

PNAIS Technology "Tech Share" Conference

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Registration fees include all meals and double occupancy accommodations.

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PNAIS Member School Rates (per person)

\$425 Early Bird – postmarked by May 19

\$450 Regular – postmarked by June 9

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Non-PNAIS Member School Rate (per person)

\$500 (Must include payment - no purchase orders)

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Cancellation Policy

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Driving Directions From SEATAC Airport to the Ferry

1. From the airport, follow signs to I-5 North, direction Seattle.
2. Take exit 164b (Fourth Avenue South).
3. At the end of the exit, turn right onto Fourth Avenue South, continue to next intersection at Royal Brougham, turn right and continue straight, stay in left lane.
4. After crossing First Avenue, look for the ferry terminal signs and turn right.
5. Continue straight and in a few stoplights you will see the left-hand turn lane to enter the terminal.

For information on ferry fees and schedules, please visit the Washington State Ferries website: Seattle – Bainbridge Ferry Schedule, <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries>.

Directions From the Bainbridge Ferry Terminal

1. Drive up the hill from the ferry to the first stoplight, turn left onto Winslow Way.
2. At the next 4-way stop, turn right onto Madison Avenue and continue to the next 4-way stop at Wyatt Way.
3. Turn left onto Wyatt Way.
4. Continue on Wyatt, rounding the back of Eagle Harbor (water will be to your left).
5. The road will fork; take the right fork up the hill, following the signs to Port Blakely. You are now on Blakely Avenue.
6. Continue straight on Blakely Avenue. In approximately 1 mile you'll see Blakely Elementary School on your left.
7. IslandWood is at the first driveway on your left after Blakely Elementary School. Turn left into IslandWood driveway. The street address is 4450 Blakely Avenue NE.
8. Continue on the wooded driveway up the hill. Bear left to the parking area. Follow pathway to Welcome Shelter and look for signs to the trail to the Main Center.



TECHNOLOGY "TECH SHARE" CONFERENCE

For tech directors, tech coordinators, early adopters, interested teachers, and librarians



**IslandWood
Bainbridge Island, WA
June 28-30, 2006**

Join us at the PNAIS Technology “Tech Share” Conference!

Welcome! This retreat-style conference is designed to provide a venue for K-12 technology professionals, teachers, librarians, and early adopters to address current issues in technology. Join us to learn about the latest hardware, software, tech trends, best practices (and lessons learned), and how to better use technology in your school. The conference has been structured to provide general “megasessions” for the entire group and breakout sessions on specific topics. The workshops and megasessions will be conducted by the PNAIS Technology Planning Committee:

- Tom Frizelle, Director of Technology, The Overlake School (WA)
- Jim Heyndrickx, Director of Technology, Oregon Episcopal School (OR)
- John Newsom, Director of Technology, Lakeside School (WA)
- Jimi Robinson, Director of Technology, The Evergreen School (WA)
- Eric Stratton, Director of Information Services, University Prep (WA)
- Kai Toh, Director of Technology, University Child Development School (WA)
- Cheryl Wolotira, Educational Technology Coordinator, The Northwest School (WA)

Agenda

Wednesday, June 28

3:00 p.m. Introductions/Megasession A: Cool Stuff
Join us in this fun, introductory session as we discuss cool and innovative solutions being used in our schools and homes. This gathering is designed as a "compare and share" time for all of us to talk about the great tools, techniques and classroom strategies that are creating technology successes in our schools.

4:15 p.m. Break

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions 1

Session 1A - Choosing the right SIS (Student Information System)

What is a Student Information System? What components should I look for? What's available out there? If you've grappled with these issues or are in the process of selecting a new SIS for your school, join us in this roundtable discussion about your experiences. We will cover available software and vendors, what works and what doesn't, and discuss admission, registrar, and alumni/donor components.

Session 1B - Integrate Technology into your Elementary Classroom!

Students using technology are actively engaged in their learning and are able to create their own knowledge and accomplish their own goals. Learn simple techniques, programs and ideas for integrating technology into any elementary classroom. Bring ideas to share that have worked in your classroom and find out new and exciting ideas from others.

6:00 p.m. Dinner, followed by Social Hour

Thursday June 29, 2006

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions 2

Session 2A - AV in the 21st Century:

A discussions of audio/visual technologies in the classroom. Classroom examples of digital projectors, VCR/DVD, surround sound speaker systems, document cameras, smartboards, microphone systems, video conferencing, etc.

Session 2B - Student and Faculty Perspectives on Blogs, IM, and Websites

Blogs, Wikis and IM are becoming increasingly popular classroom teaching tool among students and teachers. Many of these tools are free and allow students to publish text, video and digital photos on the Web. This session will explore both student and faculty perspectives on these new technologies.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15-11:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions 3

Session 3A - School to Home Communications

Whether your school is using laptops or computer labs, parents have many questions and concerns about their children and computers, both at school and at home. These issues range from curiosity about which applications are being used to deeper concern about safety and privacy. There are also a plethora of new technologies that have complicated family life, including blogs, relationship sites such as Myspace, file sharing, and instant messaging, not to mention cell phones! Schools can do a number of things to engage parents in conversations about these issues, and this session will cover several of them, along with providing sharing of successful strategies from attendees.

Session 3B - K-12 Computer Science Curriculums: Is Symbolic Reasoning Essential for All Students?

This session will review the argument for all students to experience symbolic reasoning and logic throughout the K-12 curriculum. This discussion will include why these “ways of thinking” are important to all careers, and perhaps essential for understanding and debating new “breakthroughs” in technology that challenge our ethics, environment and self-understanding. With premises in hand, we’ll discuss different models for implementing a progressive computer science sequence from beginning school to senior year.

11:15 a.m. Break and Informal Discussion

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00-2:15 p.m. Megasession B: The Dark Side of Technology

Technology as an enabling tool, helping to prepare the students for tomorrow? Not in this session. Join us as we discuss the dark side of technology: Content filtering, combating spam, enforcing copyright/piracy rules, monitoring users, and privacy (or the lack of it).

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30-3:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions 4

Session 4A - Digital Multimedia Authoring: How to Integrate Creative Digital Media Technologies in the Classroom

This session will focus on integrating student authored digital multimedia in the classroom. The topics covered include digital video, digital storytelling, and stop motion animation. Both classroom planning and technical requirements will be discussed.

Session 4B - How do you hold it together? Tricks and Learned Lessons

In this session we will share our tricks and tips for keeping in control of your whole technology environment. Topics will include: Automation of IT tasks (Ghost/imaging, patch management); Remote user support (shadowing, remote desktops, VNC); Terminal server environments (Citrix, Terminal Services, thin clients); Managing printing; and User agreements.

3:30 p.m. Free Time

6:00 p.m. Dinner followed by Evening Activity

Friday June 30, 2006

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-10:00 a.m. Breakout Session 5

Session 5A - Student Laptop Programs: Essential, Inevitable, or Unnecessary?

One-to-one student laptop programs have been around for years, and even some public school systems have deployed thousands of laptops to students. The “Tipping Point,” however, hasn’t been reached, and such programs are still unique instead of mainstream. Additionally, research hasn’t shown conclusive benefits from such programs. Does this mean that laptop programs are unnecessary, or are there other forces at work that may make student laptops essential or unneeded in the near future? Come prepared to share your own views and examples!

Session 5B - Instructional Road Kill: What Didn’t Work and Why

Remember the super-fast and very expensive wireless network that never communicated with a single laptop? Did roaming profiles not work as advertised? Presumably, at least of few of us have had spectacular (or not so spectacular) failures with hardware, software and classroom applications. In this “wisdom of shared experience” session, we will share some of our disappointments and discuss why they weren’t successful and will address some of your frustrations as well.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 -11:30 a.m. Megasession C: Why We Do It! Best Practices and Best Examples of Technology Integration in the Pacific Northwest

The “return on investment” of technology in schools can take many forms, and we’ll discuss the best reasons for tech integration and share specific “success stories” from Pacific Northwest schools. We’ll look beyond the Internet and word processing, and see how pedagogy itself is evolving in K-12. Our goal is not just to help teachers teach, but to help students learn.

11:45 a.m. Conference Conclusion and boxed lunches available