variety of practical, effective strategies and instructional techniques easily implemented in the classroom. Strategies are designed to engage all learners at their level and utilize students' learning strengths to create success in the classroom.

**DAY 2:** Teachers will build on strategies learned in Day 1 and be asked to bring lesson/unit topics they wish to differentiate. The concept of "tiering" instruction for students will be presented. Teachers will have time to work on "tiering" in an area of need.

**Instructors:** Sherri Brenno and Dave Barvinchak  
**Date:** 2 FULL DAYS - Wednesdays: December 3, 2008 & January 28, 2009  
**Location:** High School

### **Enhancing Instruction through PowerPoint (Refresher Course) - 1 FULL Day**

This is a one-day refresher course for those who have already taken PowerPoint. Refresh and enhance your PowerPoint skills. This workshop is for those who already have taken the PowerPoint last year.

**Instructors:** Jim Mihalko and Gary Staiger  
**Date:** FULL DAY - Thursday, December 11, 2008  
**Location:** High School

### **Wacky-Cool-Easy-Free Ways to Teach with Technology You Already Own -1 Day**

In this FULL DAY workshop participants will learn the basics of using a cell phone to make podcasted audio and video learning shows through the use of Gabcast, Youtube, and TeacherTube. Participants will learn what a **WIKI** is and how to use it to enhance the learning experience. A WIKI allows students and teachers to create and edit their own web sites. Imagine teachers and students creating web pages in class or for homework without having to know all the technical mumbo jumbo that makes us all give up on ever trying! You will learn about Twitter and Jott and how they can be easily used in any classroom for students of any age. Turn your voice into digital text and have it sent anywhere just by using a cell phone. Imagine speaking the class homework assignments and having your voice automatically changed into text and sent to e-mail, text messages and more! Incredible and it's free! No previous experience with technology is required for this course. It will be incredibly easy to grasp! Please bring your cell phone and your creative mind and get ready for some "geekie" fun.

**Instructor:** Gregg Veech  
**Date:** FULL DAY - Tuesday, December 16, 2008  
**Location:** High School

### **Technology in the Instructional Process: Getting Your Students Plugged In**

This workshop will discuss various technologies and how they can fit into the instructional process. Technologies that will be presented will include video clips from teachertube and brainpop; PowerPoint presentations and PowerPoint game templates; GoogleEarth; wequests and blogging. The participants will be introduced to the technologies and then will be given time to explore and develop materials for their classrooms.

**Instructor:** Mark Buza and Julie Beard  
**Date:** FULL DAY - Tuesday, February 3, 2009  
**Location:** High School

### **Microsoft Office Word 2007**

This workshop is designed for those who want to become proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Word 2007. The instructor will show you tips and tricks that will help you to navigate Word 2007. The workshop will be tailored to meet the needs of the participants. After the initial instruction, there will be time to work on projects to use in the classroom.

**Instructor:** Diane Jenson

**Date:** FULL DAY - Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Location:** High School

### **Enhancing Instruction through PowerPoint (for Beginners) - 2 FULL Days**

This two-day workshop is a detailed exploration of how technology can add an exciting new dimension to your classroom instruction. Participants will learn the finer points of how powerful presentation software can be used to help them create attention-holding classroom lessons. Tired of blah power point presentations? Want to learn how to make your next presentation stand out? Then this two-day workshop is for you. Learn how to add sound, music, digital images and more.

**Instructors:** Jim Mihalko and Gary Staiger

**Dates:** 2 FULL DAYS - Wednesdays: January 7, 2009 & February 4, 2009

**Location:** High School

### **Microsoft Publisher**

Part of the Office Suite - learn how to create brochures, certificates, greeting cards, letterhead and more!

**Instructor:** Judy Mitrowitz

**Date:** ½ Day / PM - Wednesday, February 11, 2009

**Location:** High School

### **Stress Management - 1 FULL Day**

The participants in this workshop will be provided with information and skills that will be helpful for both the individual and the classroom environment. The morning will include information about stress response, understanding stressors, physical, social, and emotional issues associated with stress and techniques that have been used for management purposes. The afternoon will give participants the opportunity to take part in a variety of stress management activities. Participants should come to this workshop dressed comfortably. You will be asked to sit and lay on the floor with a beach towel, a small pillow, and an open mind.

**Instructor:** Sue Anderson

**Date:** FULL DAY - Wednesday, March 18, 2009

**Location:** High School

### **NASA for High School Teachers**

During this 3 hour workshop, Earth Science, Chemistry, Biology and Physics teachers will learn about NASA Earth, Astrophysics, Heliophysics and Planetary science missions. Teachers will also learn about the wealth of NASA educational resources available free of charge. Lessons specific for each subject will be demonstrated and teachers will receive an abundance of free educational resources to take back to their classrooms. Some of these lessons include: Making a Model of an Active Galaxy (Physics), Our Cosmic Connection to the Universe (Chemistry & Biology), Lunar Planet Challenge (Biology), and Investigating Invisible Light - EM (Earth Science).

**Instructor:** Sonya Williams, Aerospace Education Specialist (Goddard Space Flight Center)

**Date:** ½ Day (8 AM - 11 AM) - Monday, May 4, 2009

**Location:** High School

### **NASA for Middle and Elementary School Teachers**

During this 3 hour workshop, learn about NASA Earth, Astrophysics, Heliophysics and Planetary science missions. Teachers will also learn about the wealth of NASA educational resources available free of charge. Middle & Elementary school lessons will be demonstrated and teachers will receive an abundance of free educational resources to take back to their classrooms. Some of these lessons include: Investigating Invisible Light, Solar System Scale, and Our Cosmic Connections to the Universe. These are but a few of the many lessons we will explore. Come ready to participate and please bring a paper towel roll.

**Instructor:** Sonya Williams, Aerospace Education Specialist (Goddard Space Flight Center)

**Date:** ½ Day (12PM - 3PM) Middle & Elementary School Teachers - Mon., May 4, 2009

**Location:** High School