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**21st Century Learning Environments**

**Bringing Learning to Life**

Wednesday, September 26th, 2007

Fairmont Hotel MacDonald

## Agenda

- 8:00am**      **Registration**  
Empire Ballroom Foyer
- 9:00am**      **Opening Keynote:**  
**Learning & Assessment in 1 to 1 Laptop Classrooms: What the Research Says**  
Empire Ballroom  
Anne Davies, Ph.D.
- 10:15am**      **Coffee Break**
- 10:30am**      **Concurrent Sessions Begin:**  
*Classroom Management & Best Practices*  
Empire Ballroom  
John Maschak  
  
*Successful Support Strategies*  
Drawing Room  
Shaun Meredith
- 12:00pm**      **Lunch - Empire Ballroom**
- 1:00pm**      **Concurrent Sessions Continue:**  
*Accessibility for All*  
Empire Ballroom  
John Maschak  
  
*Networking Strategies*  
Drawing Room  
Shaun Meredith
- 2:30pm**      **Lessons Learned - Communication/ Collaboration**  
Empire Ballroom  
Vicki Wilson
- 2:50pm**      **Closing Comments**
- 3:00pm**      **Adjourn**

## Session & Speaker Profiles

### **Learning & Assessment in 1 to 1 Laptop Classrooms** - *Speaker: Anne Davies, Ph. D., Consultant/Researcher*

With four years of classroom data collected from a Maine middle school classroom, Dr. Anne Davies will summarize key research findings and tell the story of learning and assessment in a 1 to 1 classroom.

### **Lessons Learned - Communication/Collaboration** - *Speaker: Vicki B. Wilson, Ed. D. - Consultant*

Vicki will share the lessons learned, communications strategy and sharing opportunities that unfold when implementing technology in the classroom and the opportunities for building community through these practices.

### **Successful Support Strategies** - *Speaker: Shaun Meredith, Consultant*

In this session we will discuss successful support processes as well as those that did not work so well when implementing a digital learning environment. We will discuss various support models and self paced training that can be useful in assisting the teachers and students. Bring your experiences and questions as we will share and learn through everyone's experiences.

### **Networking Strategies** - *Speaker: Shaun Meredith, Consultant*

This session will focus on differences in wireless networks versus wired networks as are typically seen in lab environments. Topics covered will include authentication, printing, bandwidth, file access as well as streaming protocols and their affect on the wireless network.

### **Classroom Management and Best Practices** - *Speaker: John Maschak - Instructional Technology Specialist*

This session will examine a variety of techniques to best manage the digital learning resources in your classroom. From classroom management strategies to Apple Remote desktop, our session will examine a variety of best practice concepts, examples and ideas.

### **Accessibility for All** - *Speaker: John Maschak - Instructional Technology Specialist*

At the heart of Apple's solutions for students with learning differences, is the easy to use operating system that enables students to access content for learning and to become producers of knowledge. Collectively known as Universal Access. This session will examine the powerful, built-in accessibility features such as VoiceOver, Speech Recognition, Text to Speech Synthesis and other tools that can be adapted to meet the unique needs of each learner.

#### **Anne Davies, Ph.D**

Dr. Anne Davies is author and co-author of more than 19 books and resources including the best seller, Making Classroom Assessment Work, and the Knowing What Counts series. One of her most recent projects is a multi-media resource kit titled, The Facilitator's Guide to Classroom Assessment K-12. She has worked in a variety of roles including classroom teacher, school district coordinator, department of education planner, school administrator, university instructor, and, more recently, international consultant and author.

#### **Vicki Wilson, Ed. D.**

Vicki is a former Assistant Superintendent for Instruction for Henrico County Schools and leader in 1 to 1 implementations. Vicki's career includes experiences as a teacher (gr. 6-12), department chair, counselor, director of guidance, assistant principal, principal, and director of elementary education. Vicki is currently, an assistant professor and coordinator for School District Partnerships at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) where she recruits, advises, and teaches Master's and Doctoral Cohort students in Educational Leadership.

#### **Shaun Meredith, Consultant**

Shaun was the senior project manager for Apple, responsible for the implementation of the World's largest educational technology program. The project consists of over 44,000 iBook computers in the hands of Maine students and educators as well as professional development programs, servers, collaboration systems, and wireless networks.

#### **John Maschak, Instructional Technology Specialist**

John is entering his eleventh year with Apple, working in the education market as an instructional technology specialist. Prior to working for Apple, John was employed by the Delta School District for 18 years, where his responsibilities included teaching mathematics, science, computer studies, and gifted education. John has a post-graduate degree in education at the University of British Columbia where his focus was on technology integration in the classroom.