

FY14 Winter/Spring PLU Course Catalog

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Course ID:	PLU140009
Title of Workshop:	The Art of Close Reading: Notice and Note
Date(s) of Workshop:	Tuesday: March 4, 11, 2014; Thursday: March 6, 13, 2014
Beginning Time:	4:15pm
Ending Time:	6:45pm
Location:	Bonaire Elementary, Room 408
Instructors:	Tonya F. Pinckley
Target Audience:	Classroom Teachers
Class Limit:	25
Description:	We will explore the art of close reading using both fiction and nonfiction texts. Our guide will be the book, Notice and Note by Beers and Probst.
Number of PLUs	1
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan 478-988-6228, ext. 10228

Course ID:	PLU140010
Title of Workshop:	Introduction to the Exceptional Child
Date(s) of Workshop:	Wednesdays: February 12, 2014 - April 23, 2014
Beginning Time:	4:00pm
Ending Time:	9:00pm
Location:	HCBOE, Wing C Auditorium
Instructors:	Zabrina Cannady
Target Audience:	Teachers, new teachers and paraprofessionals
Class Limit:	25
Description:	This course is an overview of the legislation behind the provision of special education for students with disabilities, the process of identifying students with disabilities, the categories of special education exceptionalities, characteristics of those exceptionalities, and instructional strategies for teaching students with those exceptionalities. The course will place emphasis on Georgia State rules and regulations pertaining to special education and implementation of those rules and regulations in Houston County Schools.
Number of PLUs	5
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan 478-988-6228, ext. 10228

Course ID:	PLU140011
Title of Workshop:	More Cool Tools for School
Date(s) of Workshop:	Monday: March 3, 10, 2014; Wednesday: March 5, 12, 2014
Beginning Time:	4:00pm

Ending Time:	6:30pm						
Location:	Houston Crossroads Center--Computer Lab Room 502						
Instructors:	Kristen Honaker and Angela Karros						
Target Audience:	Classroom teachers, media specialists, and paraprofessionals						
Class Limit:	15						
Description:	This class is an introduction to some of the latest and greatest web 2.0 and online tools that can be used in any classroom, grade level, and subject area. Some of the topics that will be covered in this class include: Symbaloo, Thinglink, Blendspace, LiveBinders, WingClips, Wordle, Khan Academy, Voki, Today's Meet, & Infuse Learning. We will also do a brief overview of Edmodo as well as provide some information about great additional resources that are specific to certain subject areas that participants can further explore on their own. Come have some fun with technology and turn your classroom into a 21st Century Learning Center! This class is for both beginners and advanced users of technology. Newbies are welcome--in fact, we love getting people on board with technology! After instruction is given, this class will include ample hands-on time for optimal learning. Participants are encouraged to bring materials to class that will aid them in creating usable, relevant resources during our sessions. The last sessions will be tailored to meet your specific needs.						
Number of PLUs	1						
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan 478-988-6228, ext. 10228						

Course ID:	PLU140012						
Title of Workshop:	Effective Ways To Use Your SMART Board in Math To Engage Students						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Tuesday: March 4, 11, 2014; Thursday: March 6, 13, 2014						
Beginning Time:	4:00pm						
Ending Time:	6:30pm						
Location:	Bonaire Elementary, Room 409 and Computer Lab, Room 306						
Instructors:	Carol Cannon and Lydia Thompson						
Target Audience:	Classroom Teachers, administrators, and Paraprofessionals						
Class Limit:	20						
Description:	This class is designed for teachers who want to learn how to effectively use the SMART interactive white board in a Math Classroom. Class members should have a basic foundation in how to implement the SMART Board, SMART tools, and SMART technology. The class members will learn innovative technology skills in order to engage Math students. Class members will also be introduced to the second generation of SMART Lesson Activity Tools, SMART Exchange lessons, SMART Lesson Activity Builder, and SMART Student Response activities.						
Number of PLUs	1						
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan 478-988-6228, ext. 10228						

Course ID:	PLU140013						
Title of Workshop:	Make BYOD Technology Work for Your Classroom						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Tuesday: April 22, 29, 2014; Thursday: April 24, 2014; May 1, 2014						

Beginning Time:	4:00pm						
Ending Time:	6:30pm						
Location:	Bonaire Elementary--Computer Lab, Room 306						
Instructors:	Carol Cannon and Mike Jackson						
Target Audience:	Classroom Teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals						
Class Limit:	20						
Description:	This class is designed for the educator who wants to gain valuable knowledge in how to resourcefully use web-based tools in their classroom with BYOD to engage students and enrich curriculum. Some of the web-based tools we will be exploring include, but not limited to: Edmodo, Kidblog, Google Drive, Google Apps, QR Codes, Dropbox, Prezi, Animoto, NoRedInk, Kahn Academy, LearnZillion, Diigo, Screenhero, Wideo, My Vocabulary, ClassDoJo, ebooks, etc.						
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Course ID:	PLU140014						
Title of Workshop:	More Cool Tools for School						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Tuesday: April 22, 29, 2014; Thursday: April 24, 2014; May 1, 2014						
Beginning Time:	4:00pm						
Ending Time:	6:30pm						
Location:	Houston Crossroads Center, Computer Lab, Room 502						
Instructors:	Kristen Honaker and Angela Karros						
Target Audience:	Classroom teachers, media specialist, and paraprofessionals						
Class Limit:	15						
Description:	This class is an introduction to some of the latest and greatest web 2.0 and online tools that can be used in any classroom, grade level, and subject area. Some of the topics that will be covered in this class include: Symbaloo, Thinglink, Blendspace, LiveBinders, WingClips, Wordle, Khan Academy, Voki, Today's Meet, & Infuse Learning. We will also do a brief overview of Edmodo as well as provide some information about great additional resources that are specific to certain subject areas that participants can further explore on their own. Come have some fun with technology and turn your classroom into a 21st Century Learning Center! This class is for both beginners and advanced users of technology. Newbies are welcome--in fact, we love getting people on board with technology! After instruction is given, this class will include ample hands-on time for optimal learning. Participants are encouraged to bring materials to class that will aid them in creating usable, relevant resources during our sessions. The last sessions will be tailored to meet your specific needs.						
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Course ID:	PLU140015						
Title of Workshop:	Technology in the Classroom						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Wednesday: February 12, 2014 - March 19, 2014						

Beginning Time:	3:30pm						
Ending Time:	5:30pm						
Location:	Houston County Career Academy, Business Lab, Room 152						
Instructors:	Steven Hornyak						
Target Audience:	Teachers						
Class Limit:	20						
Description:	Teachers will be presented with various technology tools that will enhance their effectiveness as professionals in the classroom setting. By adding to the teachers' instructional tool box, engagement of students will be increased and will help to deepen student understanding across content areas.						
	Teachers will be trained in the use of a learning management system to assist in virtual learning, content management, and project-based learning.						
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