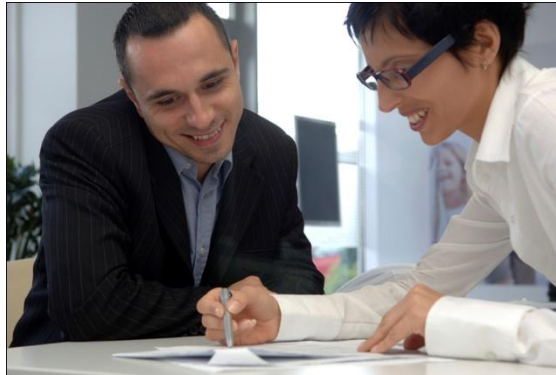


Bedford County Public Schools

Spring 2010 Learning Opportunities



Bedford County Public Schools is committed to high academic achievement for all students. BCPS offers professional development opportunities to promote the goals of the division, to support teacher needs, and to enhance student and staff learning.

The intent of this publication is to inform teachers of learning opportunities provided within the division by Bedford County Public Schools teachers, administrators, and partners.

All offerings are posted on ERO and participants should register online. In some cases, an activity will be completed beyond the workshop time in order to earn recertification points. If a workshop does not have at least 5 registrants, it may be cancelled. If this occurs, notification will be sent the day of (or day prior to) the workshop via email.

Please forward ideas for future offerings to Director of Instruction Mac Duis at mduis@bedford.k12.va.us .

Check Bedford County Public Schools website for updates!

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TECHNOLOGY

Flipcam: The Easiest-to-Use Camcorder Ever Created by Humans

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: How can you say “No” to a title like that? Really—the Flipcam is incredibly easy to use for teacher or student! It lends itself beautifully to Reader’s Theater, field trips, video how-to’s, student projects (ex: music videos where students create songs using material they are learning). Email videos, make movies, take snapshots from videos, make ecards with videos, and more! Who can resist watching themselves on screen?

Date: January 4, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: MNES Lab

Recertification Points: 3

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Date: January 5, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: TES Lab

Recertification Points: 3

PowerPoint Games

Presenter: *Jennifer Harrison*

Audience: *Teachers*

Description: Learn how to create review games using PowerPoint templates. Games like “Are You Smarter than a _____ Grader?”, “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?”, and “Jeopardy”.

Date: January 7, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary, Room B-2

Recertification Points: 3

Technology in the Foreign Language Classroom, Part Uno

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Come explore various tools that work beautifully in a Foreign Language Classroom. Topics covered will be Smart Board, Flipcam, creative uses of Microsoft Office products, Voice Thread, FL Internet sources, Sound Recorder, and more. You will leave the class with tools that you can use the very next day. Be ready to share the creative ways that you use technology in your FL classroom! This course was last offered Spring 2009.

Date: January 12, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3

iPod to Learn

Presenter: *Bethany Butcher*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Have you heard that students are using iPods in the classroom? Well you may be wondering why and how can a music player help my students learn. Come learn about how an iPod can impact your classroom. We will look at classroom examples, give suggestions, allow time to add content to an iPod, and much more. In a world where our students are already familiar with the technology, why not use it for learning?

Date: January 14, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: FMS

Recertification Points: 3

Social Networking: FaceBook & MySpace – Keeping children safe on the Internet

Presenter: *Jennifer Harrison*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Do you know what Social Networking is? Most of our students either have a Facebook or MySpace account. It is our job as teachers and parents to keep our kids safe on the internet. Learn about these two websites and how to use them safely and how to keep kids safe on the internet.

Date: January 25, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary, Room B-2

Recertification Points: 3

Microsoft Power Point 2003: Teacher and Student-Created for Deeper Understanding

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Create slide show presentations for yourself to use, or have your students create slides and merge them all together to create one big class slide show to view together. Topics can range from "My Favorite Things" for you to get to know your students better, or "The Civil War" where each student/group creates slides on topics of the teacher's choice (Causes of, up to Reconstruction, for example). Or how about creating a slide show of your parents for their anniversary?

Date: January 26, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: TES Lab

Recertification Points: 3

Image It!

Presenter: *Bethany Butcher*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: The saying "A picture is worth a thousand words" is so true. But with all the cool new web sites, images can really speak to our students. Come and learn about internet tools that let you and your students make an image their own. You can transform an image to help support what you are teaching. Bring your pictures and your creativity.

Date: January 26, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3

Organize Your Life and Share Your Schedule with Google Calendar

Presenter: *Asia Sharif-Clark*

Audience: *Teachers, Administrators*

Description: Google Calendar is a great way to begin the New Year! Organize daily activities and share your schedule with fellow teachers and administrators. Whether you prefer a daily, weekly, or monthly view, it's easy to create and share!

Date: January 28, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: TES

Recertification Points: 3 points

SMART Notebook 10: Part 2

Presenter: *Deborah Prowse*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Want to add more pizzazz to your Notebook10 lessons? Learn the advanced techniques of adding animation, setting picture transparency, and adding sound and video files into SMART Notebook. SMART Notebook10 Part 1 desired, but not required.

Date: February 2, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: BCES

Recertification Points: 3

Technology in the Foreign Language Classroom, Part Deux

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Are you ready for more ways to be creative with technology in your Foreign Language classroom? Topics covered will be BLOGS and WIKIS, FREE software by CLEAR (Center for Language Acquisition and Research), such as Audio Drop Boxes, creating your own Voice Threads, podcasts, and more. Be ready to share the creative ways that you use technology in your FL classroom!

Date: February 4, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3

How can I be SMART without a SMARTboard?

Presenter: *Bethany Butcher*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: The SMARTboard software has so many great features to enhance your teaching and classroom. But you don't have a SMARTboard. Well, you will find out how to use the software without a board. We will learn great teaching tips and ideas to bring your classroom to life. Do you have a mounted LCD projector in your classroom, but only use it to show movies or PowerPoint? I will show you how to use your LCD projector and SMARTboard software to make your classroom more interactive and give you a few extra tools.

Date: February 4, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: TJES

Recertification Points: 3

Enhance Word Study through Smart Board

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Have you ever thought about making the Smart Board one of your centers during Word Study time? Well, you can—quite easily! Come learn how in this class where you will create your own Notebook 10 lessons to use the very next day or week. Please bring your Word Study books with you to class so that you can create your own WS sorts and games.

Date: February 8, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: MNES Lab

Recertification Points: 3

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Audience: *Everyone*

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Date: February 9, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3

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Date: February 9, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: MVES Library

Recertification Points: 3

Digital Storytelling with a Flash Cam

Presenter: Asia Sharif-Clark

Audience: Everyone

Description: Learn how to tell a digital story using a Flash Cam, a small video recorder. Students can create their own film projects in any subject area. Learn how to operate the Flash Cam and put it to use in your classroom. This class is limited to 25 students.

Date: February 9, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: TES

Recertification Points: 3 points

Smart NoteBook 10: Creating Your Own Lesson

Presenter: Crystal Creasey

Audience: All

Description: Participants will use the Smart Notebook 10 software to create their own lessons. Lesson Activity Toolkit will be shown as well as sites where lessons have already been created.

Date: February 15, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Location: BSTC

Recertification Points: 3 points

Online Collaboration Tools

Presenter: Deborah Prowse

Audience: Everyone

Description: Explore several online collaboration tools that you can use with your students or colleagues. Collaborate in real time on the web. Gain and give instant feedback through the use of these online tools.

Date: February 16, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: BCES

Recertification Points: 3

Privacy of Quality Student Data

Presenter: *Kevin Harrison*

Audience: *Principals, Guidance Counselors, and Instructional Specialists*

Description: Participants will learn of FERPA privacy laws protecting student data and how student data can or cannot be transmitted through email. What is considered confidential information and what is not considered confidential. Participants will also learn of the impact in creating quality student data and how data relates to testing, AYP, funding, and other reports mandated from the Department of Education.

Date: February 17, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Location: BSTC

Recertification Points: 2 points

iTunes U: Learning Wherever You Are

Presenter: *Ed Hoisington*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: iTunes U is a part of the iTunes Store featuring free lectures, language lessons, audio books, and more, that you can enjoy on your iPod, iPhone, Mac or PC. Explore over 200,000 educational audio and video files from top universities, museums and public media organizations from around the world. With iTunes U, there's no end to what or where you can learn. In this session, we will explore learning on the go...

Date: February 18, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Location: BSTC

Recertification Points: 3 points

Protecting Digital Natives in a Digital World: Cyber bullying & Sexting

Presenter: *Jennifer Harrison*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Learn what Sexting is and the serious trouble children can get into if they are caught. Also, learn about how children are being bullied on the computer through email, instant messaging, social networking sites, and websites.

Date: February 22, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary, Room B-2

Recertification Points: 3

PowerPoint SOS

Presenters: *Debbie Newman and Bethany Butcher*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Are you tired of the same old PowerPoint, are your students not getting what they need to, or are you looking to add something different to your PowerPoint lessons? Well then this is the training for you. We will explore PowerPoint techniques that are more beneficial for students, allow more engagement, and provide interactivity. A basic knowledge of PowerPoint is preferred but not necessary. Please bring a PowerPoint to work with to the training.

Date: February 24, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3 points

Web Resources for Elementary and Middle School Teachers

Presenter: *Asia Sharif-Clark*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: New educational sites are created every day. Which are relevant to what you teach and the goals you want to reach? Discover engaging, interactive, and resourceful sites which support student learning.

Date: February 25, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: TES

Recertification Points: 3 points

Project Web

Presenter: *Deborah Prowse*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Use a variety of web resources for alternatives to standard reports and projects. You will learn about several online project creation tools where your students can incorporate their knowledge, creativity, and 21st Century skills.

Date: March 2, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: BCES

Recertification Points: 3

Open Office.org: FREE Software Comparable to Microsoft Office

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Not all of your students have Microsoft Office at home, so take this class and show your students how to use Open Office products for FREE! Open Office is a free download and has programs comparable to MS Word, Power Point, Excel, and more. These can be saved in a Microsoft-compatible format. Hurray for open source tools like Open Office, provided by Sun (also provider of Java)!

Date: March 8, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: MNES Lab

Recertification Points: 3

Creating a Classroom Blog for Literature

Presenter: *Asia Sharif-Clark*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Imagine discussing a great book in a virtual way. With edublogs.org, you'll learn how to build a blog around any Language Arts lesson and engage your students in a 21st Century discussion. This class is limited to 25 students.

Date: March 9, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: TES

Recertification Points: 3

Google Lit Trips

Presenters: *Bethany Butcher and Debbie Newman*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Join us on a trip like no other. In this session, we will combine research, literary study, reading, and writing. Using Google Earth and great literature, we will make the stories come alive for readers in a new way. The tools of Google Earth help us view and create Google Lit trips which provide connections to 21st Century literacy skills. Please bring your favorite book with a traveling character to bring to life with Google Earth.

Date: March 11, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3

PortaPortal: Creating Your Own Bookmarks

Presenter: *Crystal Creasey*

Audience: *All*

Participants will learn how to set up their own PortaPortals to bookmark favorite websites.

Date: March 15, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Location: BSTC

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Privacy of Quality Student Data

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Audience: *Lead Teachers*

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Date: March 17, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Location: BSTC

Recertification Points: 2

Podcasting with the Mac Book

Presenter: *Crystal Creasey*

Audience: *All*

Using GarageBand, participants will learn how to do enhanced podcasts including pictures, music and voice recording.

Date: March 18, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Location: BSTC

Recertification Points: 3

GPS

Presenters: *Debbie Newman and Bethany Butcher*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Last year all 5th graders in Bedford County were able to participate in a GPS activity. Come and see the possibilities of how a GPS receiver can get your class up and moving and learning in a different way. The GPS concept will be covered, examples will be shared and ideas will be given to start planning your own adventure!

Date: March 24, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3

Creating Lesson Activity Templates using Microsoft Power Point

Presenter: *Deborah Prowse*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Create templates using Power Point for student assignments and projects to support your curriculum and technology SOLs.

Date: March 30, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: BCES

Recertification Points: 3

The Gimp: the *Best* FREE Open Source Photo Editor

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Why pay beaucoup bucks for another photo editor like Photo Shop when you can download and use the Gimp for FREE? This is a beginner's class for photo enhancement and retouching. You can bring your own pictures if you'd like, saved on a flash drive or disk. Or, I will snap a picture of you and you can enhance/retouch yourself! Hurray for open source tools like the Gimp!

Date: April 1, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3

Podcasting with the PC

Presenter: Asia Sharif-Clark

Audience: Everyone

Description: Podcasting is a great way to help students use a new medium to share relevant content. From audio books, to interviews, and more, learn how to create your own using a microphone and your PC. It's free and easy with Audacity®. This class is limited to 25 students.

Date: April 1, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: TES

Recertification Points: 3

Creating Lesson Activity Templates using Microsoft Publisher

Presenter: Deborah Prowse

Audience: Everyone

Description: Create templates using Publisher for student assignments and projects to support your curriculum and technology SOLs.

Date: April 13, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: BCES

Recertification Points: 3

Protecting Digital Natives in a Digital World: Cyber bullying & Sexting

Presenter: Jennifer Harrison

Audience: Everyone

Description: Learn what Sexting is and the serious trouble children can get into if they are caught. Also, learn about how children are being bullied on the computer through email, instant messaging, social networking sites, and websites.

Date: April 15, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary, Room B-2

Recertification Points: 3

Creating eBooks and Digital Storytelling with Photo Story 3

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Microsoft offers Photo Story 3 for FREE and invites everyone to “make show – n-tell fun again” or to “experience your photos in amazing new ways” (www.microsoft.com). You will learn how to turn pictures into your own digital photo story, and then be able to show your students how to do the same. How neat would it be to show your students how to create their own eBook? Or how about a class eBook where each student reads a page? Digital stories also make wonderful gifts for students or family! If bringing pictures, please save them to a flash drive or disk.

Date: April 15, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: MNES Lab

Recertification Points: 3

iTunes U: Learning Wherever You Are

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Audience: *Everyone*

Description: iTunes U is a part of the iTunes Store featuring free lectures, language lessons, audio books, and more, that you can enjoy on your iPod, iPhone, Mac or PC. Explore over 200,000 educational audio and video files from top universities, museums and public media organizations from around the world. With iTunes U, there's no end to what or where you can learn. In this session, we will explore learning on the go...

Date: April 15, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Location: BSTC

Recertification Points: 3

Creating Senteo Quizzes with Examview Questions

Presenter: *Asia Sharif-Clark*

Audience: *Teachers*

Description: Learn how to use Senteo Response Clickers with Examview questions (some you already have) to create interactive review sessions and games.

Date: April 22, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: TES

Recertification Points: 3

Turn Your Smart Board into an Amazing 3D Virtual Learning World with Edusim!

Presenter: *Kim Larsen*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Did you know that your Smart Board can become an advanced 3D visualization lab in your classroom to better engage your students?! They and you will be amazed at what the 3D virtual manipulatives can do! Tell a story in an immersive way, or take a virtual field trip to Washington DC, or the Grand Canyon, or even Mars! Be prepared for a thrilling ride while you learn about this amazing tool!

Date: April 27, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: BSTC Lab

Recertification Points: 3

SMART Response

Presenter: *Deborah Prowse*

Audience: *Everyone*

Description: Create review lessons by importing questions created in Microsoft Word and ExamView. Great for SOL preparation and diagnostic testing!

Date: April 27, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: BCES

Recertification Points: 3

Social Bookmarking with Delicious

Presenter: Asia Sharif-Clark

Audience: Everyone

Description: Having trouble finding all those websites you save in favorites? Delicious.com is a great bookmarking tool which efficiently places your site picks into categories. Best of all, you can see and use relevant websites chosen by others. Bookmarking made easier. This class is limited to 25 students.

Date: May 4, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: TES

Recertification Points: 3

MATH

Spring UVA Graduate Math Course

MATH 653: Numbers and Operations (3-hours of graduate mathematics credit)

Presenters: Beth Williams, Instructor and Jennifer Springer, Master Teacher

Audience: K-8 math teachers

Description: The goals for this class are:

- To explore the mathematics ideas about number and operations by engaging in mathematical problems.
- To analyze children's mathematical thinking as they encounter these ideas by reading and discussing case studies and by examining student work samples.
- To read and discuss current research in mathematics education.
- To examine knowledge, beliefs, and assumptions about mathematics and about mathematics teaching and learning.

Supplied textbooks: Schifter, Bastable

Number and Operations Part 1: Building a System of Tens Casebook and

Number and Operations Part 2: Making Meaning of Operations Casebook

Dates: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 18, 25; Mar. 12, 18, 25; Apr. 1, 15, 22, 29

Time: Thursdays from 4:00 – 7:30, beginning January 7

Location: Bedford Elementary School

Local Professional Development Sessions

Effective Mathematics Lesson Planning

Presenter: Bill Eggl

Audience: All math teachers

Description: Learn to plan effective lessons by working backwards and using a Before/During/After strategy.

Date: January 5

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

AIMS

Presenter: *Bill Ettl*

Audience: *4th and 5th grade teachers who attended the AIMS workshop provided by Lynchburg College in August of 2009.*

Description: These sessions will focus on follow-up activities and lessons included in the AIMS Problem Solving activity books.

Dates: January 19 – 4th grade, March 30 – 5th grade

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Manipulatives in the Classroom

Presenter: *Rona Nolan Brammer*

Audience: *K-2*

Description: Investigate and explore mathematics using manipulatives in the classroom. Manipulatives include Cuisenaire Rods, color tiles, and pattern blocks. You will also leave with activities to use in your classroom.

Dates: January 19, February 16, March 9

Time: 4:00-5:30

Location: Moneta Elementary

Recertification Points: 5

Measurement, Time, and Money

Presenters: *Cheryl Musgrove, Denise Duncan, Rona Nolan Brammer*

Audience: *K-2*

Description: Investigate measurement using standard and nonstandard units. Explore time and money with activities, centers, and literature. Follow-up work will include sharing how the ideas were implemented in the classroom.

Date: February 1

Time: 4:00-5:30

Location: Bedford Primary

Recertification Points: 5

Mathematical Mondays: Student-Centered Mathematics

Presenters: *Bill Egg and other middle school teachers*

Audience: *Grades 6-8*

Description: Come each week, or to the sessions you choose, to learn about specific strategies and lessons that incorporate the SOL and our division curriculum maps.

Dates: Mondays – January 11, 25, February 8, 22, March 8, 22, April 19, and May 3

Time: 3:30-5:00

Location: BMS – Dotty Roach’s room

Recertification Points: 1.5 points (per session)

Mathematical Mondays: Teach Engaging Mathematics!

Presenters: *Beth Williams and Pam Phillips*

Audience: *4th and 5th grade teachers*

Description: Problem-solving provides valuable assessment data. Participants will discuss ways to use student generated ideas to plan focused lessons, evaluate student progress, and communicate with parents. These six sessions will follow the fourth and fifth grade curriculum maps. Participants will leave each session with models and manipulative tools to support classroom instruction. Join us for Mathematical Mondays!

Dates: February 1, 22, March 1, 22, April 12, and 26

Time: 4:00—5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary School

Recertification Points: Each session is worth 2 recertification points.

Exploring Student Problem Solving Strategies

Presenter: *Cathey Burks*

Audience: *3-6*

Description: Discover your student's problem solving strategies through effective questioning and use of a variety of graphic organizers.

Date: February 18

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary

Recertification Points: 2

The Math Interactive Notebook

Presenter: Cathey Burks

Audience: K-8

Description: Engage students in mathematical language and vocabulary with the interactive notebook.

Date: March 18

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary

Recertification Points: 2

Topics in Algebra

Presenter: Ralf Melis

Audience: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II

Description: This workshop focuses on a hands-on lesson that can be used to teach finding a line of best fit. The lesson allows for discussion of the following concepts: domain and range, independent and dependent variable, interpreting r-squared, interpreting slope in context, and what type of predictions can and cannot be made with a line of best fit. Correlates with SOL A.16 and A2.19. Participants will receive ready to use worksheets (paper and electronic versions).

Date: March 22

Time: 3:30-5:00

Location: Liberty High School, Ralf Melis' room

Recertification Points: 3

LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH

Spring UVA Graduate Reading Courses

EDIS 772: Word Study: Language Structures and Phonics

Instructor: Deborah Vesser

Dates: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 15, 22, 29, May 6

Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Bedford Elementary

Credits: 3 Graduate Credits

CRISS - Creating Independence through Student-owned Strategies

Instructor: Dr. Ray Jones

Audience: Teachers (All new hires must take CRISS in the first 18 months of employment)

Description: Project CRISS is an educational initiative designed to help students of all abilities learn content information across the curriculum and throughout the grade levels. This one's a favorite of Bedford County Teachers! Classes fill up quickly so sign up early.

Dates: Class 3 (for the year) April 16 & 17
Class 4 (for the year) April 23 & 24

Paraprofessionals will have a CRISS class on March 26 & 27

Time: Friday, noon-6:30 and Saturday, 8:30-4:30

Location: Bedford Elementary School

Recertification Points: 30 (plus one hour credit from UVA)

Local Professional Development Sessions

High Stakes ~ Low Stakes Writing and Rubric Scoring

Presenter: Caris Jonas

Audience: All Teachers

What is the relationship between low- and high-stakes writing? How do low-stakes writing options improve overall student performance? How can writing opportunities be adapted for various subject areas? What are the motivational benefits for the classroom? How can teachers manage the inevitable increase in paperwork? Experience a variety of writing activities; take away answers to these questions and 50+ writing ideas in the High Stakes ~ Low Stakes Writing Session.

Date: January 12, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Location: School Board Office Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Strategic Writing Instruction

Presenter: *Peggy Smith, Reading Specialist*

Audience: *Teachers and Paraprofessionals*

Description: The writing problems of struggling writers are often strategic problems. We will discuss elements of the writing process and the prerequisite skills students need to write good papers. The workshop will describe the process for teaching students the POW+TREE strategy, a writing strategy to help students produce better expository essays.

Date: February 8, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Reading and Writing with Informational Text in the Primary Grades

Presenters: *Angie Bower and Kari Cox, Reading Coaches*

Audience: *Primary Teachers*

Description: Find out why it is important to weave informational text into the primary curriculum and how to best do it. Several strategies will be presented for helping children become wise consumers and creators of information text.

Date: February 15, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Textbook Reading

Presenter: *Anne Saloka*

Audience: *All Teachers*

Did you ever find yourself reading a chapter in a textbook and not being able to remember what you read? There is a sure way to remedy this. In the Textbook Reading workshop we will look at specific strategies to help students break down text in any content area. Learn the seven steps that all readers use in breaking down text and the tricks on teaching students what type of reading strategies to use for specific types of text.

Date: February 16, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Location: School Board Office Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Implementing Tier 3 RtI's: The Practical Approach

Presenter: Shannon Spirko, Teacher

Audience: Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Description: This workshop presents a practical approach to the implementation of Response to Intervention (RtI) in the classroom setting. Participants will receive an overview of RtI, discuss the relationship between SCT and RtI and work on organizing and implementing an RtI in the classroom. Participants need to bring a list of students identified for tier 3 interventions from their classrooms.

Date: February 18, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Interactive Reading and Writing Notebooks

Presenter: Jenny Timmons, Reading Coach

Audience: Upper Elementary Teachers

Description: Are you familiar with using interactive notebooks in science and social studies, but are uncertain of how to proceed in reading and writing? This session will explore the use of interactive notebooks in reading and writing, as well as provide time to brainstorm and collaborate regarding various resources to include within the notebook.

Date: February 23, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Using Thinking Maps in the Writing Classroom

Presenter: Jenny Timmons, Reading Coach

Audience: Teachers who have already received Thinking Maps Training

Description: Thinking Maps are visual tools used in the comprehension of content and the development of essential cognitive strategies. This session will explore a variety of ways to go beyond the basic uses of Thinking Maps while incorporating them into your writing curriculum.

Date: March 11, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Fluency Instruction 101

Presenters: *Angie Bower, Reading Coach and Michelle Bell, Reading Specialist*

Audience: *Elementary Teachers and Paraprofessionals*

Description: All fluency work is aimed at increasing comprehension, but fluency-building strategies are not the same as comprehension-building strategies. This workshop is based on rationale by Tim Rasinski, one of the nation's leading authorities on fluency instruction. We will focus on strategies such as read alouds, repeated readings, performance readings, and word recognition. These strategies will assist students to become metacognitive about their own fluency which will support higher levels of comprehension and critical thinking.

Date: March 15, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Blooms Revisited

Presenters: *Becky Pierce and Krista Moore*

Audience: *All Teachers*

Description: Provide yourself with a new way of using Blooms Taxonomy for your classroom instruction. Bloom identifies six levels within the cognitive domain, from the simple recall or recognition of facts, as the lowest level, through increasingly more complex and abstract mental levels, to the highest order which is classified as evaluation. Join in the workshop and gain a better understanding of each level of blooms and how to move students from the lowest level of understanding to the highest level of critical thinking.

Date: March 16, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Location: School Board Office Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Unlocking the Keys to Comprehension

Presenter: *Jenny Timmons, Reading Coach*

Audience: *Elementary Reading Teachers and Paraprofessionals*

Description: What are the essential comprehension strategies and how can they be taught within the constraints of SOLs? This session will answer those questions and provide a variety of practical resources for teachers to utilize in the teaching of comprehension strategies.

Date: March 25, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

SOCIAL STUDIES

Fine-Tuning the Civics and Economic SOLs

Presenter: Lynchburg College Center for Economic Education staff

Audience: 6th and 7th grade social studies teachers

Description: This class is designed for all 6th and 7th grade social studies and any other teacher who desires to enhance their knowledge of economics. Topics will address areas that need to be strengthened for SOL instruction and add to the revised 2008 Economic SOLs.

Date: Feb. 18, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: LHS

Recertification Points: 5

Economic Skills You Can't Live Without! Decision making models and cost-benefit analyses

Presenter: Lynchburg College Center for Economic Education staff

Audience: For teachers at all levels.

Description: Teachers will leave this session understanding how economics really is a 'life skill'. Topics will address the revised 2008 Economic SOLs. This session will get teachers ahead of the game by demonstrating various K-12 grade appropriate decision-making models and cost-benefit analyses as they apply to everyday life. Participants will be divided into grade-specific groups and apply these skills to respective subject content. (5 recertification points)

Date: March 18, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: LHS

Recertification Points: 5

ART/MUSIC

Music Makes Learning Fun

Presenter: *Rose Hager*

Audience: *Music Teachers at any level*

Description: Teachers will learn new music activities which will help their students to review and practice SOL material within the music classroom. Teachers are asked to bring an academic concept (general or specific) that can be used to create a song or activity for students to use in the classroom. Teachers will be able to make learning fun with some Orff-like creations.

Date: January 12, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary School

Recertification Points: 5

Art - Pen and Ink Learning Session

Presenter: *David Merritt*

Audience: *Art teachers and others interested*

Description: This class is for art teachers and others who may be interested in learning more about drawing in pen and ink.

Date: February 9 and February 23, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: Bower Center in Bedford

Recertification Points: 5

Light and Color: Art, Science and Perception

Presenter: *Virginia Museum of Art*

Audience: *All art teachers*

Description: How is the eye like a camera? Why does color seem to change as the background changes? Learn the answers to these and many other questions in this investigation of light and color.

Date: January 7, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: Bower Center in Bedford

Recertification Points: 5

Music Lab Workshop

Presenter: *Jeremy Craft*

Audience: *All music teachers*

Description: Teachers will be introduced to the technology and possibilities for use of the music lab at the Bower Center in Bedford. The center has keyboards and computer technology that will enable classroom teachers to enhance their music program. After the workshop teachers will be able to use the lab and they will be able to take students to the lab for activities.

Date: February 2010 (TBA)

Time: 3:30 to 5:30

Location: Bower Center in Bedford

Recertification Points: 5

GENERAL STRATEGIES

Foldables: Beyond the Basics

Presenter: *Melinda Sprinkle and Amy Mallow*

Audience: *Teachers K-12*

Description: Foldables are 3D graphic organizers. Participants will learn how to make several new Foldables, how to make a Foldable within a Foldable, and be introduced to a new type of Foldable for notebooks, spirals, and binders. Participants will enjoy this "make-it, take-it" style workshop, so come with ideas in mind. Bring along your SOL resource guides as participants will be given time to create Foldables for immediate use in the classroom. Participants will be required to leave a comment on the Foldable blog located at foldables.blogspot.com. Computers and printer will be available for use at class.

Date: January 11, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

The Responsive Classroom

Presenters: *Jaime Feidt and Tina O'Hara*

Audience: *Elementary teachers, administrators, and paras*

This overview of the Responsive Classroom approach will focus on an approach to elementary teaching that emphasizes social, emotional, and academic growth in a strong and safe school community. The goal is to enable optimal student learning. Through discussion and lively interaction, participants will learn how the *Responsive Classroom* approach boosts children's social and academic skills while reducing behavior problems. The presenters will share a little from each of the following areas: **Morning Meeting, Rule Creation, Interactive Modeling, Positive Teacher Language, Logical Consequences, Guided Discovery, and Academic Choice.**

Date: January 25, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: Bedford Elementary School

Recertification Points: 5

Effective Discipline Strategies and Positive Behavioral Supports for Secondary Students

Presenters: *Beth Robertson and Josh Cornett*

Audience: Middle/High Teachers or Paraprofessionals, *including beginning teachers*

Description: This workshop will be designed to present strategies and targeted interventions for students with emotional and behavioral difficulties to reduce incidents of disciplinary action. The emphasis will be specific student interventions and aligning those behavioral strategies within the Response to Intervention model. School staff will be encouraged to share specific student cases for plan development.

Date: January 26, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Strategies for Promoting Compliance with Oppositional Students

Presenters: *Beth Robertson*

Audience: Elementary Teachers or Paraprofessionals, *including beginning teachers*

Description: Most teachers have taught students who presented with oppositional and defiant behaviors. These behaviors present very specific challenges to teachers using traditional classroom management methods. This workshop will explore research-based interventions designed to increase compliance and build more cooperative and productive relationships between teachers and learners demonstrating oppositional behaviors.

Date: February 2, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

Classroom Sensory Supports to Increase Student Focus and Attention

Presenters: OT staff

Audience: Elementary Teachers

Description: There are often students in the classroom who require additional assistance to focus and attend to classroom instruction, but are not identified as 'special education' students. This course will provide teachers with classroom friendly movement activities, kinesthetic teaching supports, alternative seating options and classroom environment considerations to support the learning of all students.

Date: February 8, 2010

Time : 3:30-5:30

Location: CVCC Community Room

Recertification Points: 2

Fitting the Puzzle Pieces of Students with Medical Concerns into the Classroom

Presenter: *Patricia D. Knox R.N. MN*

Audience: Open to all staff

Description: This presentation will increase the staff members' knowledge of certain medical conditions encountered in the classroom. The goal of the presentation is that participants gain understanding of their role in successfully facilitating the student with chronic medical concerns into the school setting. Some specific conditions discussed will be Sickle Cell, Cystic Fibrosis, Asthma, Diabetes, and Tourette syndrome.

Date: March 10, 2010

Time: 3:30-5:00

Location: Bedford Central Library Meeting Room

Recertification Points: 2

LEADERSHIP

Leading Effective Professional Learning Teams

Presenters: *Mac Duis, Director of Instruction*

Audience: *Administrators, Instructional Coaches, and Teacher Leaders*

Description: These sessions will focus on developing processes and practices for leading groups of educators in learning, collaboration, and professional growth. Session 1 will address establishing professional norms and organizing for effective meetings. Session 2 will focus on setting, data-gathering/monitoring, and evaluating team goals. Session 3 will help participants develop strategies for examining student work as a way to raise expectations and achieve goals. There will be brief readings between sessions. Participants should leave feeling equipped to lead efficient meetings focused on clear learning goals and considering a wide array of data points.

Dates: Thursdays, February 25, March 18, and April 15, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 15

Collaborative Reading: Getting the Most from a Common Read

Presenters: *Mac Duis, Director of Instruction*

Audience: *Administrators, Instructional Coaches, and Teacher Leaders*

Description: This session will offer several strategies for discussing common readings in book groups, staff meetings, or classrooms. The participants will learn several specific processes for reading follow-up that keep discussions focused, open the floor to all participants, and provide for in-depth analysis and reflection. A homework assignment will follow to allow participants to earn the full 5 recertification points.

Date: February 9, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: SBO Conference Room

Recertification Points: 5

PARAPROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

February 27

Beth Williams - Geometry

March 6

Dana Norman - MS and HS Writing

March 13

Karen Woodford - Elementary Writing

Time: 8:30 – 12:30

Location: SBO Conference Room

Stipend Points: 5