# LANCASTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DAY OF INNOVATION 2015 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS:

Please read through the workshop descriptions. You will be invited to choose your workshops for the day to personalize your learning experience. Everyone will be able to attend four workshops, but you may want to choose an extra one in case your first choice is full. You will notice that many of the workshops are offered in two or three sessions to accommodate your interests. We encourage you to circle your choices on the schedule for the day and bring it with you on Monday.

#### **Blogger Basics & Beyond**

Innovators: Margaret Bussan & Jim Addison

What ways do you use to communicate? Find out why a blog would be a great tool for you. This will be your chance to see how blogs are used in classrooms and begin creating your own.

# **Digital Resource Dive**

Innovator: Micki Uppena

Explore the district ebooks, Badgerlink, Universal Search in the Online Library Catalog, and our expanded resources offered through our World Book Online subscription. Here is your chance to connect these resources to your curriculum.

# **Google Basics**

Innovators: Kristin Galle

Google Basics: I will help you setup your Chrome Browser, Gmail, Google Calendar, and Drive/Docs. Also, I

will be showing some add-ons and how Google can help streamline your classroom.

# **Google Chrome Karma**

Innovator: Tina Dilley

Do you love Google Chrome and want more? This session will use great, useful and can't live without apps, extensions and add ons. Heard about Google Classroom and want to see how you can use this in your classroom? Attend this session to be apart of the discussion of Google's new classroom tool for teachers.

# **Google Forms**

Innovators: Eric Mumm, Mandy Whitaker, & Pam Curry

Create your own forms, surveys, and quizzes. Find out how the Google Form collects the data and converts it to a spreadsheet. Learn how to use Flubaroo to grade your forms. Forms are a great communication and assessment tool!

#### **Google Sites**

Innovators: Robby Jacobson

Sick of the data overage e-mails? This is the session for you! I will show you how to transfer your current web pages, so you will be able to start using sites where you don't have to worry about data limits.

# **How to Escape Teacher Island**

Innovators: Tom and Leah Whitford

Thanks to social media there are easy and fun new ways to connect with educators around the world. Back in the old days we were often limited to the knowledge and experiences of those in our immediate geography. The belief of being the smartest person in the room has been replaced with "The smartest person in the room is the room." The question is, how big is your room? Learn how to connect with a global education network and how to use social media tools to connect and partner with families and your community to create a connected, supported and transparent classroom. Come and see the power of branding your classroom and developing a Personal Learning Network.

#### Open Lab

The Lancaster Middle School Library Media Center will be an open lab. A support person will be in the lab all day. This is a time when you can work on something from a previous session. You may want to dig deeper or practice using the tools that you learned about. Computers, Chromebooks, and tablets will be available.

#### PBS Learning Media and Wisconsin Media Lab:

Innovators: Kristin Galle

This session will show content and how to set up accounts to help use the free resources to foster personalized learning.

# Screen Cast Camp

Innovator: Margaret Bussan

The power of your students' learning experiences is largely determined by the power of learning context and the purpose that you set with your students. This session will allow you to look at ways to share videos and other media with your students in a way that capitalizes on collaboration and discussion. Focus will be on *Videonot.es* and *Screen Cast O Matic*. Students and teachers can annotate information on the screen as the video plays.

#### Tech Tools: Symbaloo & Google Hangouts and Skype

Do you need a way to organize your digital links for teacher and student access? Learn how to find and create Symbaloos. We will also learn how to take down your classroom walls with the use of Skype and Google Hangouts!

# <u>Trendy Classroom (Educational Apps)</u>

Innovators: Andy Richard & Jen Ingebritsen

Exposure and time to explore apps, tech tools and Smart board resources to support your classroom: curriculum, management, creativity, communication, and more. Learn how to use Edmodo communities and voicethread to connect with other educators, classrooms and parents.