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Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Capital V	What is your virtualization strategy?	Brian	Adams	PlanetEd Technologies, Inc.	If uptime, performance and server costs are issues that keep you up at night, virtualization is a concept you should be investigating.
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Capital III	Using Technology to Promote Civically Competent Students	Christine	Adrian	Jefferson Middle School, Unit 4 Schools	Fostering civic participation should be the goal of all teachers of the Social Sciences. In this session, attendees will gain understanding in regards to how technology has furthered the ease of civic participation, and how technology projects can be used to mold civically competent individuals. Project examples will be highlighted. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Plaza F	Keep It Clean! (repeated Friday at 10:35am)	Luke	Allen	Retired	"My computer's not running like it used to!" How often does tech support hear that complaint? This session will demonstrate simple maintenance procedures, using readily available freeware, for keeping hard drive and registry clutter to a minimum, eliminating spyware and streamlining the start-up sequence on Windows-based PCs. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Plaza D	Keep It Clean! (repeated Thursday at 3:25pm)	Luke	Allen	Retired	"My computer's not running like it used to!" How often does tech support hear that complaint? This session will demonstrate simple maintenance procedures, using readily available freeware, for keeping hard drive and registry clutter to a minimum, eliminating spyware and streamlining the start-up sequence on Windows-based PCs. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	1:45-2:35pm	Plaza C	Tech for Teachers - Tips, Tricks & Tweaks	Luke	Allen	Retired	Have you ever looked at some of the cool things you see other people doing on their computers and wondered, "How do you do that?" This session will introduce you to some Windows tweaks & tips, some software gems (all freeware) and websites that will enhance your skills and comfort level with your PC. Users will leave this session with some basic skills and knowledge that will make their computer use more productive and enjoyable. (Appropriate for all grade levels. (Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Capital V	Vision to Reality with Ethernet Technology and the Video Library	Terry	Allison	Comcast	Discount Comcast business services and internet connectivity along with a Video Library from C-SPAN.
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Capital I	Special Education/Teacher Education: Online Document Collaboration	Christine	Anderson	Western Illinois University	This study examines the use of technology in two courses that prepare special education teachers. The use of technology enhances collaborative publishing and the development of problem-solving skills while improving time management and increasing understanding of the individualized education plans (IEP). Analysis will be completed in three areas. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Mac-based.)

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Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Springfield	21st Century Learning with the 3 V's: Visual, Virtual & Verbal	Aida	Awad	Maine East High School	Learn about free technology tools such as Google Earth and Word Cloud Generators that increase the opportunities for students to interact with content in a visual format across the curriculum. These tools provide students with data rich experiences reinforcing connections and relevance to the real world and encourage critical thinking. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Plaza A	Anywhere Anytime Learning: A 1:1 Netbook Deployment in District 219	Guy	Ballard	Niles Township High Schools	Representatives from District 219 will share their comprehensive plan to provide each student a netbook computer to improve his/her individual access to technology and information resources in order to teach 21st century literacy skills and extend each student's learning opportunities for Anywhere Anytime Learning. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Plaza A	Visual Reference Library: Student's "Flipping" for Vocabulary	Michael	Barry	Grayslake Middle School	Visual Reference Library (VRL) is a K-12 vocabulary website that provides students and educators a secure intranet to upload innovative media content to support vocabulary acquisition and reading comprehension. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-10:20am	Plaza E (PC Lab)	OpenSource Software: Your Answer to Budget Issues (2 hours)	Marisa	Beard	Western Illinois University	Funding Low? Need an answer to the high cost of constantly updating software? Come find out what the FREE OpenSource software such as OpenOffice.org, Stellarium, and TuxPaint has to offer for you or your school district. Free doesn't mean inferior, free means a smart budget choice! (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Illinois (Mac Lab)	Use Podcasting to "Grow" Confident and Fluent Readers	Nancy	Beebe	Enos School	Creative ways will be shared on how to use podcasting in your classroom to help students become more confident and fluent readers. Podcasting is not an "add on" to your literacy block, it is a vital element to your students' success. (Appropriate for elementary school grade levels. Mac-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Plaza C	Social Networking Smackdown!	Jay	Blackman	Brookwood SD 167	So you're thinking about how to tackle the idea of social networking in your schools? How can you keep students and staff safe? What collaborative benefit is there? We'll discuss what some are already doing, some free tools, and what we can really learn from collaborative exchange. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Plaza A	Blogs, Glogs, Wikis, and Edmodo, Oh My! Actively Engage Your Students with Web 2.0	Emily	Boles	University of Illinois at Springfield	Integrating technology into your classroom can improve student engagement and involve parents from a distance. Come hear about successful assignments that encourage active learning, discuss how to develop technology-enhanced assignments and why students like them, and become familiar with easy-to-use, FREE tools to implement these types of assignments in your classroom. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Sangamon	Copyright and Fair Use: Best Practices for Teachers and Students	Spiro	Bolos	New Trier High School	With the ease of accessing digital media, how can educators and their students make sense of what constitutes the "fair use" of copyrighted material? A summary of the recent MacArthur Grant-funded "Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Media Literacy Education" will be discussed. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Plaza C	Google for Educators: Tools You Can Use	Spiro	Bolos	New Trier High School	such online apps as iGoogle, Gmail, Google Reader, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Google Maps, Google Analytics, Picasa, YouTube, and Blogger. Real examples of each will be demonstrated. Pacing will be brisk: approximately 5 minutes per tool. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Plaza D	Blogging for the Classroom	Spiro	Bolos	New Trier High School	Three experienced classroom teachers from different disciplines will demonstrate the many ways educators can employ web-logs ("blogs"). Real world examples will range from teacher-centric and student-centric individual blogs, to project-based group efforts, to department newsletters. In addition, this session will share stories of how blogs can be used to develop and nurture connections between individuals, strengthening any community. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Capital IV	What Your Child Forgot To Tell You	Connie	Bowman	Skyward	No more finding out at 8pm it is treat day tomorrow, no more lost notes from the teacher, field trips - no problem - permission slips are available online. Skyward's Family Access features a message board for schools to post important information and the ability for parents to subscribe to activity based notifications.
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Plaza F	Simple Special Effects	Joe	Brennan	Media Coach/Retired	Learn how students and teachers can mimic Hollywood and TV effects with the simple editing software found on any computer from slow motion to chroma key. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	1:45-2:35pm	Plaza F	Digital Storytelling: Makin' Movies	Joe	Brennan	Media Coach/Consultant	Take advantage of the free tools that come with every computer and the American Film Institute's seven years of research, field testing, and curriculum development to integrate filmmaking into your core curriculum. Students take charge of their own learning, build on their visual literacy skills, and master and retain content at a deeper level. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-4:15pm	Plaza E (PC Lab)	Wiki and Blog Experience: How Does Life Impact Learning? (2 hours)	Danielle	Brush Lewis	Western Illinois University	Learn to use the features of wikis and blogs as you participate in a collaborative writing experience to answer the question: How Does Life Impact Learning? (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Capital II	Safe Student Email for the 21st Century	Susie	Buettner	Gaggle.net	Explore facets of utilizing safe student email and learn about implementing and managing this powerful communication tool into your school. Hear about liability issues schools face and leave with new insights to safety and compliancy issues. Learn how this evolving technology CAN be easily, and safely, integrated into your curriculum.
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-4:15pm	Governor (PC Lab)	I-LLINI Partnerships- Improving Teaching and Learning in Math and Science (2 hours)	Lynn	Burdick	University of Illinois College of Education	I-LLINI Partnerships is a model for professional development that promotes effective integration of technology, universal design for learning, and inquiry to improve teaching and learning in middle school and preservice math and science classrooms. Come see what the teachers are doing with their kids, and how the University-K-12 partnership works. (Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-10:20am	Plaza E (PC Lab)	Using Google's Free Apps in your Classroom (2 hours)	Josh	Butcher	Western Illinois University	Do you have a class website or do you assign your students projects to create a website, presentations, videos, etc.? You probably have them do these with programs that cost money. No need to worry! Come to this hands-on workshop and learn about Google's free applications such as Google Sites, Docs, Groups, etc. and see how you can integrate these all together! (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Capital IV	Digital Technology in Middle Level Education	Dominic	Cannata	Northwood Middle School	Improve the quality of education at the middle level with classroom proven approaches. Health curriculum techniques will be spotlighted. RealityWorks Infant Simulators are an excellent tool for teaching responsibility, commitment, and technology. Learn and enjoy an overview of interactive digital dynamics. Experiment with teacher tested tools to top-off technology techniques. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Capital II	Using Student Interactive Response for Immediate Assessment	Shaun	Carey	Payson CUSD #1	Senteo Interactive Response System from SMART Technologies allows teachers to instantly assess student learning and understanding. Create quizzes, tests, assignments with instant results. This presentation is hands-on with participants getting to try out the "clickers." (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Capital V	Engaging Students and Revitalizing Your Lessons with a SMART Interactive Whiteboard	Melanie	Corn	Washington Elementary School	The SMART Interactive Whiteboard can enhance your daily lessons as well as engaging your students in more exciting and varied ways. We will show you ways to integrate the SMART Interactive Whiteboard throughout the class day. Ways to adapt individual curriculums and lessons to use the board as well as places to find ready made lessons will be shown. (Appropriate for elementary school grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Plaza B	Using Discussion Boards to Enhance Student Engagement	Andrew	Davis	University High School	The College Board recently published a study that found that 60% of students do not view writing that uses electronic media as actual work. Using discussion boards effectively can be a challenge. In this session we will illustrate ways in which they can be used to foster student engagement of texts, films, and in class discussions. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Capital I	Math FACTS (Free Awesome Cool Tools for Students)	Diana	Dell	SqoolTechs, LLC	Explore all of the best, K-6 math tools the web has to offer! From basic addition to geometry and fractions, from virtual manipulates to interactive games. You will leave this session with resources for every math topic you teach. (Appropriate for elementary and middle school grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Plaza B	Moodle: The Swiss-Army Knife of Educational Technology	Diana	Dell	SqoolTechs, LLC	Moodle is an open-source virtual learning environment being utilized increasingly in K-12 schools to address many instructional needs. It can be used to create "walled-gardens" which allow students to safely learn with all the benefits of emerging technologies. This session provides an overview of the tools integrated within Moodle. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Plaza B	Update on New Additions to Illinois Data Portal-NextSteps	Vicki	DeWitt	Area 5 Learning Technology Center	We will discuss data collection tools that have been added to the NEW NextStep site: student computer artifact process, SIP/DIP surveys, teacher/classroom observation tools, and more... (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Governor (PC Lab)	Students as Digital Historians	Vicki	DeWitt	Area 5 LTC	This workshop will cover the elements, equipment and software necessary to train and organize students to become digital historians. We will demonstrate and discuss the Illinois WWII Classroom Project. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Windows-based.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Capital III	Inspired Solutions for 21st Century Teaching and Learning	Katherine	DuBose	PLATO Learning	Come learn about how PLATO Learning provides schools across the Nation with prescriptive, personalized instruction, technology-based teaching tools, standards-driven assessment, and data management to facilitate continuous academic improvement for K-12 learners. We will share how PLATO is used successfully in IL schools for Credit Recovery, Credit Accrual, PSAT, ACT, GED Exam Intervention, Special Education and more. Also see a live demonstration of PLATO Content and Assessment as well as an open Q&A.
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Capital III	Cutting Edge Web-Based Keyboarding	DJ	Ellsworth	Ellsworth Publishing Company	See New Cutting-edge Web-based Keyboarding: NO textbook needed, NO papers to grade, print, handle, or turn in. Outstanding Teacher Manager. No course software to install or maintain. Individualize to fast/slow students. Automatic grading, scoring, recording. Special software feature keeps students eyes on the copy, not keys or screen. FREE FORMATTING.
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Capital V	Cutting Edge Web-Based Keyboarding	DJ	Ellsworth	Ellsworth Publishing Company	See New Cutting-edge Web-based Keyboarding: NO textbook needed, NO papers to grade, print, handle, or turn in. Outstanding Teacher Manager. No course software to install or maintain. Individualize to fast/slow students. Automatic grading, scoring, recording. Special software feature keeps students eyes on the copy, not keys or screen. FREE FORMATTING.
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-10:20am	Illinois (Mac Lab)	Every Child Will Love Learning (2 hours)	Kellie	English	Kankakee	This hands on session will allow participants to experience the many wonderful "FREE" interactive math and reading sites available on the Internet. The activities will engage and motivate your students to become successful learners. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Plaza D	Keeping Connected in the 21st Century	Meg	File	Bond County Community Unit #2	Do you ever feel like your district's communication tools are so last century and the rest of the world is passing you by? Come learn about services provided by a Microsoft Exchange Server and how its features can help your district be better communicators and collaborators. (Appropriate for technology coordinators/administrators. Windows-based.)

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Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Capital IV	Literacy Strategies + Technology: A Model For Professional Development	Tom	Foley	Maine East High School	As part of our ongoing professional development program called iTech, we coupled the expansion of teachers' "technological toolboxes" with the school-wide initiative of increasing teacher awareness and use of literacy strategies to increase student achievement: for classroom teachers by classroom teachers. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Plaza E (PC Lab)	Web 2.0 Sampler - Moodle Course	Geoff	Freyth	Jefferson Middle School	Workshop sessions too short? Need more time to learn about Web 2.0 tools in the classroom? Join this Moodle for an extended session. Continue the conference and learn more about the Read/Write Web, Blogs, RSS, Social Bookmarking, Wikis, Podcasting and Internet safety for students by enrolling in this six-week Moodle course, created for teachers by teachers. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Springfield	Compose Yourself with GarageBand	Matt	Fuller	Winnetka Public Schools	Whether you are producing movies, podcasting, or presenting, appropriate music is essential for multimedia projects. Apple GarageBand is perfect for creating soundtracks and other audio, but its many features sometimes appear overwhelming. This session will teach both non-musicians and musicians the basics music production in GarageBand. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Mac-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Plaza B	Interactive White Board Centers	Jeanne	Gadient	Washington Elementary School	This presentation will discuss how to create content area centers through the use of an interactive white board. Educators will learn how to take their current paper and pencil centers and change them into interactive white board activities for student use that are engaging, cooperative and self-checking. (Appropriate for elementary and middle school grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Sangamon	Be Cool: Network, Collaborate, Innovate!	Jim	Gerry	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy presents CoolHub.imsa, an exciting integration of physical and virtual spaces that accelerates innovation in science, mathematics, engineering and technology (STEM). Project developers demonstrate how to get involved using multipoint video conferencing and online collaboration environments to create learning networks and transform teaching and learning through innovation. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Illinois (Mac Lab)	Alice	Kimberly	Glavan	Liberty Jr. High	Have fun learning the basics of Alice, a drop-and-drag 3D programming software. Create your own programs that animate objects or people in the Alice World. (Appropriate for middle through high school grade levels. Mac-based.)

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Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Capital II	Using Technology to Engage ELLs	Matt	Granger	Schafer School	Discover the "Why?" and the "What?" behind using technology resources to provide comprehensible input for ELL students. Learn how digital stories, podcasts, and websites can be used by teachers and students to engage in the four language domains: reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English. (Appropriate for elementary and middle school grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-2:35pm	Illinois (Mac Lab)	Understanding Online Social Networking (2 hours)	R.J.	Gravel	Northern Illinois University	Facebook, Twitter and Myspace are all the rage with our students. Understanding the implications of these services in the school environment is important. This presentation will implement a hands-on overview of these three networks, and include a discussion on privacy best practices to teach to students. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Capital III	21st Century Classroom	Bob	Gregg	Hitachi/Starboard GRP	This session will cover the fundamental features of StarBoard Software/Interactive classroom technology and how to successfully integrate them into 21st Century Learning.
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Capital V	Podcasting and iPod Touch in the Classroom	Tim	Grimes	Apple	Learn how you can leverage your students' enthusiasm for the iPod and portable content into a learning opportunity at school and at home. In addition, learn how the iPod Touch can be a powerful, inexpensive solution to engage your students and better integrate technology into the classroom.
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Capital IV	What's New in Snow Leopard for Mac	Tim	Grimes	Apple	Mac OS X is renowned for its simplicity, its reliability, and its ease of use. So when it came to designing Snow Leopard, Apple engineers had a single goal: to make a great thing even better. They searched for areas to refine, further simplify, and speed up from little things like ejecting external drives to big things like installing the OS. In many cases, they elevated great to amazing. Come learn what's new at Apple!
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Plaza B	Twitter - Taking It to the Tweet	James	Gubbins	District 207	Join this session to learn how to take Twitter beyond the basic tweet. See how micro-blogging can be used effectively in your Personalized Learning Network and in your classroom! This presentation will introduce the basics and expose attendees to a myriad of 3rd party twitter applications. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Plaza D	IT Toolbox on a Flash Drive	Roger	Hale	Bourbonnais Elementary School District #53	This presentation will take a look at free utilities that can be run from a flash drive and used to troubleshoot issues in a Windows environment. (Appropriate for technology coordinators. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Capital V	Illinois Virtual School	Cindy	Hamblin	Illinois Virtual School	assist in meeting the educational needs of your students. New and exciting learning opportunities are available through IVS for students in grades 5-12 as well as for educators who seek high-quality professional development. Session participants will take a virtual tour of an IVS classroom, talk with an IVS instructor via Elluminate and learn how virtual learning can be expanded in your school or classroom. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels.)
Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Springfield	Student Response System in a Math Classroom	David	Hohman	Central High School	A student response system can be used in a variety of ways to increase participation, provide immediate feedback, and motivate students. This presentation will show how the clickers can affectively and efficiently be used in a math classroom. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Capital I	Role of the School District CTO	Jeffrey	Hunt	Indian Prairie SD 204	With the emphasis of hardware and software in school districts, the role of the district technology leader is transforming into new areas. The 21st century technology leader needs more knowledge than "boxes and wires." (Appropriate for technology coordinators, media specialists, administrators.)
Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Capital I	IL-CTO Membership Meeting	Jeffrey	Hunt	Indian Prairie SD 204	Open to all attendees. Come join your fellow CTO/CIOs to discuss the Illinois CTO Council. We will discuss the group's mission, immediate goals and your member benefits by joining this organization. The group will share their planning and professional development activities that will strengthen your leadership.
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Governor (PC Lab)	Teaching and Learning with Mahara, an Open Source ePortfolio Application	Tony	Hursh	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Mahara is a social networking program used for blogs, portfolios, collecting video or audio clips, and more. This program uses Web 2.0 technology, enabling users to publish text, share multimedia resources, and publish various types of media files as well, all without any knowledge of HTML. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-2:35pm	Governor (PC Lab)	Using Fast, Easy Visual Technology to Stimulate and Demonstrate Student Learning (2 hours)	Thomas	Jackson	Aurora University	Novice technology is learned and applied that results in improved student projects, and provides teacher evidence of student achievements. Attendees develop student and teacher projects using PhotoStory 3, and Moviemaker (free) software tools that facilitate visual evidence of classroom learning, and "level the field" for students with special education challenges. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Capital III	Enliven Your Foreign Language Instruction By Incorporating Technology	Laurie	Jacob	Edison Middle School	Looking for ways to incorporate technology in the Foreign Language/World Language classroom? This practical session demonstrates how technology can become a powerful language learning tool for students. Demonstrations include user friendly programs such as Podcasting, Comic Life, and Photo Story. Leave with ideas that you can include into your Foreign Language classroom including websites. Most appropriate for grades 5-9. (Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Sangamon	Visual Tools for Project Based Learning	Jason	Janczak	Grayslake Central High School	You've heard the buzz about project-based learning, but how can we integrate technology? This session will combine software and online applications that integrate visual tools and project-based learning across the curriculum. Some tools that will be highlighted are: Movie Maker, Animoto, Wordle and Flickr. Planning and pitfalls will be discussed. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Capital VI	Software Tools for Managing Instruction, Assessment, Intervention and Special Education	Frankie	Jones	MAXIMUS	Discover how Illinois school districts use TIENET to manage instruction, assessment, intervention and special education. TIENET puts sophisticated data-driven decision making tools in the classroom via the educators' computer. See how to manage Response to Intervention, align instruction, attach materials, create assessments and produce integrated reports based on state standards.

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Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Plaza C	Meet the Engaged Learner -- Using technology to get kids to bite!	Christie	Jones	Middle School - District 186	Engaging students in their own education is critical to successful learning. Integrating technology into daily teaching and learning is a vehicle to do just that. In this session, learn about research behind engaged learning, review processes and structures important to engaged learning, look at how to embed technology into daily lesson design, take a peek at what engaged learning and technology integration look like in a one to one environment, and finally, see how to use technology to engage families in the learning process. (Appropriate for elementary and middle school grade levels. Mac-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Capital IV	Using the Read Naturally Software Edition (SE) to Improve Reading Fluency	Carol Ann	Kane	Read Naturally Company	Read Naturally's research-based fluency development strategies have led to their adoption by school districts nationwide. Learn how the Software Edition based on teacher modeling, repeated reading, and progress monitoring is used to improve the fluency and comprehension skills of struggling readers. Participants will receive materials defining implementation strategies and assessments for correct placement.
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Sangamon	Visual Literacy: Eye Opening Applications	Heidi	Kay	Stevenson Elementary	Our students are learning in an increasingly visual world. How will they interpret, understand, produce, and communicate with this new set of skills? Give your students the power to express themselves. Join us for an interactive demonstration and discussion of Web 2.0 tools that support visual literacy in the classroom. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Capital III	Creating Art With a Multi-media Palette	Carrie	Kincaid	Springfield Public Schools #186	It's more than just a paintbrush and an easel. Learn how this high school art teacher uses multi-media applications as a palette to take her classes into the 21st Century while integrating cross-curricular content to support teaching and learning. Innovation and collaboration abound! (Appropriate for all grade levels. Mac-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Plaza A	Got Data? Make It Work For You: Using a data warehouse system to assure a guaranteed and viable curriculum.	Anthony	Kroll	Mundelein High School District 120	This workshop will address how Mundelein High School staff implemented a data warehouse system to collect and analyze local formative and summative assessment data. MHS staff will share how data collection for both objective and performance based assessments are tracked and used to influence curriculum and instruction. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Capital VI	Teacher Leadership & An Overview of Online Course Technologies	Rae Lynne	Kynion	University of Illinois at Springfield	Online education technologies, methodologies, best practices, and building social network within an online program. Additionally, the core concepts of the field of Teacher Leadership and an overview of the Master of Arts in Teacher Leadership program at UIS will be provided.

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Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Springfield	The Free Software Circus	Philip	Lacey	District 219	This session will demonstrate a variety of free software to use in your classroom. We will discuss what FOSS and Web 2.0 applications are as well as the obligations and responsibilities associated with these types of software, and the important features and potential concerns to consider. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-2:35pm	Plaza E (PC Lab)	Google Tools for Educators (2 hours)	Philip	Lacey	District 219	Google has developed an amazing variety of applications with incredible classroom potential. Get your hands dirty during this hands-on workshop. Participants will receive a guided overview of and work with many of Google's Tools. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Plaza C	Integrating Fine Arts with Technology through Voice Thread	Dawn	Lagerstedt	Washington Elementary School	This presentation will discuss the integration of Voice Thread in the area of fine arts education. Numerous classroom applications that encourage collaboration and creative expression will be shared, such as analyzing art elements, comparing musical movements, and responding to musical compositions or visual art work. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Plaza F	Straight from the Horse's Mouth: Nonfiction and the Information Age	Annette	Lamb	IUPUI, Lamb Learning Group	Whether reading from a book or a website, nonfiction reading is a critical skill in developing information fluent thinkers. Explore the importance of nonfiction reading across the curriculum and how teachers can design effective technology-enhanced learning experiences for their information age students. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Plaza F	Get Graphic! Visuals for Deep Thinking, Inquiry, and Learning	Annette	Lamb	IUPUI, Lamb Learning Group	Learn to use online tools and resources, along with free and inexpensive software to promote graphic inquiry, collaboration, and communication to address technology and content-area standards. We know that many of our young people are motivated by graphic communications. This workshop is intended to provide a practical approach to incorporating graphic inquiry across the curriculum. Specifically, it is designed to help the school library media specialists, technology coordinators, and classroom teachers identify tools and techniques for using graphic inquiry with their students. This visually rich workshop provides numerous, standards-based inquiry activities and projects that incorporate traditional materials as well as emerging social and collaborative technologies. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Plaza F	Let's Go! Google Earth & GIS Resources	Annette	Lamb	IUPUI, Lamb Learning Group	In this session, you'll learn to use Google Earth and apply a variety of GIS resources across the K-12 curriculum. Bring literature alive through visualizing the settings of picture books and novels. Add relevance to social studies, science, and math activities with access to endless real-world data sources. Enrich cultural and language studies with an exploration of geography and travel. Immerse young people in history by following the Oregon Trail, tracking the movement of troops through conflicts, and imagining life on the Silk Road using satellite images, photographs, and maps. Connect place-based learning with global exploration for an engaging, interdisciplinary approach that addresses both standards and individual learning needs. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Plaza F	Beyond Googling: Applying Google Tools to Teaching and Learning	Annette	Lamb	IUPUI, Lamb Learning Group	Google is much more than a search tool. From identifying quality text, audio, video, and images resources to exploring our world with Google Earth, learn practical applications of Google Tools in teaching and learning. Learn more at www.eduscapes.com/sessions/google/ (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Plaza F	The Digital Dog Ate My Notes: Tools and Strategies for 21st Century Research Projects	Annette	Lamb	IUPUI, Lamb Learning Group	From digital note-taking to online concept mapping, explore online tools and strategies that promote 21st century information and technology skills. Learn to integrate tools such as NoteStar and Diigo to help students take, organize and share notes for research projects. Integrate online concept map tools such as Gliffy and Webspiration. Explore online citation tools such as Noodle Tools and Citation Machine to develop bibliographies. Finally, explore the pros and cons of digital tools in K-12 research projects and issues in classroom management. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Capital II	Engaging Students: Let the Games Begin	Zach	Lancaster	FTC Publishing	Electrify your students with interactive games customized to your curriculum! Learn how to create several different games in a matter of minutes that will make learning any subject an interactive experience. Let the games begin!
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Capital VI	More Writing, Less Paper	Zach	Lancaster	FTC Publishing	Revolutionize the way that your students write essays, journals, and book reports while meeting both the state writing and technology objectives. Using a new and innovative online application, students will increase the quality and quantity of their writing while decreasing your school's paper usage, as well as it's carbon footprint.

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Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Plaza D	Ubuntu	Jon	Lehtola	Rockridge CUSD #300	an alternative open source solution to a very functional operating system that can be installed on computers with as little as 256 MB of RAM and 4 GB of disk space all for free. Ubuntu could be your answer to obtaining new computer work stations. (Appropriate for technology coordinators/administrators. Cross platform: Mac and
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Capital VI	Naked Clowns. Why Content Filtering Doesn't Work	Joe	Lowry	Walling Data/Cymphonix	Learn from the experts how students are outsmarting the experts and bypassing content filters.
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Capital VI	Better Math Scores with ALEKS	Bill	Mackie	ALEKS	ALEKS is a powerful online math program that provides targeted assessment and learning with standards-based content for grades 3-12. The presentation will demonstrate how ALEKS uses artificial intelligence to accurately assess students' math knowledge, and then deliver targeted instruction on the topics the students are most ready to learn.
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Plaza A	Monitoring Student Performance with Access, Excel, and Tinkerplots	Michael	Marassa	Champaign Unit 4 Schools	Learn how to combine student data (ISAT, Grades, Attendance, Discipline) and track performance. Learn how this data can be used for evaluating curriculum and instruction issues all the way down to grade level and classroom use. Tinkerplots allows import of data to aggregate visually and numerically. (Appropriate for technology coordinators/administrators. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Springfield	iLife in My Class	Gerry	Mattix-Wand	East Alton-Wood River H.S.	Using the Apple iLife suite of multimedia tools, you can turn ordinary assignments into multi-sensory projects that captivate students' attention and creativity. Examples of student work and demos of the iMovie, GarageBand and iWeb will be included in presentation. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Mac-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-10:20am	Governor (PC Lab)	Global Connections: Crossing the Language Barrier: How Two Schools on Two Continents Collaborate (2 hours)	Cathy	McDonald	Lovejoy Technology Academy	Lovejoy Technology Academy seniors in Brooklyn, IL, collaborate weekly with students in Salvador, Bahia. Learn how to use SKYPE, webcams, blogs, TappedIn and other Internet sites to authenticate learning with real audiences on the local, state, national, and international levels while meeting Illinois technology and learning standards. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Capital IV	\$0 in Cost, Priceless in Value	Kara	McElwrath	University of Illinois at Springfield	With rising user needs but tight budgets, free tools that serve our campus community of faculty, staff, and students are invaluable. This session will showcase powerful tools for saving time and staying organized, such as Zotero, Zamzar, Xobni, ping.fm, Clipmarks, Hyperwords, Cooliris Previews, and more. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Capital II	21st Century Learning Starts with Student-Lead Projects	Elizabeth	McManus	Tech4Learning	Technology is an essential learning tool, but one that needs to be in student hands. If we want to embrace 21st century learning, we need to embrace the technology tools our digital age students have come to expect. Come explore student-created technology projects that promote a deeper understanding of content.
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Capital II	Bringing Creativity and Engagement Back Into the Curriculum	Elizabeth	McManus	Tech4Learning	Come learn about Pixie, an exciting primary creativity tool with an array of paint and easy-to-use image editing tools and cross-curricular resources. Participants will explore various ways they can use Pixie to address understanding in their classroom curriculum through the manipulations of images, painting, and more!
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Capital V	Stop! Capture! Stop! Capture! Making Animation with Students	Elizabeth	McManus	Tech4Learning	Learn how to engage students with stop-motion animation as you explore the techniques needed to make it. They will use illustration tools and still images to create an animation. Participants will leave with skills and ideas for designing projects and implementing stop-motion animation in their classroom curriculum.
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Plaza C	Cyberbullying	Scott	Meech	Kenilworth District #38	Cyberbullying is something we need to face, understand and confront if we are going to be using technology with our students. Cyberbullying is bullying to the Nth Degree. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Capital I	Installing Your Own Wind Turbine	John	Mertes	Rhodes School	Rhodes School is the first school in an urban environment to install a wind turbine. In this session, we will show how it is incorporated in the classroom as well how you can install one for your own site and use the press to your advantage. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Springfield	Using iPods to Reach Students in the 21st Century	Erin	Mullarney	School District 81	During this presentation, we will explore how videos, applications, and music can bring a differentiated experience into the learning community. We will identify how to find appropriate media, how to download them and how to manage iPods in your school. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Springfield	An Interdisciplinary Approach to Using the American Memory's Digital Primary Resources in the Classroom	Paula	Murphy	Huntington Learning Center	This workshop will familiarize attendees with multiple ways to use the Library of Congress' American Memory digital multimedia primary sources with all levels of students. It will include connecting it to other websites, Blogs, Wikis, Web 2.0, and MS Office 2007 applications to integrate national technology standards into lessons. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Plaza F	Digital Learning Farm	Alan	November	November Learning	Before tractors and combines, 80% of the population was involved in farming and children made a vital contribution to the family with real chores. While technology eventually eroded the meaningful work of children, we have enough technology today to restore the dignity of real work in school. All of our students can use collaborative online tools and research and global communications skills to add value to the learning community. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Capital IV	Can we chat? Language Acquisition through Online Collaboration for ELL and Foreign Language Students	Rita	Oates ePals	Wanted: Native English speakers or language learners as pen pals to share culture, pronunciation and even slang for students in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia. Learn how online pen pals can use blogs, podcasts, chats and videoconferences to expand student opportunities for authentic communication in English or other languages.
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Capital I	The Reluctant Learner, The Behavioral Problem, The Special Ed. Student in my Classroom - Help! What Do I Do?	Judy	Okazaki SET Connections (a non-profit promoting technology for special education)	Do you work with students who have IEPs? Do you have students whose learning styles or different traits affect their needs? Could you use some ideas on how to address students' individual needs within a realistic time frame? Join us as we present solutions for your classroom. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Capital I	RTI, Differentiated Instruction and Technology - A Winning Combination	Judy	Okazaki SET Connections (A non-profit organization promoting technology for special education)	Differentiated instruction techniques are possible because present day technology allows educators to realistically address students' individual needs. RTI focuses on students as individuals and requires differentiated instruction. Come learn about practical technologies and how to utilize them to implement this winning combination. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Springfield	Digital Stories: The Writing Process	Jon	Orech Downers Grove South High School	Many student-generated projects contain flash, but sometimes need substance. Why? Because more time needs to be devoted to the writing phase of Digital Storytelling. Teach your students how to write lively, compelling stories that become the foundations of great projects. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	1:45-2:35pm	Springfield	Transform Student Writing	Jon	Orech Downers Grove South High School	Writing is hard work, and an essential skill, so how do we ignite interest and improve achievement in student writing? This presentation will focus on audience, purpose, developing learning targets, collaborative writing, and assessment FOR learning via discussion boards, blogs, and wikis. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Capital II	Strategic Website Development	Chad	Parker Cybernautic	How using a professional website designer and developer can add significant value to your school district while saving you time and money.

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Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Plaza D	Managing Network Software in a School	Jim	Pattenaude	Crestwood CUSD 4	Schools continue to rely more on the use of network software and the frequency of updates continues to accelerate. As a network administrator it is important to be able to work efficiently. This session will address a variety of practices on a Windows network to install and maintain common network applications. Examples include Java, Office Updates, SMART Notebook and drivers, Accelerated Reader, Antivirus packages and other software commonly used in K-12 classrooms. (Appropriate for technology coordinators. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Capital V	Winning the Race to the Top with Pulse -- The Tyler Information Warehouse	Gene	Pflederer	School Information Systems	DISTRICT PULSE, TYLERS INFORMATION WAREHOUSE changes the way you work, translating data & assessments into highly processed, meaningful management information. The result? Pro-active & data driven decision making. Empower your administrators with Tyler's SISK12 Student Information, Financial, and Transportation Systems.
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Capital IV	Dust off the ExamView CD	Katie	Reel	CIM Technology Solutions	Did you get teaching resources with your textbook adoption and throw them into a closet? Dust them off because you will find a CD-ROM labeled ExamView! Learn how this software works to engage your students with clickers and interactive whiteboards using questions aligned to state standards or from your textbook.
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-10:20am	Plaza D	MTV: Mathcasting with Thrill and Video (2 hours)	Daniel	Rezac	Fremont Middle School	Kids love music, and Garageband! Harness their love for music creation to nurture a love for math! Here, we'll write a math poem, record in Garageband, add some music, then create a math animation using Powerpoint, finally, creating an entire music video in iMovie! Doing math was never this fun! (Appropriate for all grade levels. Mac-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Capital I	Google Apps for Education -- A Primer	Daniel	Rezac	Fremont Middle School	Never used Google Apps or Docs? Receive your own temporary Google account to access the many tools that Google offers to educators. Here, you'll see how the teaching process is transformed with Google Ed Apps. We'll create documents, spreadsheets, surveys, share docs, and use your ideas for transferring best practices into the Google environment. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Illinois (Mac Lab)	5 Sites I Love	Rebecca	Roane	Educational Treasures	Primary teachers will love these five websites that contain FREE posters, worksheets, flashcards, games and more. They are fun, colorful, and full of ideas to print out and use now! (Appropriate for Pre-K through elementary grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Capital II	Never Too Young for Technology: Innovative Technology Strategies for Grades K-3	Melissa	Robinson	Crestwood Elementary	Learn how to effectively incorporate technology across the curriculum using digital, video, and audio media with Photo Story 3, Windows Movie Maker, and SMART Notebook software. (Appropriate for elementary school grade levels. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Plaza A	Lessons Learned in a One to One	Sue	Ruff	Springfield District 186	Three years in a one-to-one. Come hear about the lessons learned and what changes would happen if we started all over again. This presentation will be viewed from the eyes of District administration, building administration, teachers, parents and students. Successes and OH MY! (Appropriate for all grade levels. Mac-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Capital VI	Partner Source: Maximizing Value for your IT Investment	Andrew	Schmadeke	Focus School Software	Partner Source is a new model that allows districts to benefit from the advanced technology and low cost of Open Source, but with the safety net of a company that provides training, customizations and technical support. IL school districts that use the Focus Student Information System Partner Source solution with excellent results will be profiled.
Fri., Nov. 20	1:45-2:35pm	Capital II	T.E.A.M.S. (Technology Explorers Advancing Meaningful Study)	Mary Ellen	Schulz	Carleton Washburne School	Learn how a school district spent two years developing a professional development plan to infuse technology into the curriculum for grades 1-8. Learn how teachers plan together for a year, in teams, to rewrite curriculum units that include the latest multimedia tools. Come see the final technology integration units! (Appropriate for elementary and middle school grade levels. Mac-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Governor (PC Lab)	Scratch	Debra	Segiet	Martino Junior High	Use Scratch, a programming language for everyone. Create interactive stories, games, music and art - and share them online. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Capital V	10 Ways to Shake Things Up	Shannon	Smith	Tuscola CUSD #301	We will count them down...10 ways we have integrated technology into our classrooms just to shake things up. These ideas are easy to use and will cost your district little to nothing for full implementation. Start shaking your lessons up on Monday morning! (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Capital II	Where are we going with one to one?	John	Sonnenberg	School Technology Services	A review of the laptop programs around the nation, including success and failures. The focus will be on schools that have a computer for every student. Schools are looking at Netbooks to go one to one. Peek behind the curtain and see what could happen at your school.
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Plaza E (PC Lab)	Interactive Game Sites	Kurt	Strothmann	Educational Treasures	Come and experience my top 10 favorite interactive websites that promote learning and fun across all grade levels and subject areas. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	12:45-1:35pm	Sangamon	Movie Magic in the Classroom	Josh	Stumpenhorst	Lincoln Junior High School	This presentation will look at various applications of movie making to enhance multidisciplinary curriculums. Specifically, participants will be able to walk away with examples of activities using movies to enhance student learning. Participants will be given tools to create their own movies as well as how to help students unlock the power of movies in their learning. Programs showcased will be Microsoft Movie Maker, Pinnacle Pro, and other media manipulation programs for PC. (Appropriate for middle school grade levels. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Capital III	Building an interactive collaborative learning environment at a fraction of the cost!	Nancy	Sturm	AVerMedia Information, Inc.	Join us in this session to experience the debut of the AVerMedia Interactive Collaborative Learning Solution. AVerPen is the first Interactive classroom solution that combines collaborative learning with document camera, mobility, simultaneous teacher-student engagement and immediate feedback, all from virtually any surface in the room.
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Capital IV	Technology Without Breaking the Bank	Don	Sturm	Morton High School	Have you ever left one of these technology conferences with great ideas but your district does not seem to have the money to implement your big ideas? Learn ways that you can still incorporate quality technology into your classroom without "breaking the bank." (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Plaza F	Using Global Positioning with Digital Pictures and Google Earth	Terence	Sullivan	Shiloh CUSD#1	Using simple GPS units, a digital camera, and free mapping software like Google Earth some great classroom projects are possible. Students can easily GeoTag pictures, which when combined with Google Earth it is simple to import or export GPS data and do authentic data analysis in the elementary classroom. Real class activities and how-to sheets will be shared. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-10:20am	Governor (PC Lab)	Educating the YouTube Generation (2 hours)	Derrick	Swistak	Maine West High School	Bring your units of study and we'll pick a few to make a video for your students. We'll take a unit of study and break it down to its essence and create a video using HD cameras, scanners, sound recordings, and other multimedia devices. Release your inner Spielberg and create some useful resources for your classes next year. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)

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Fri., Nov. 20	1:45-2:35pm	Plaza A	Increasing Reading Performance Through Technology	Tracy	Tarasiuk	Park Campus School	Technology can be used in the English classroom to extend student learning, increase motivation, and honor our students' voices. Using wikis and digital movie making with novel groups will increase collaboration and comprehension. Incorporating music and images in poetry can increase students' success with interpretation. (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Mac-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Sangamon	Using Nings as Social Learning Management Systems	Henry	Thiele	Maine Township High School District 207	This session is an examination of how Maine Township 207 is leveraging the power of NING for creating social learning environments for both students and teachers. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Plaza A	Visualizing Information	Henry	Thiele	Maine Township High School District 207	An introduction of ways that visually present complex information in creative ways can help learners better comprehend and understand. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Springfield	iPod Touch: Mobile Learning	Karen	Thompson	Springfield District 186	Explore uses for enhancing learning with an iPod Touch in the classroom. Use it to collect data, record audio files, view maps, monitor nutrition, practice facts, blog, read books and current events and much more! (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Springfield	Google: Connect, Create, Collaborate	Karen	Thompson	Springfield District 186	What tools does Google bring to your educational technology toolset? Begin exploring the options: docs, forms, reader, earth, map, sketchup, timeline and more. A Google for beginners! Get started today! (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Sangamon	Critical Web Skills for the 21st Century	Cheri	Toledo	Illinois State University	All of us know how to find author, publisher, and copyright information for print materials. But how do you and your students find this same information for websites? This session will focus on crucial web literacy skills and discuss application strategies for all educational settings. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Mac-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-9:20am	Plaza B	Dynamic World of Google	Anne	Truger	Spec. Ed. Dist. of Lake County	Ever wonder what's so special about Google? What would it be like to work there? Take a guided tour of the Google Labs, a place where nothing seems impossible. What is a 20% project and why are they so important? Google is an amazing search tool, but it is also so much more than that. Come and discover with me the many tools that Google provides and how you can put them to immediate use in your personal and professional life. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Sangamon	Combining Technology and Universal Design for Learning to Reach all Learners	Anne Truger	Spec. Ed. Dist. of Lake County	The UDL model, developed by CAST in 1994, is a helpful framework for organizing learning experiences that reach all learners in the classroom. Explore successful examples of UDL learning journeys that embrace diversity, meet learners where they are, and help you successfully meet your curriculum goals. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Capital IV	Online or Paper Based ISAT and PSAE Practice Tests	Mike Vallosio	STI	Prepare your students for success on state exams and improve student achievement through STI's personalized professional development and assessment tool. STI Achievement Services' continuous improvement coaches will provide specialized ongoing professional development and workshops that meet the needs relevant to your school and your students. STI--SEE THE DIFFERENCE.
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Capital III	Smart Classroom Suite	Jim VanDettum	Bradfields	SMART Classroom Suite is an integrated software suite designed specifically for teachers and students to use in a computer-enabled classroom. It combines four of SMART's easy-to-use software products: SMART Notebook, SMART Sync, SMART Notebook SE (Student Edition) and SMART Response CE.
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Sangamon	Sharepoint Usage in District 230	Darrell Walery	District 230	Sharepoint for its Intranet and outward facing site. (Appropriate for high school grade levels. Windows-based.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Plaza B	Learners Teaching Learners - Student Created Mathcasts	Amanda Walsh	Brookwood SD 167	See how middle school students created video math lessons that could be shared online via the web as an interactive study guide. Using your classroom interactive whiteboard along with writing tablets (or some free/cheap alternatives) you can teach, assess, and archive student lessons. (Appropriate for middle school grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:20-2:10pm	Plaza E (PC Lab)	Online Algebra: Would it work for you?	Scott Walthes	Madison County ROE	3) is geared to replace a textbook based class. We'll allow attendees to investigate the course during the session. Testimonial from teachers & students, in a variety of districts that are using the program, will also be featured. Would it work for you? (Appropriate for middle school and higher grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Capital I	Tech Tools for RTI	Sheila Watson	Pekin School District 108	"Response to Intervention" (RTI) refers to a process that emphasizes how well students respond to changes in instruction. It is a philosophy that encompasses alternative assessment, which utilizes quality interventions matched to student needs, coupled with formative evaluation to obtain data over time to make critical educational decisions. We will share some online assessments used in our K-8 district, and we'll share some reading interventions and online resources that are easily incorporated into individual or small group differentiated instruction in the classroom. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-10:20am	Plaza C	Don't Get Caught Working Without Your NETS (2 hours)	Anne Weenink	Oak Prairie Junior High	This workshop takes the mystery out of the National Education Technology Standards NETS-S. Discussion will include the impact of NETS on teachers and administrators, classrooms, buildings, and districts, as well as the alignment between IL Tech Standards and NETS. We will use a simple method for identifying NETS-S already integrated in pre-existing activities and discuss how to design an activity integrating NETS-S into it. Grade specific information will be included. Bring an activity with you -- We will identify the standards and you will leave with a completed NETS-S identification checklist, grade specific reference materials, and an understanding of integrating NETS-S into your curriculum. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Capital III	Creating an Online Student Newspaper – The Ins and Outs of the Bulldog Bugle	Anne Weenink	Oak Prairie Junior High	The Bulldog Bugle is an online student newspaper created by 7th and 8th grade regular education and special education students. It is cross-curricular and meets several NETS-S and Illinois State Standards. Students use previously learned and newly learned technology skills, take ownership in, and receive recognition for their efforts from their peers, teachers and the community. Discussion of things that work or do not work well, saving the document so it can be easily accessed online, and some useful tools for creating an online newspaper will be included. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Plaza B	Learn the Power of Digital Notebooks	Scott Weidig	District 211 ~ Schaumburg High School	We all face a personal challenge any time that we interact with large amounts of information... How do we gather the information, catalog it, organize it, and store it for fast access, recall, and manipulation? Digital Notebooks can provide students, teachers, and administrators the way to overcome this challenge successfully. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-3:15pm	Plaza B	The Benefits of Zoho Office Suite - From a Users Perspective	Scott Weidig	District 211 ~ Schaumburg High School	Zoho is an amazing suite of free web-based applications that can offer teachers, students, and administrators a tremendous opportunity to interact with information (and each other) in a whole new way. Do you struggle with the limitation of network/pc based applications? Zoho can provide new possibilities to increase student achievement. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	9:30-10:20am	Capital V	Kids Utilize Technology... Teachers Internalize Technology...	Scott Weidig	District 211 ~ Schaumburg High School	Teaching is often looked at as a reflective process: Begin with a skill or concept. We develop a lesson. We teach. We assess. We reflect to internalize and improve. While this is not a bad model, when used with making technology integral to teaching it simply breaks the process. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Fri., Nov. 20	1:45-2:35pm	Capital IV	Collaborating with Wikis in an Algebra Class	James	West	Western Illinois University	Students enrolled in a developmental algebra class at Illinois Valley Community College used a wiki to collaboratively create a class study guide on one chapter from their text: Linear Equations in Algebra. Students used pbWiki to add content and correct each other's contributions to the study guide. This session shows how a wiki can be used to support collaborative projects in math classes at the high school or college level. (Appropriate for high school and college levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	9:30-10:20am	Plaza B	Creating a Digital Substitute (repeated Friday at 1:45pm)	Chris	Wherley	Williamsville CUSD #15	For that day when you just cannot be at school, create the next best thing, a Digital Substitute. Using podcasting, video sharing, slideshows, Web 2.0 applications, and a variety of other tools and techniques to create organize resources and create a lesson plan. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	1:45-2:35pm	Plaza D	Creating a Digital Substitute (repeated Thursday at 9:30am)	Chris	Wherley	Williamsville CUSD #15	For that day when you just cannot be at school, create the next best thing, a Digital Substitute. Using podcasting, video sharing, slideshows, Web 2.0 applications, and a variety of other tools and techniques to create organize resources and create a lesson plan. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	3:25-4:15pm	Plaza C	Internet Resources for the Photo Buff	Ledith	Whitehall	Western Illinois University	You will walk away from this workshop with many, many, many, fun ideas for taking, editing, enhancing, printing and displaying your photos! We will look at Photojojo, Animoto, Pikipimp, Zingfu, BihugeLabs and Dumpr to name a few. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-9:20am	Sangamon	Digital Storytelling and More	Josh	Wiechert	Franklin Middle School	Come learn how to use Photo Story, Comic Life, Animoto, Xtranormal, and Power Point for digital storytelling. We will demonstrate how to create images with Comic Life and Power Point, how to insert them into your Photo Story; create video slideshows with Animoto; and animated videos with Xtranormal. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	8:30-10:20am	Illinois (Mac Lab)	Teach Digital: CSI: Springfield (2 hours)	Michael	Williams	University of Illinois College of Education	There's been a crime at IETC! Teachers will explore various technologies and media that can help catch a thief! From using GPS to gather evidence, to digital microscopes and scanners back in the lab, teachers will ultimately reconstruct the crime and pinpoint the perpetrator! (Appropriate for elementary and middle school grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)

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Thurs., Nov. 19	2:25-4:15pm	Illinois (Mac Lab)	Teach Digital: Global Storytellers (2 hours)	Michael	Williams	University of Illinois College of Education	Today's 21st Century student needs to master a complex set of skills to succeed in work, school and life. One of those skills is global awareness. Teachers will explore various technologies and media that enable students to create a digital story that builds skills in reflection and critical thinking, oral, written, and visual storytelling, and media production. Teachers will use pictures, audio, and video and free or inexpensive digital editing tools to craft a video story advocating global awareness and cross-cultural connections. (Appropriate for elementary and middle school grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	10:35-11:25am	Capital II	The Moveable Feast	Michael	Williams	University of Illinois College of Education	In its 12th year, the Moveable Feast is a collaborative effort between the University of Illinois College of Education and school districts throughout Illinois that provides innovative professional development on productivity, assessment, and engaging technology tools to improve student learning. (Appropriate for all grade levels. Cross platform: Mac and Windows.)
Fri., Nov. 20	8:30-10:20am	Plaza A	CIM: How Are You Measuring Up? - The Whole Truth about Data in Education (2 hours)	Robert	Wimberly	Chicago Public Schools	Participants will understand the role that the Curriculum and Instructional Management System (CIM) played in the development of the CPS area-based data-driven decision making process which includes teacher professional development, administrative coaching, protocols to assist in grade level meetings, and a blue-print on how to sustain the use of data to guide instruction. Participants will learn the role of technology in the implementation. An open discussion of the PD methods, how to measure the results, and future recommendations will close the session. (Appropriate for elementary and middle school grade levels. Windows-based.)
Thurs., Nov. 19	11-11:50am	Plaza D	Discovering the Capabilities of DansGuardian	Daniel	Zobel	Heyworth CUSD#4	DansGuardian is a comprehensive Content Filter that can create Blacklists, groups, see top sites or users, allow YouTube Videos without opening YouTube or just learn how to block sites with certain words or phrases. We will check out how to configure the filter and make the filter work for you. (Appropriate for technology coordinators/administrators. Windows-based.)