

C & I News- Secondary

Curriculum & Instruction
Department

**Don't forget to sign up for-
PLAYDATE U-46**

U-46 is going Google!

Are you new to the world of Google? Do you already use Google but would like to learn more? Are you wondering all Google has to offer as an instructional tool?



If you would like to learn more about integrating technology into instruction in an energizing, hands-on way, then Playdate U-46 is for you. PLAYDATE U-46 is an unconference that gives teachers time to play and explore the world of instructional technology without all the sit-and-get. We will have sessions for Google Apps for Education and others as well. For more information, you can visit <https://sites.google.com/a/u-46.org/playdateu46/home>. Registration is on Coursewhere at <http://www.solutionwhere.com/u-46/cw/showcourse.asp?1031>.

PLAYDATE U-46 is an opportunity for teachers to gather together, to share, to learn alongside each other, to collaborate and explore the tools we have always wanted to learn more about...or maybe we're discovering tools we have never even heard of before! The idea is to bring educators together for one day and to sit in a room for a few hours and simply play.

A new kind of professional development.

No presenters. No agendas. Just playing.

Explore the things you've never had time to explore.



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Black History Resource Guide

Attached to this newsletter you will find a 16 page resource guide with videos, activities and other teaching resources to support Black History Month activities in your classroom. If you have questions, concerns, or need more information please contact Eric Gallagher, Social Studies Coordinator K-12, at ericgallagher@u-46.org.

Kane County Institute Day

Due to the snow day on January 6th we had to postpone many of the great CCSS sessions being offered by District staff. We were able to reschedule many of them for February 28th. The following professional development sessions are listed on Coursewhere for enrollment:

CCSS Appendices
Art and the CCSS
Discipline Literacy
PARCC Assessments
Math Practices Elementary
Math Practices Secondary

*Growth is the only
evidence of life.*

*~John Henry
Newman*

PD Menu

In addition to the PD's being offered on February 28th we have an entire PD menu available to schools. Please take a look at the [Workshop for All](#) flyer attached to this newsletter. The flyer contains a link to the PD Menu. The PD listed on the menu is readily available to schools by request. PD can be offered over lunch hours, after school, and/or during release time. PD on the menu can be prepared as "boxed" PD with everything you need to deliver the PD as a SIP team, or it can be offered in partnership with Coaches, Coordinators and/or Directors. If what you are looking for isn't outlined on the PD menu, please reach out to us and we can build PD just for your school.



BI-Monthly Strategies to Master: Text Complexity and Scaffolding

In order to support **all** teachers in implementing the Common Core Focus Templates, the Secondary Literacy Office has developed teaching/learning practices centered around Text Complexity with a focus on scaffolding for all readers. These practices can be used for professional development and/or PLC discussions. Please share these documents with teachers and continue to implement teaching to the Common Core Focus Standards.

The strategies have been aligned to standards with objectives and outcomes. Writing is a progressive skill in which the strategies often remain the same, but the student expectation aligns to grade level outcomes.

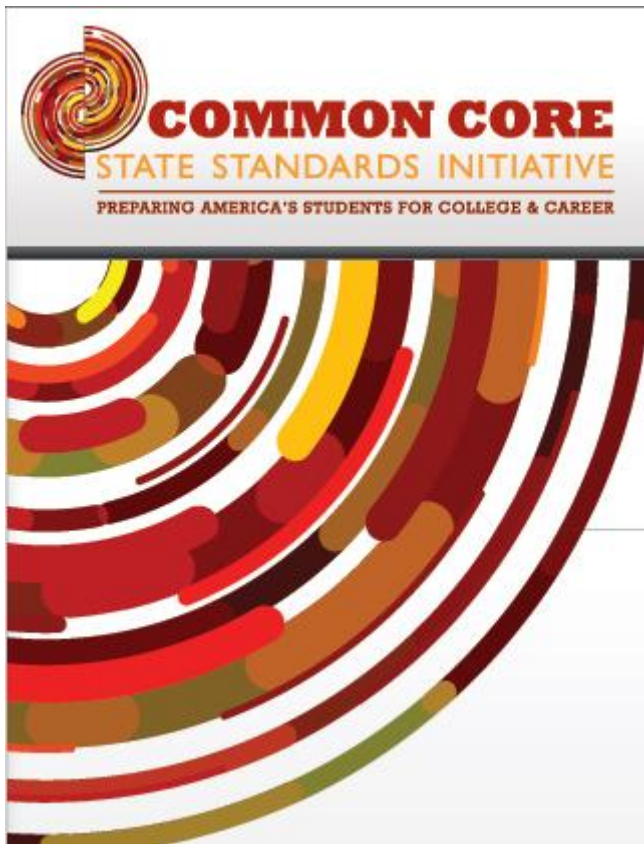
We encourage teachers to submit evidence that can be posted in the Secondary Common Core LiveBinder <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=932941>. All submissions may be sent to Alishawildermuth@u-46.org.

If you would like hands on practice please contact the Secondary Literacy Office: Jackie Johnson (Coordinator) and Alisha Wildermuth (Instructional Coach).

Thank you for all that you do to support student success!

Jackie Johnson

Coordinator for Secondary Literacy and Social Studies



From the Desk of Kevin Wiland, K-12 Mathematics Coordinator

Greetings! Let's hope February is warmer than January!!

My most common question from U-46 staff is about math curriculum: "When will the district distribute math curriculum documents to help with common core implementation?"

I am happy to announce that the math Common Core Curriculum Writing Committee has nearly completed its work. They have developed curriculum documents that focus strongly where Common Core requires us to focus. They include essential questions, enduring understandings, what students should know, tasks, content standards, practice standards, and more! Please take a look at a single unit (draft) from 7th Grade Pre-Algebra that has been developed.

The plan is to go to Instructional Council in March for approval of these curriculum documents for the following grades/courses:

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, Pre-Algebra 1, Pre-Algebra 2, Algebra 1-2, Geometry, Algebra 3-4, Precalculus, and Finite Math.

Once these documents have been approved by the board of education, we will be able to distribute all documents to teachers. Our goal is to have them in your hands by the May SIP day.

Please plan to attend some of the many workshop opportunities offered through the math department this month! All workshops have flexible agendas to meet your needs. Want to know more about common core implementation? Looking for some fresh ideas for your classroom? Join us!!!

Feb 5th 3:15 – 5:15	Feb 6th 3:15 – 5:15	Feb 12th 4:00 – 6:00	Feb 12th 3:30 – 5:30
Math K-3 Workshop ESC 339	Math 4-6 Workshop ESC 339	Writing in Mathematics ESC 239	TI-nSpire Workshop TBA – HS
<i>Sign up through coursewhere</i>	<i>Sign up through coursewhere</i>	<i>Sign up through coursewhere</i>	<i>Sign up through coursewhere</i>

Feb 19th 4:00 – 6:00	Feb 26 th 4:00 – 6:00	Feb 21 st 6:30pm
Math Pedagogy ESC 483	SMART Board Advanced Workshop SHS C283	MMC Dinner Meeting Topic: Common Core Practice Standards
<i>Sign up through coursewhere</i>	<i>Sign up through coursewhere</i>	www.mmcchicago.org

Please remember to bookmark the U-46 Math website, a one-stop-shop for all things related to U-46 Math!
<https://sites.google.com/site/u46mathematics/>