

# Free Technology Tools for the Classroom

## Six Sessions Covering Free Online Tools and Software

*These sessions are hands on. For the best benefit, participants should have a computer with internet access (and a microphone for events with a star\*.)*

<b>January 13th, 2009</b> <b>Offered over VNETS</b> <b>4:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Register at</b> <a href="http://www.ecboces.org">www.ecboces.org</a>	*This session is designed for <b>grades 4-6</b> . We will be covering Wordle (an online resource for creating graphic word pages) and Microsoft Photo Story (a free program for creating a movie with photos, narration and music).
<b>January 20th, 2009</b> <b>Offered over VNETS</b> <b>4:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Register at</b> <a href="http://www.ecboces.org">www.ecboces.org</a>	The primary computer usage of school age children is social networking. This session will introduce Ning, a social networking tool that can be tailored to the classroom and reach out to students in their own language.
<b>February 3rd, 2009</b> <b>Offered over VNETS</b> <b>4:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Register at</b> <a href="http://www.ecboces.org">www.ecboces.org</a>	*Gone are the days of having students add their comments to a poster on stickies. With Voice Thread, students can record their comments and add graphics to any picture, map, etc. that can be uploaded.
<b>February 10th, 2009</b> <b>Offered over VNETS</b> <b>4:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Register at</b> <a href="http://www.ecboces.org">www.ecboces.org</a>	*Having students research on the internet can be scary! With Google Search, you can control what sites they can research. Jing is a webcasting tool - record a session from your computer and share with your students/subs/fellow teachers...
<b>February 17th, 2009</b> <b>Offered over VNETS</b> <b>4:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Register at</b> <a href="http://www.ecboces.org">www.ecboces.org</a>	Moodle is a free online course module. This session will introduce you to the various capabilities in this program and overview setting up a class, creating chat modules and forums.
<b>February 24th, 2009</b> <b>Offered over VNETS</b> <b>4:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Register at</b> <a href="http://www.ecboces.org">www.ecboces.org</a>	This second session of Moodle will go into more depth. This section will cover creating assignments (such as quizzes, assignment uploads), and using the grading capabilities.