CANVAS BLACK DIAMOND CHALLENGE

The Canvas Black Diamond Challenge is a program in which secondary teachers who are using Canvas to push the limits of a blended classroom are rewarded and recognized for their time and efforts. Any teacher who creates a Canvas course and completes the items on the checklist is eligible to submit their course(s) each month for consideration. Click here for a complete list of Canvas Challenge requirements.

We would like to reward your hard work and extra efforts by providing monthly prizes for those teachers implementing Canvas and using Canvas on a regular basis in their classrooms.

Prizes include, but are not limited to:

- 2 Sub days to work on Canvas Course.
- 5-station iPad Mini or Chromebook lab for project-based learning.
- Swivl Kit and iPod touch to create flipped instruction videos.
- iPad Stand, Stylus, Doceri, and Air Server for teaching and recording instruction.

More information will be delivered to you within the next two weeks.

UPCOMING WINTER TECH CLASSES

In-person courses will take place in the CSSC Computer Training Lab and are available for relicensure points or 1 USOE lane change credit. Participants will need to attend all 7 classes to receive lane change credit.

Click here to register online!

In-Person Professional Development:
Macintosh in the Classroom (Part 2)

- January 23 - March 20

Canvas Cafe

- January 27 - March 31

iPad for Teachers (Part 1)

Teachers without a school- or district purchased iPad will have the opportunity to receive an iPad contingent upon successful completion of the course.

- January 22 - March 19

Online Professional Development:

- January 13 - March 3

14 Online Tools

Collaboration in the Classroom

One iPad Classroom

Person SuccessNet

APP OF THE MONTH

If you have an iPad or other Apple device (iPhone or Macbook Pro), knowing how to find it if lost is a must! This is a great tip to know even if you misplaced your device in your house, bag, purse, car, or pile of papers on your desk.
5th Annual Canyons District Film Festival

“We need filmmaking in our classrooms, not to graduate filmmakers, but to graduate problem solvers, critical thinkers and passionate people who can work with others to make that which does not yet exist, real.” ~Nikos Theodasakis

Canyons School District students and teachers are invited to participate in The 5th Annual Canyons District Film Festival! Create a feature film, documentary, animation, PSA, newscast, advertisement, or poster! Festival entries are due by 5:00 pm on March 13, 2014. Visit http://cnyns.org/filmfestival2014 for detailed information.

Advertisement Category Deadline Extended!
The deadline for student and business intent to participate forms for the 5th Annual Canyons District Film Festival advertisement category has been extended! Students and businesses may sign up to create an advertisement any time between now and January 31, 2014. Sign up ASAP because the earlier you sign up, the earlier you can be paired with a business and get started on your project! Click HERE for more information.

Film Opportunities
There are many opportunities for students to produce films. Any films submitted to outside film projects can also be submitted to the Canyons District Film Festival. Click HERE for a listing of other film festivals and projects in which you can participate!

Secondary Feature Film Winner 2014: “Fwd: FORWARD”
David Skorut, Marshall Blessing (Hillcrest)

Elementary Feature Film Winner 2014: “Surviver Mans”
by Forrest Kunz, Matthew Turner (Ridgecrest Elementary)

PSA Film Winner 2014: “Actions Have Consequences”
-by David Skorut (Hillcrest High)
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW TECHNOLOGY ENDORSED CSD TEACHERS!

The Ed Tech team would like to congratulate 45 Canyons teachers, administrators, and Achievement Coaches for completing the year long Educational Technology Endorsement Program. This year-long program is designed to help these educators become educational technology leaders in their schools.

Using the NETS for Teachers as a guideline, the focus of this endorsement program is to teach educators how to provide learning environments that take students beyond the walls of their classrooms and into a world of endless opportunities through the use of various technologies.

Grants were awarded to the following endorsed teachers:

Heather Heffner – 10 GPS Units  Stephanie Mitchell – 2 iPads  Ann Simonds – 4 iPad minis
Deann Kennedy – 2 MacBook Pros  Brett Williams – 5 iPad minis  Lori Reynolds – 6 iPad minis
Jen Jacobs and Andrea Ohlson – 15 iPod Touches  Kattie Dewald – Apple TV
Brian Wilding – 7 SanDisk Connect 64G Wireless Media Drive Streaming On the Go

HOUR OF CODE - DECEMBER 2013

During the week of December 9th, 3,051 CSD students at 7 schools participated in Computer Science Education Week's 'Hour of Code.'

Students learned basics of coding by completing self-paced tutorials. Union Middle School teacher, Jody Deland, gave a survey to her students following the 'Hour of Code.' Read their responses below:

To learn more about 'Hour of Code' click here.

"I learned there are more than one way to solve the problem. My neighbor did it one way and I did it another. We both solved the problem using different solutions."

"I wasn’t sure what I wanted to be when I grow up, now I know."

"My friend and I each programmed our own game and we now play them to beat each others high scores. It is so much fun. I never thought I would be able to do something like this."