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Courses & Resources for Educators

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Educational Technology Classes

Digital Imaging with Photoshop Elements All
Photoshop Elements is a user-friendly photo retouching tool that also allows you to manipulate text, crop images, and create Web-ready graphics. Create your own photo collage, retouch scanned images, and learn how to convert images for Web pages.

Date: Mar. 30; Class ID: 04-5342
Prerequisites: Basic computer skills
Facilitator(s): Eileen C. Walters and Rovina Salinas, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

Excel I: Using Spreadsheets Across the Curriculum* All

With Excel you can set up powerful spreadsheets and databases for use in the classroom, office, and at home. Create a useful file you can take home. Learn the basics of cells, columns, and rows. Use formulas and formatting. Sort data.

Date: Mar. 15; Class ID: 04-5332
Prerequisites: Basic computer skills
Facilitator(s): Gary Hensley, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

Excel II: Charting & Formatting Spreadsheets* All

Take a deeper look at Excel's capabilities. Work with a variety of functions. Compare and create different kinds of charts. Format your spreadsheets with text and graphics options. Create a pop-up diagram.

Date: Mar. 22; Class ID: 04-5333
Prerequisites: Completion of Excel I
Facilitator(s): Gary Hensley, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

**Take both Excel classes for .5 quarter unit (\$44 separate payment to CSUEB)*

HyperStudio I: Nuts & Bolts* All

This workshop will cover the basics of HyperStudio, from planning to presentation. Learn how to turn your paper and pencil lesson plan into a creative multimedia project. Learn to create and change text work with graphic tools, and incorporate sound and other effects.

Dates: April 19; Class ID: 04-5336
Prerequisites: Basic computer skills
Facilitator(s): Gary Hensley, CCCOE
Fee: \$44 educators; \$50 non-educators

HyperStudio II: Tips & Tricks* All

After understanding the basics of HyperStudio, discover intermediate and advanced functions that can give your presentations extra pizzazz and increased student interest.

Dates: April 26; Class ID: 04-5337
Prerequisites: Basic HyperStudio skills
Facilitator(s): Gary Hensley, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

**Take both HyperStudio classes for .5 quarter unit (separate payment to CSUEB)*

PhotoShop Elements: Doing More to Enhance Images* All

Learn a variety of tools to create artistic text on images, learn how to use the draw tools to add talk bubbles and create vector graphics. Participants will create photo art and save photos for the Web and produce a Web photo gallery.

Date: April 13; Class ID: 04-5363
Prerequisites: Digital Imaging w/ PhotoShop Elements
Facilitator(s): Eileen C. Walters and Rovina Salinas, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$40 non-educators

Special Pricing: \$30 (educator/non-educator) if you have already taken Day 1 of PhotoShop elements on March 30.

PowerPoint I:* All

PowerPoint I can help build your confidence as a speaker while providing a dynamic manner in which to present your information. Learn the basics to start creating slideshows with PowerPoint.

Date: April 5; Class ID: 04-5352
Prerequisites: Basic Computer skills
Facilitator(s): Gary Hensley, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

**Take both PowerPoint classes for .5 quarter unit (\$44 separate payment to CSUEB)*

PowerPoint II:* All

PowerPoint I graduates can now learn how to enhance their presentations with multimedia resources using pictures, animated GIFs, graphics, special effects, and sound.

Date: April 12; Class ID 04-5353
Prerequisites: Completion of PowerPoint I
Facilitator(s): Gary Hensley, CCCOE
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

**Take both PowerPoint classes for .5 quarter unit (\$44 separate payment to CSUEB)*

Videoconferencing 101 All

Oh the places you will go with interactive videoconferencing! This class allows participants to experience the world of videoconferencing for the classroom or library. We will also address the types of systems available and what it takes to connect. Participants will receive a copy of Videoconferencing Adventures and Videoconference Cookbook.

Date: Mar. 21; Class ID: 04-5359
Prerequisite: Basic computer and Internet skills
Facilitator: Linda Uhrenholt, SBC
Fee: \$40 educators; \$50 non-educators

A schedule of technology courses offered by the CCC Office of Education Technology Systems is posted at www.cocoschools.org/classes. Registration for these classes can be done at this site. All classes are held at CCCOE, 77 Santa Barbara Rd., PH unless otherwise noted.

For COE classes only: Kelly Laidley, (925) 942-3451

Resources/Contests

Young Naturalist Award Gr 7-12

Students are eligible to apply for awards of \$50-\$2,500. Students should choose a topic in biology, earth science, or astronomy and take an expedition to an area where they can explore their topic, the submit an essay and artwork that explains the new understanding gained from the investigation.

Deadline: May 1
For info: <http://www.amnh.org/nationalcenter/youngnaturalistawards/>

Law-Related Education (LRE) Teacher of the Year Awards All

The American Lawyer Auxiliary, LRE, will recognize an instructor for each level (elementary, middle, and high school) who has made an outstanding contribution to law-related education and whose programs have stimulated a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that students recognize their duties as well as their rights. Elementary, middle, and high school teachers from the United States are eligible to receive the \$1,000 cash scholarship award.

Deadline: April 10
For info: www.abanet.org/publiced/ala

Children's Grief Education Association (CGEA) All

The CGEA is non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing grief education and support to bereaved children, their families, and professionals in schools. Their Web site has useful information that may assist teachers who have bereaved children in their classes.

For info: <http://www.childgrief.org>

Live Homework Help All

FREE Online tutoring for students through county library Web site www.ccclib.org connects students grades 4-6 to tutors in math, science, social studies, and English. Also available in Spanish.

Time: 1-10 p.m., 7 days/week

Free Textbooks All

Wilbooks is pleased to offer free books that are specific to the children's state. Educators will only have to pay forty-five cents per book to cover shipping, handling and administrative costs. Teachers may only select books about their own state.

For info: www.Wilbooks.com

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching Program All

Applicants for the program must be mathematics and/or science teachers of kindergarten through grade six. Each Presidential Awardee (one in science and one in math) will receive a \$10,000 award and gifts from donors. Each winner, along with a guest, will also be invited to attend recognition events in Washington, D.C. The events will include an award ceremony, a citation signed by the President of the United States, meetings with leaders in government and education, sessions to share ideas and teaching experiences, and receptions and banquets to honor recipients.

Deadline: May 1

For info: www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/pa

Learning Styles in Mathematics All

Tap into the power of students' learning styles! Learning styles are the key to motivating students and helping them experience higher levels of success in mathematics.

Date/Location: May 13, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., University of California, at Davis.

Fee: \$45.00

For info: (530) 752-8467 or tjpham@ucdavis.edu

Grants

A+ for Energy Program K-12

BP America is offering grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 to be awarded directly to teachers for innovative classroom, after-school, extra-curricular, or summer activities focused on energy and/or energy conservation.

Deadline: Apr. 7

For info and application: www.aplusforenergy.com

Upcoming Events/Field Trips

Bedford Gallery, at the Dean Leshar Regional Center for the Arts All

The Kennedy Years: February 5 – April 16. An exhibition of 60 photographs that create a visual, historic, and artistic record of the Kennedy era.

For info: www.bedfordgallery.org

Contra Costa County Library Civic Engagement Lecture Series All

Akhil Reed Amar to speak on *The American Constitution as seen from Walnut Creek*. Amar will give the political and intellectual history of the U.S. Constitution—from the perspective of a former Walnut Creek resident. Amar is a popular and inspiring Yale Law School constitutional scholar, author, and consultant for the television series, *The West Wing*; he is also a native of Walnut Creek.

Date/location: Mar. 16, 7:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Downtown Library

Info: (925) 646-6773

Martinez Museum All

Martinez – Last Port of Call exhibition. The logbooks, binoculars, photographs, a scrapbook, and dozen of other artifacts tell the story of The Forester, an 1800's lumber schooner.

Date/location: Through June 15, 1005 Escobar St., Martinez

For info: 925-228-8160 / www.martinezhistory.org

Lindsay Wildlife Museum All

This museum is a wildlife rehabilitation and educational center that focuses on native California wildlife and natural history. Children's classes, based on guided discovery, interactive projects, games, and activities. For a list of classes and events, check out their Web site.

For info: www.wildlife-museum.org/lindsay.html

Professional Development/Workshops

Language: The Key to Literacy All

This workshop is for early childhood professionals. This hands-on presentation will focus on language and literacy for the preschool child, ages three to five.

Date/Location: March 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Alameda Count Office of Education, Hayward

Fee: \$20.00

For info: (925)-296-1480 or jmars@cccoe.k12.ca.us

IDEA Training Opportunities All

Response to Intervention – A Look at Things to Come, Preparing for the Future.

Date/time/location: Mar. 30, 9 am, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord

Deadline: Mar. 23

For info: Contra Costa SELPA (925) 827-0949 x15 or e-mail jfujii@cccoe.k12.ca.us

Online Resources from Grants to Technology Lesson Plans:

- **Education World:** <http://www.education-world.com>. Type "grants" in search field and select "Grants for Education."
- **The Awesome Library:** <http://www.neat-schoolhouse.org> Contains thousands of education resources and lesson plan ideas.
- **www.ed1stop.net:** Connecting educators to quality online resources in one stop, supporting teachers in doing what they do best—teaching. The portal, a personal gateway to both subscription-based services and free education Web sites, has been selected to help teachers meet state standards. All are NCLB compliant. It provides digital instructional services, instructional tools, professional development activities, access to all the Contra Costa County library system data bases and resources, and data management solutions, all through one site.