

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Districtwide Parent **Technology** & **Learning** Night

**Thursday, January 23, 2014**

**5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Math and Science Building at Mira Costa High School**

## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

**1. Inspiring Kids to Code: Suggested Grades: K-8**  
**Introducing Programming on the iPad**

Instructors: Jeanne Reed and Christina Lee, *Computer Specialist*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 6:00 pm

Using free iPad apps, introducing computer science programming can be a super fun and epic learning experience for kids. This sessions helps provide some stellar ideas to help inspire kids to code.

**2. iPads, iMovies & Beyond Suggested Grades: 3-8**

Instructors: Paula Noda, *Teacher/Pacific*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

iPads, iMovies and Beyond will provide the attendees with a survey of different iPad apps used in the classroom. Apps such as iMovie, Nearpod, Idea Sketch, Creative Book Builder, Strip Design, Edmodo, and Chirp will be reviewed with examples of how each app is used to enhance or access the curriculum in a 4th grade classroom. Internet sites which students access on their iPads such as LiveBinder and Fodey.com will also be introduced.

**3. Digital Citizenship: Suggested Grades:**  
**What Parents & Students Need to Know 6:00 pm Grades: 3-8**  
**7:00 pm Grades: 6-12**

Instructor: Jane Lofton, *Teacher Librarian/Mira Costa High School*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: see above

The digital world can be both exciting, full of new opportunities to learn, connect, and have fun, as well as an overwhelming place, requiring caution. In this session, parents will learn how to help their children become good digital citizens, practicing ethics and proper etiquette, avoiding bullying, protecting privacy, maintaining online security, and achieving balance in online time, as well as building a positive digital

footprint and taking advantage of the wealth of learning options the internet offers. This session will also address how these parameters vary for different age groups and provide additional resources for learning more about these topics.

**4. Social Butterfly:** **Suggested Grades: 4-12**

Instructors: Jeanne Reed and Christina Lee, *Computer Specialists*

Room: TBD

Session Offered: 7:00 pm

Ever wonder what kids are doing online? Most of the time they are being social butterflies? Come to this session to hear a little bit about some of the applications kids are using today to be social online. It just might make you look a little smarter next time you hear or use the lingo (yes, “selfie” is now a real word) of social websites or at least not have that glazed over look like your kiddos are aliens from Pluto.

**5. eBackpack** **Suggested Grades: 4-6**

Instructors: Debbie Dreiling/Wendy Hamilton/Teryn Spragg, *Teachers/Robinson*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Robinson’s fifth grade team will demonstrate various ways in which they are using eBackpack across the grade level.

**6. Literature Circles Online** **Suggested Grades: 4-8**

Instructor: Michelle Krzmarzick, *Teacher/Pacific*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Participants will be introduced to how literature circles can bring reading to a whole new level by integrating technology. Traditional literature circle roles are enhanced by using websites like Edmodo, and by including apps like Pages, Skitch, Croakit, and Educreations. See how student can deepen their understanding of text by creating and sharing their online creations with a team.

**7. Supplementing Learning at Home** **Suggested Grades: 4-8**

Instructor: Kim Linz, *Principal/Pacific*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

How do you help your child when you have forgotten how to find the “y” intercept or don’t remember the anatomy of a frog? In this session you will learn how technology can be used to help your child with homework without having to retake the class yourself. Strategies will focus on

developing independent learners with resources for finding knowledge and developing an understanding of concepts using programs like Khan Academy, BrainPop, iTunesU and Discovery Learning.

#### **8. iPad 101 for Parents**

**Suggested Grades: 5-8**

Instructors: Karina Gerger, *TOSA/21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

iPad technology is changing the way students interact with learning. Learn how this valuable tool allows us to teach students in the way they naturally learn and individualize learning in ways we have not been able to before. Learn a few tricks too!

#### **9. Parenting Tools in the Digital Age**

**Suggested Grades: 6-10**

Instructors: Darri Stephens (*Common Sense Media*)

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Teens' development hasn't changed over the past fifty years, but parenting sure has in this 24/7 digital world. Common Sense Media is dedicated to improving the lives of kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in a world of media and technology. Come hear about the trending sites and apps you should know about beyond Facebook; and learn about the ones that your teens ought to know about. Help your teens harness the power of technology safely, responsibly, and respectfully.

#### **10. Reading with SUBTEXT**

**Suggested Grades 6-12**

Instructors: David Levy and Rachel Thomas, *Teachers/MBMS*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

The application, Subtext, allows students and teachers to interact with the text and with one another. Homework is contained within the text as well as annotations and discussion threads. See completed assignments by students using this game changing application.

#### **11. Creating with iPads**

**Suggested Grades: 6-8**

Instructors: Farah Kamal, *Teacher/MBMS*

Room: TBD

Session Offered: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Come create art through the use of free iPad apps! This session will inspire you to be creative and artistic using technology. We will utilize free apps such as Animation Desk Lite, 123D Creature, and Repix. This session is sure to inspire you to create with your iPad!

**12. iPads in the Middle School Classroom** **Suggested Grades 6-8**

Instructors: James Locke and Maggie Mabery, *Science Teachers/MBMS*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

The title says it all. Come and see many of the ways the iPads are being used in the Middle School science classrooms to help students gain and demonstrate understanding and mastery of science concepts. Even better, the presentation has students explain many of the apps and their products. We will touch on eBackpack, iMovie, Creative Book Builder, Keynote, iMotion HD and more.

**13. Mobile Device Initiative at Costa** **Suggested Grades: 9-12**

Instructor: Ben Dale, *Principal/Mira Costa High School*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Get the Mira Costa Principal's perspective on the Mobile Device Initiative. Starting this past Fall, Mira Costa High School allowed personal devices such as laptops, smart phones, iPads and other tablet devices to be brought to school for student educational purposes. Learn how the combination of excellent teaching and learning strategies along with technology can have a positive effect on your student's high school experience.

**14. Model UN in the Digital Age** **Suggested Grades: 9-12**

Instructors: Wayne Knutson, *MUN Teacher/Mira Costa High School*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century must be able to do more than simply use technologies, they must be the creators of these technologies as well. Mira Costa Model United Nations students created a suite of programs to bring this simulation of the United Nations into the on-line world. See the students' demonstration of their sophisticated programs.

**15. Get to the "Core" of the Common Core:  
Primer for Parents** **Suggested Grades: ALL**

Instructors: Carolyn Seaton, *Executive Director, Educational Services MBUSD*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Learn about the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English/Language Arts and Math which will begin to be implemented in the 2014/2015 academic year and the key role technology plays in their implementation from Kindergarten through grade 12. This session will provide participants with an understanding of the rationale for the CCSS,

how their student's English/Language Arts and Math instruction will look different, ideas for how they can support their student at home, and more!

**16. Evernote:**

**Suggested Grades: ALL**

**Store and Remember Everything**

Instructor: Michael Matthews, *MBUSD Superintendent*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 5:00 pm

One of the key benefits of technology is virtual memory. You can remember everything and anything, whether you are taking notes, traveling, taking pictures, or surfing the web. Bring your iOS or Android device.

**17. PowerSchool 101 for Parents**

**Suggested Grades: 6-12**

Instructors: Michael Matthews, *MBUSD Superintendent*; John Jackson, *MBMS Principal* and Toni Brown, *MBMS Assistant Principal*

Room: TBD

Sessions Offered: 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Interested in your student's grades? Learn how to create an account on PowerSchool and to navigate around PowerSchool's parent portal from the person who has responded to thousands of MBUSD parents.