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Instructional Tech Update

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Hello! I'm...

Carolyn Wargo

- District Employee: 19 years
- Instructional Technology Coach: 2 years
- 5th grade technology teacher: 2 years
- Google 1, 2, Trainer, & Coach certified
- Member of LTC, IDEA, TCEA, and CSTA

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Look how far we have traveled!

2003

Overhead projectors, desktop computers, and Microsoft

2009

First Promethean boards were installed.

2018

We began to switch over to Google from Microsoft.

2020

Immediate release of 1:1 Chromebooks district- wide. Google Classroom implemented district-wide.

2022

E-Learning days are expanding to have live interaction with teachers during poor weather.

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Data for Instructional Tech. Coaching in Dist. 44

45/103

Number of certified teachers I have worked with since the beginning of this position

≈1094

Classes taught in weekly model technology lessons this year alone

61

Number of adult technology trainings conducted over the past two years

I teach 631 students technology each week.
(42% of all students in district)

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I have attended 267.25 hours of trainings since beginning this position.

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Technology and Software

- 1:1 Chromebooks
- Google training for teachers, staff, and students
- SOPPA contracts obtained for all student websites and programs
- Kami, EdPuzzle, WorldBook, & Go Guardian implementation
- Summer Technology PD made available
- Creating materials and videos for teachers and students
- In-house county institute day with several options to learn new technology
- Half-day Wednesdays allow for technology integration learning

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Opportunities/Networking

- Obtained Google 1 and 2 certifications, then went on to get Google Trainer and Google Coaching licenses
- Presented at IETC (Illinois Education & Technology Conference) in November
- Presented at IDEAcon (Illinois Digital Educators Alliance)
- Starved Rock region representative for IDEA
- Meet monthly online with the Learning Technology Center of Illinois (LTC) and technology coaches from around the state to network
- Meet regularly for Technology Roundtable discussions at IVCC

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Future Projects

- Summer technology PD will be made available for 2022.
- Correlating all technology lessons to the new Illinois State Computer Science Standards (currently using the ISTE standards)
- Launching "Project Reset" in District 44: A new way to learn how to incorporate technology into the classroom by way of choice boards and professional development. Teachers will have the opportunity to grow professionally within the district while being incentivized for their efforts to learn new things.
- Attend monthly faculty meetings in all buildings to give quick technology lessons

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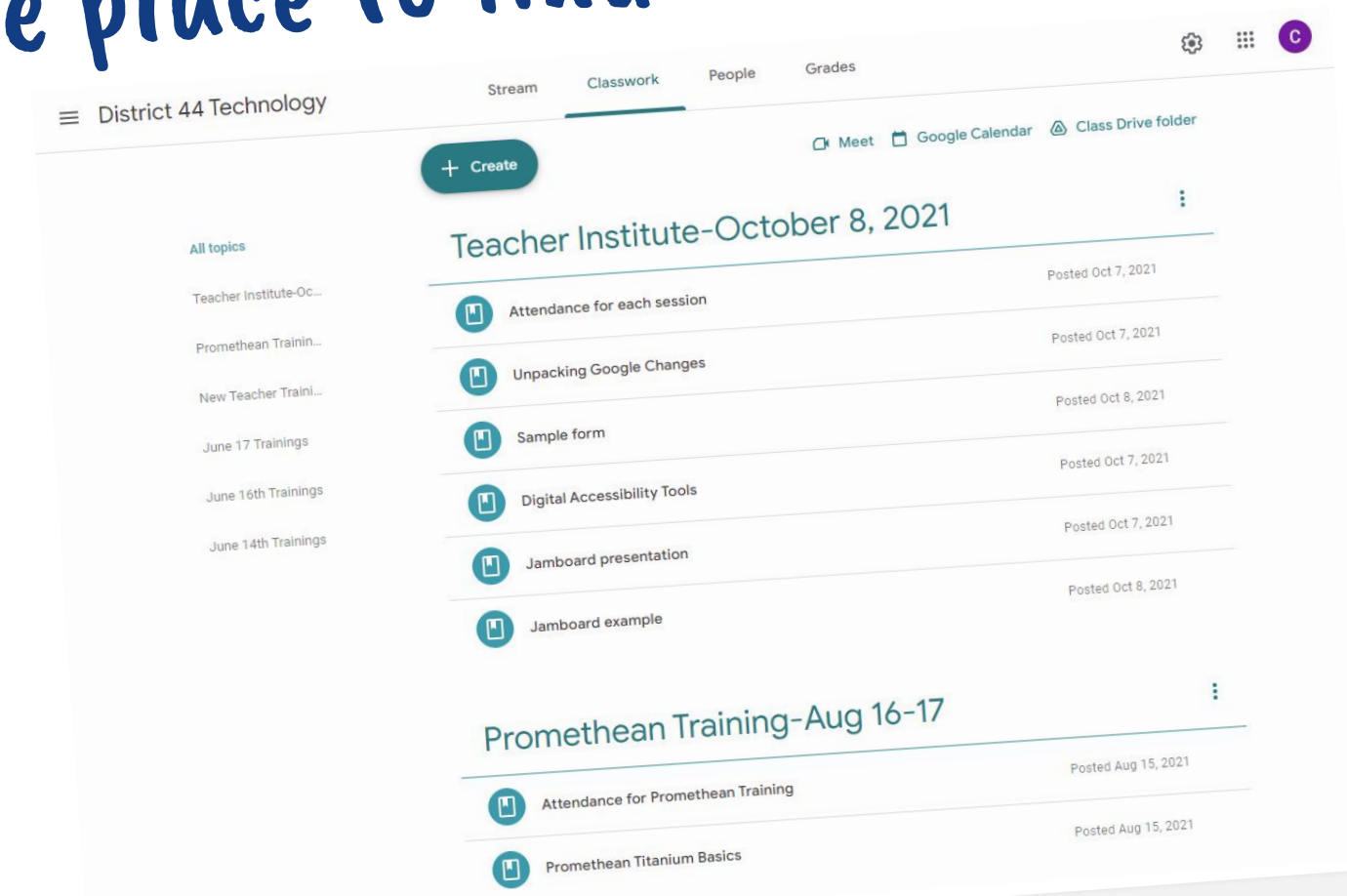
One place to find all PD materials



Google Classroom for all staff

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Did you know?

My website:
www.techwithasmile.com
could answer some of your technology questions that you may have in regards to educational technology use in the district.

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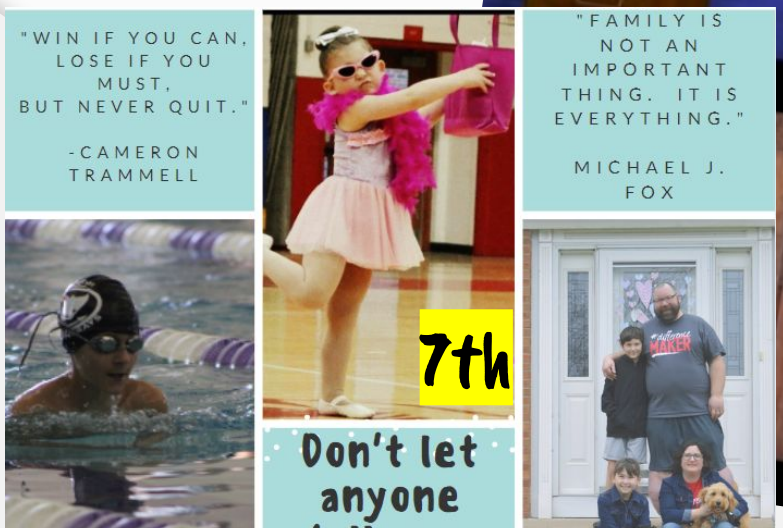
Digital Design in 5th, 6th, and 7th grades



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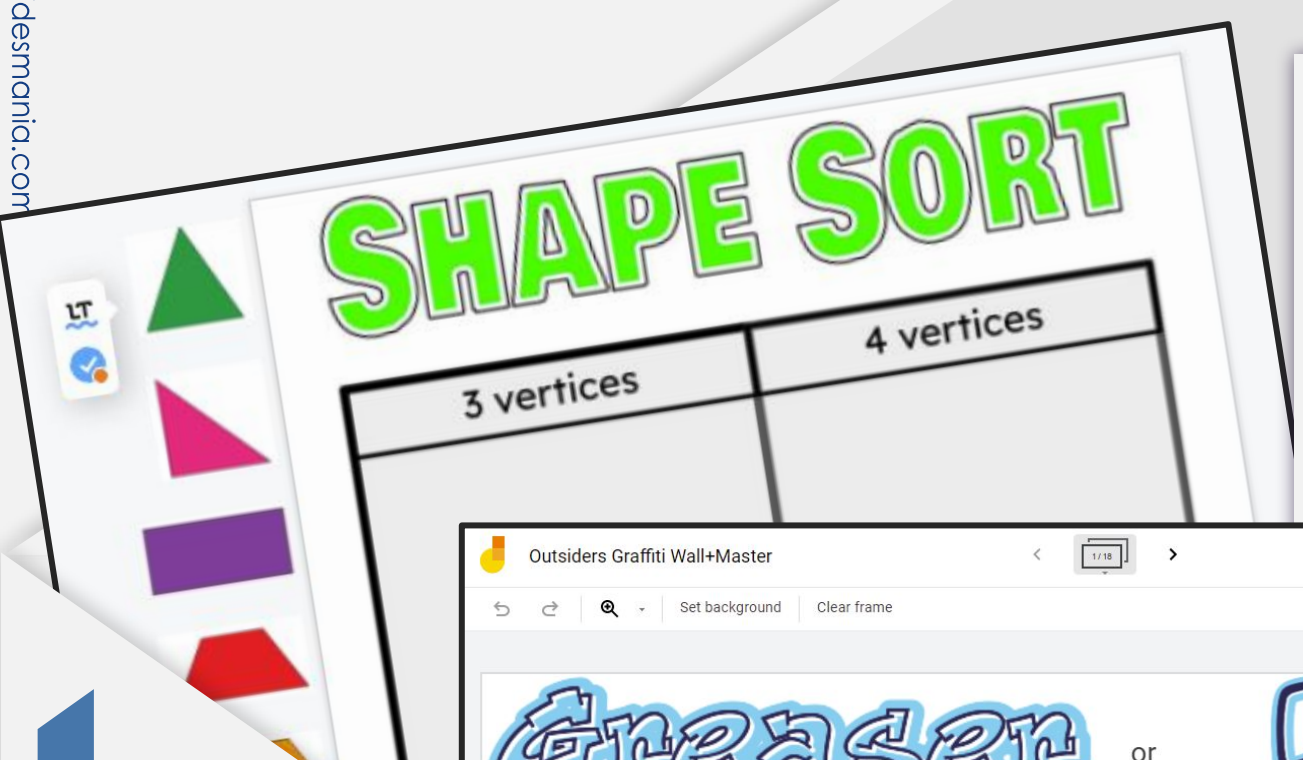
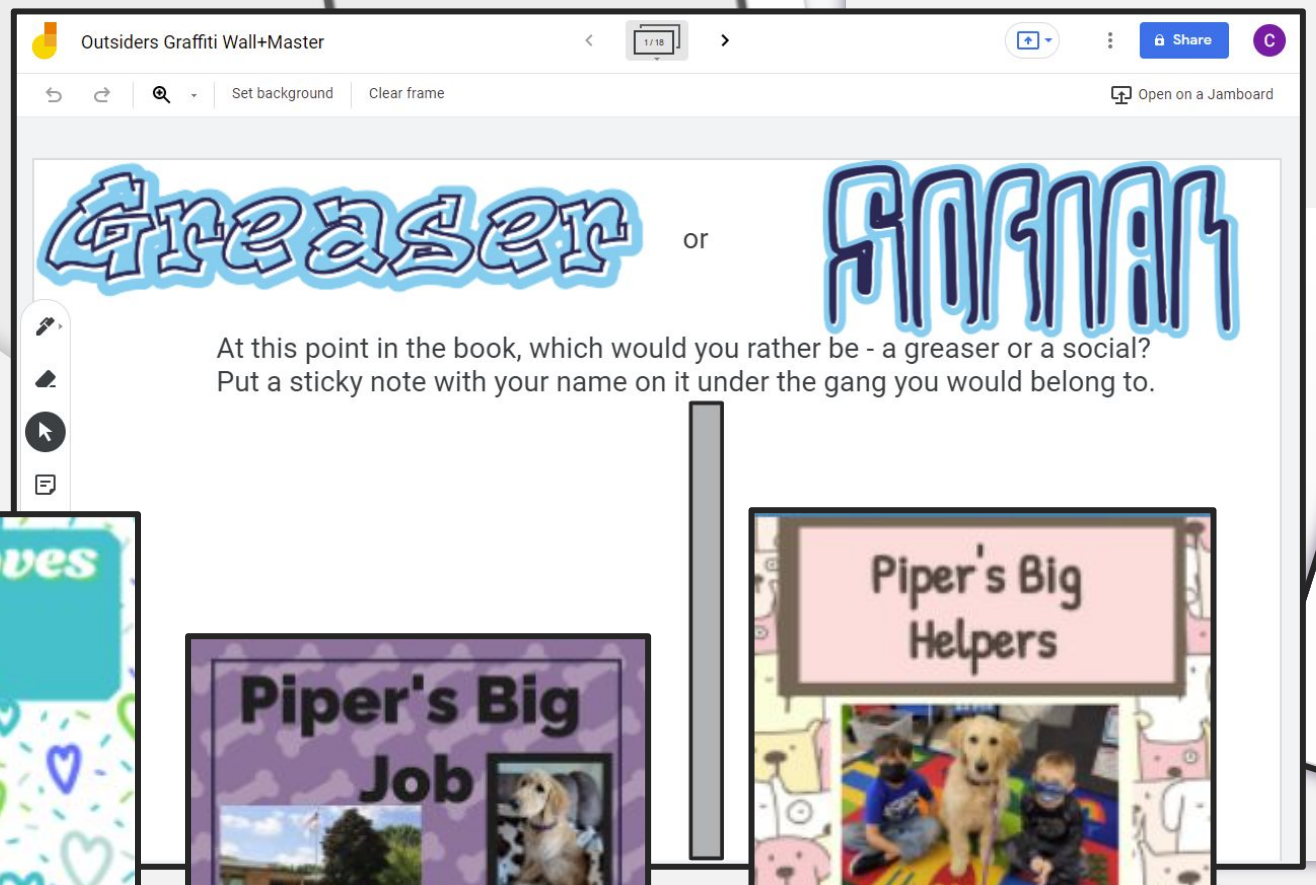
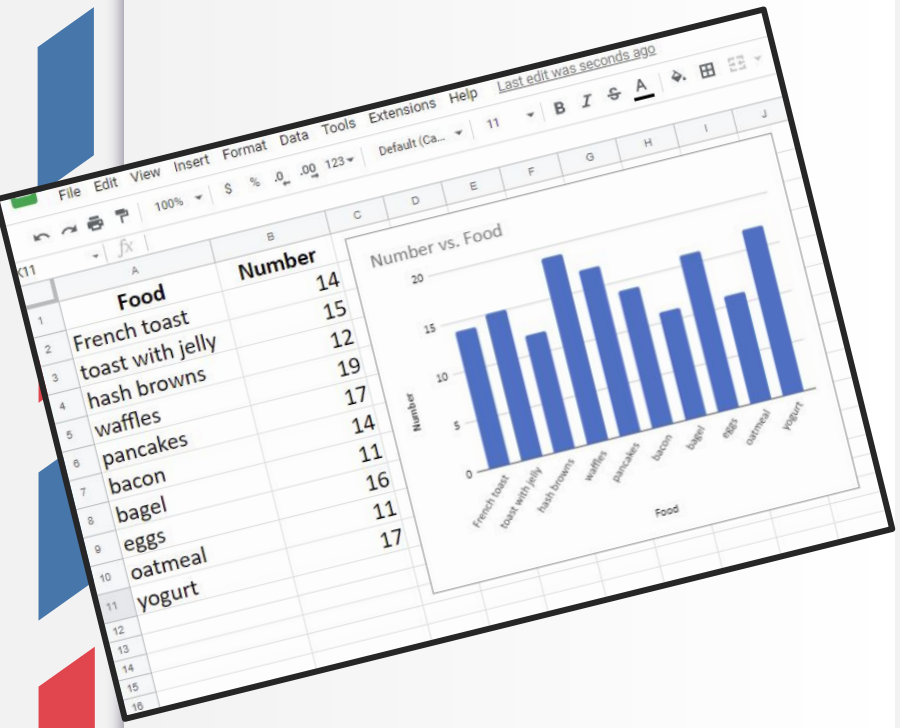
Examples of materials requested by teachers





Sample Lessons

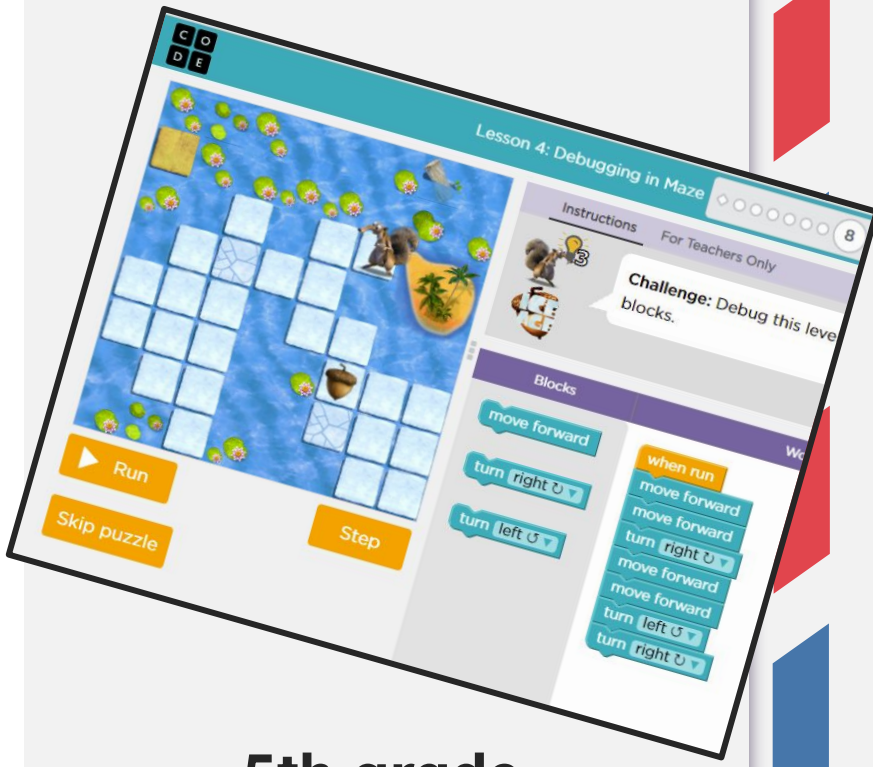


1st grade

We have worked on collecting ***data*** and putting it into a bar graph on the computer.

K-5th grade

We have used several picture books to learn about the importance of limiting screen time, digital citizenship, online safety, & responsible technology use.



5th grade

After trying out several coding programs, we have settled on Code.org. It is a free program and the kids love it so far!

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My second grade class looks forward to Tech Thursdays with Mrs. Wargo! She has the most upbeat personality and the kids just really enjoy her. She teaches us (including me!) something new every week. Our two favorite lessons so far were Flipgrid and World Book. We plan to use both of these for our animal research project this year. Mrs. Wargo has really boosted our technology confidence this year! We love her!

– Kammiroen Reilly (2nd grade)

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My students really love Codespark and Worldbook with Mrs. Wargo. They are excited to explore it and learn more about coding and how to make things move through a sequence. Many students ask to do Worldbook in their spare time and to use what she has taught them about it to learn about science and social studies.

— Rebekah Varland (1st grade)

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I have been really thankful for the Mrs. Wargo's lessons. She has been able to expose my students to key vocabulary with technology. She has taught them various functions on the laptops and has provided them with fun activities that my students look forward to each week. I really hope we will continue these lessons next year because I feel with her knowledge she is establishing a good foundation for future use.

— Allyson Rambo (1st grade)

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Mrs. Wargo's lessons have been invaluable to my class. The students still refer to suggestions she made when they are working in Google slides. We just did a flipgrid yesterday and not a single one came and asked for help with it (except for one that was having trouble with her camera). Carolyn is so well-suited for her position, makes it really fun for the students, and has really honed her lessons to make sense of complex tasks. We love having her come to our class!

— Wendy Ley (4th grade)

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Mrs. Wargo has made technology fun for my students! They look forward to her coming in for lessons. She helps them learn how to use their Chromebooks with fun and engaging activities. She has also taught them how to be safe online as well as to know when it is time to step away from the screen and become unplugged! As a teacher, it is nice to have someone who specializes in Google that can show them all of these tips and tricks. Mrs. Wargo is so friendly and always offering her help. Her position is a great asset to our district!

— Jamie Carpenter (3rd grade)

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The kids love having her in the classroom and are excited to see what new thing they will be learning about each week.

— Dawn Carby (1st grade)

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Mrs. Wargo's technology lessons are helpful and engaging for myself and the students! We enjoy our time learning with her each week. We're very thankful for your assistance with all our technology needs!

— Tarni Siebert (2nd grade)

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Thank you!

Do you have any questions?

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