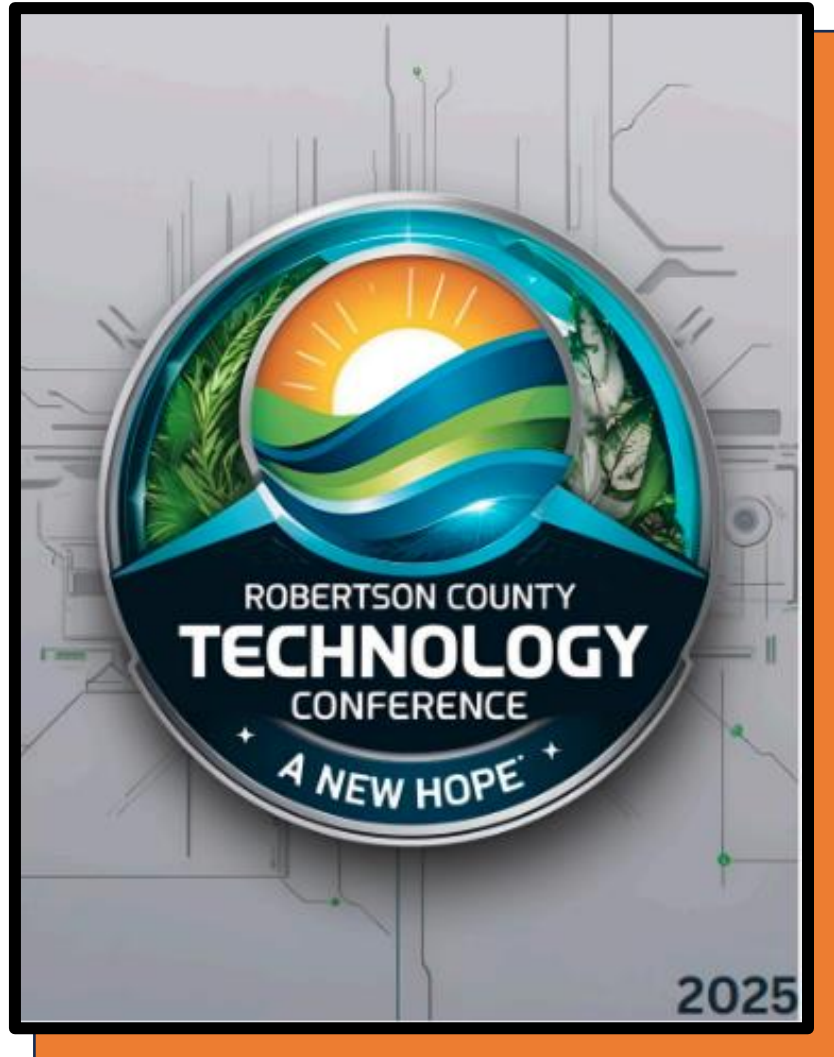




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12th Annual Robertson County Technology Conference
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
Springfield High School

Schedule

8:00-8:25- Attendee registration, check-in, light breakfast

8:30- 8:40 – Welcome & Announcements

8:40-9:40 – Keynote Speaker

9:45-10:40 - Session 1

10:45-11:40- Session 2

11:45-12:55- Lunch

1:00-1:55- Session 3

2:00-2:15- Ice Cream Break

2:20-3:15 – Session 4

3:20-3:30- Closing and Prizes (Auditorium)

Keynote

Technology Time Machine

Presenter: Leslie Fisher

Location: Auditorium

Description: Strap in and prepare for light speed as we travel through time to see how technology has shaped the teaching galaxy across the decades. From retro gadgets to today's digital power tools, this entertaining and insightful keynote explores what tech has meant to educators—then, now, and in the not-so-distant future. Get ready for a nostalgic ride, fresh ideas you can use now, and a sneak peek at some futuristic tools that might just be the next big thing in your classroom. The future of teaching tech awaits—no flux capacitor required.

Session 1

Microsoft & Reading Accessibility

Presenter: Leslie Fisher

Session 101

Target Audience: All

Location: Auditorium

Description: Unlock the hidden powers of Microsoft's accessibility features across devices and operating systems—no extra installations needed! From vision to hearing to language support, discover how these built-in tools can be your classroom's secret weapon to make learning accessible for every student. Prepare to equip your toolkit with solutions that bring balance and clarity to all learners in your galaxy.

🍏 iPad: The Perfect Instructional Tool

Presenter: Dr. Jill Allshouse

Session 102

Target Audience: All

Location: D-58

Description: Discover why iPad is the perfect instructional tool to engage students, personalize learning, and enhance classroom workflows. This session will showcase built-in features and creative teaching strategies that empower educators across all content areas and grade levels.

Promethean for Beginners

Presenter: Rebecca Morrison

Session 103

Target Audience: All

Location: D-61 (lab)

Description: Don't just power it on—harness the full potential of your classroom technology. Use your Promethean Board as an interactive whiteboard, foster student collaboration across the galaxy of ideas, manage your time with precision, and bring balance to participation by using the spinner tool to randomly select students. Let the Force of engagement guide your instruction.

Technology Expert: Mastering OneDrive: Cloud Storage for the Classroom

Presenter: James Kiggans

Session 104

Target Audience: All

Location: D-65

Description: Discover how Microsoft OneDrive can transform the way you organize, store, and access your teaching materials. In this session, we'll explore the power of cloud storage and how OneDrive can help you streamline your workflow, keep your files secure, and collaborate effortlessly with colleagues. Learn how to access your documents from any device, organize lesson plans and student resources, and share content with just a few clicks.

Technology Expert: The Force Awakens: Apple Deployment with Mosyle

Presenter: Joe Swann

Session 105

Target Audience: All

Location: D-66

Description: A new system has arrived to bring order to your Apple devices. Learn how our Mosyle-powered deployment streamlines setup, management, and updates—so you can focus on teaching, not tech support. Whether you're deploying iPads or guiding classroom devices, this session will help you navigate the system with ease and confidence. The tech is strong with this one.

Classwize - Classroom Management in the 1:1 Classroom- Required for app usage (Grades 6-12 classroom teachers ONLY that HAVE NOT previously completed the Classwize training)

Presenter: Landa Evers

Session 106

Target Audience: See info in title

Location: D-59

Description: Our classroom management software, Classwize, enables teachers and other staff to see exactly what students are working on in real time. Our training includes a walkthrough of Classwize, where each feature is described from the teacher's perspective on how and why the feature would be utilized in the classroom. *This training is primarily for grades 6-12 teachers who have not yet completed their Classwize training. Attendees who have not yet had Classwize added to their ClassLink dashboard will need to take the Forms quiz related to this training. Attendees who have signed in will receive a link to the quiz tomorrow.*

Forms and AI

Presenter: Julie Newberry

Session 107

Target Audience: All

Location: D-67

Description: Join us for an interactive training session where you'll learn how to harness the power of AI to effortlessly create high-quality tests and quizzes—and seamlessly upload them into Microsoft Forms for easy sharing and grading. Whether you're an educator, trainer, or team lead, this session will show you how to save time and boost engagement using modern tools.

Session 2

Using AI to Assist in Creating Your Educational Content

Presenter: Leslie Fisher

Session 201

Target Audience: All

Location: Auditorium

Description: Artificial Intelligence is no longer science fiction—it's a real ally in the classroom. In this one-hour mission, we'll explore how AI tools can help build content, craft lessons, streamline communication, and generate ideas for in-class activities—all while saving you time and brainpower. Think of AI as your protocol droid: it handles the heavy lifting so you can bring the creativity, context, and that teacher magic only *you* can provide. Get ready to explore a galaxy of tools designed to support—not replace—your expertise.

🍏 Apple Classroom: The Powerful Tool to Help Manage Student Devices

Presenter: Jill Allshouse

Session 202

Target Audience: All Apple Users

Location: D-58

Description: Apple Classroom makes managing learners on iPad easy by allowing teachers to view student screens, lock devices, and guide them to specific apps—all from their own iPad or MacBook. This session will show how this free tool can streamline classroom routines and keep your students on task with just a few taps.

Fun Technology in the Early Elementary Classroom

Presenter: Chelsea Emery

Session 203

Target Audience: Pre-K-3rd Grade

Location: D-59

Description: Want to use more technology in your classroom but don't know where to start? Join us to learn about simple-to-use websites and apps for young students to enjoy and make your lessons and centers fun and engaging!

Technology Expert: Mastering OneDrive: Cloud Storage for the Classroom

Presenter: James Kiggans

Session 204

Target Audience: All

Location: D-65

Description: Discover how Microsoft OneDrive can transform the way you organize, store, and access your teaching materials. In this session, we'll explore the power of cloud storage and how OneDrive can help you streamline your workflow, keep your files secure, and collaborate effortlessly with colleagues. Learn how to access your documents from any device, organize lesson plans and student resources, and share content with just a few clicks. OneDrive offers a reliable and efficient solution to help teachers stay productive and organized throughout the school year. Perfect for educators of all grade levels looking to simplify their digital life!

Technology Expert: Join the Tech Side: Mastering Student Laptop Troubles

Presenter: Field Technicians

Session 205

Target Audience: All

Location: D-66

Description: In this session, our Robertson County Schools field technicians will cover topics such as our internet filter, blocking student use of alternate web browsers, entering 1 to 1 tickets appropriately, setting up universal printing for teacher laptops, the ins and outs of ELMO and EPSON document cameras, projectors and wired/wireless connectivity, and dual monitors for teacher laptops.

Canva Strikes Back: Design Like a Rebel

Presenter: Judy King

Session 206

Target Audience: 6-12

Location: D-67

Description: Join the creative rebellion in this fast-paced, beginner-friendly Canva session! Whether you're crafting classroom visuals, social media posts, or engaging student content, this session will equip you with the design skills to challenge the status quo. Learn to harness the power of Canva's templates, tools, and time-saving hacks to create stunning graphics that spark engagement and stand out in any galaxy (or school site). Perfect for those ready to take their first steps toward design mastery—no experience required.

Promethean Explain Everything Whiteboard Basics

Presenter: Ashleigh Linne

Session 207

Target Audience: All

Location: D-61 (lab)

Description: Have you noticed that your Promethean Panel has the Explain Everything Whiteboard app? We will go over the bare bones of the new whiteboard, so that you can confidently use it daily in your classroom. If you have an older Panel, you can still access this whiteboard through your laptop or mobile device. If you would like to do this, please join us!

Session 3

The Microsoft You Might Not Know About

Presenter: Leslie Fisher

Session 301

Target Audience: All

Location: Auditorium

Description: You may know the classics like Word and PowerPoint—but there's a whole galaxy of Microsoft tools you've yet to explore. In this session, we'll uncover hidden gems and new features across the Microsoft universe, including tools like Lens, Immersive Reader, Reading Progress, Sway, Translator, Whiteboard, and more. Whether you're a teacher, student, or support crew, you'll discover features that can streamline your workflow, support your learners, and boost your productivity. Come ready to explore what's new, what's powerful, and what's been hiding in plain sight—your next favorite tool might just be a click away.

🍏 iPad: 30 Time Saving Tips for Teachers on iPad

Presenter: Jill Allshouse

Session 302

Target Audience: All

Location: D-58

Description: Unlock time-saving tips and tricks that help teachers streamline daily tasks using the powerful, built-in features on iPad. This session will showcase tools like Safari accessibility features, the Freeform app, and the Notes app to boost productivity, stay organized, and support efficient lesson planning. Learn how to make the most of your iPad to save time and focus more on what matters most—your students.

The Joy of Microsoft Lens

Presenter: Mark Schlipp

Session 303

Target Audience: All

Location: D-59

Description: The tech galaxy is full of glitches—but fear not, heroes of the classroom. In this hands-on mission, you'll harness the power of **Microsoft Lens**, a powerful (and free!) tool already in your Office 365 arsenal. Learn how to scan, capture, and convert student work and tech issues straight from your phone, turning blurry chaos into crystal-clear clarity. By the end of this session, you'll wield your device like a true digital guardian—ready to restore order and help your students stay on course, no mind tricks required.

If Ms. Frizzle Had Canva: Designing Virtual Adventures for Your Classroom

Presenter: Beth Moore

Session 304

Target Audience: All

Location: D-65

Description: Get ready to trade your school bus for a laptop and unleash your inner Ms. Frizzle! In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to create engaging virtual field trips and interactive museum exhibits using Canva — no permission slips required. Whether you're exploring ancient civilizations, touring historical landmarks, or curating digital artifact galleries, this Make & Take workshop will give you the tools to design experiences that transport your students beyond the classroom walls. Walk away with ready-to-use templates and ideas perfect for social studies, science, ELA, and more! Just like Ms. Frizzle always said: 'Take chances, make mistakes, get messy!' — and let Canva handle the clean-up. Seatbelts, everyone!

The AI Awakens: Using Diffit and MagicSchool.ai to Bring Balance to the Classroom

Presenter: Josh Vaden

Session 306

Target Audience: All

Location: D-67

Description: In a galaxy not so far away, two powerful AI tools have emerged to help educators restore balance to their workloads and ignite learning in every student. Join this interactive session to explore how **Diffit** can instantly differentiate texts at any reading level, and how **MagicSchool.ai** can create lesson plans, rubrics, parent emails, and more—at lightspeed. Whether you're a veteran or just beginning your training, you'll leave with classroom-ready ideas to harness the power of AI in your teaching universe.

Promethean Explain Everything Whiteboard Leveled Up!

Presenter: Ashleigh Linne

Session 307

Target Audience: All

Location: D-61 (lab)

Description: If you have completed an Explain Everything Whiteboard Training in the past or joined the Explain Everything Whiteboard Basics session today, then please join this session to level up your existing knowledge. Become an expert and be able to help others in your building!

Session 4

Favorite AI Tools

Presenter: Leslie Fisher

Session 401

Target Audience: All

Location: Auditorium

Description: Join the rebellion against wasted time and clunky workflows with a showcase of AI tools that are out of this world. We'll explore both free and premium tools, from the power of ChatGPT's upgraded features (like file analysis, memory, and live editing with Canvas) to a variety of lesser-known but mighty AI sites for classroom use, design, productivity, and more. Whether you're new to AI or already piloting your own tech starship, you'll leave with a fleet of tools to boost instruction, creativity, and efficiency—no droids required.

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Session 402

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A New Hope for Reading and Speaking Progress: Utilizing Teams to Build Confidence Reading and Speaking

Presenters: Sharon Burchett and Desinda Whitehead

Session 404

Target Audience: All

Location: D-61

Description: Does finding effective and fun activities to boost fluency for your ELA students sometimes feel like facing a giant space station of stress in your lesson plans? Do your young reading heroes need more practice reading aloud, but there's just not enough time in the day for 1-on-1 support? Fear not! Microsoft Reading Progress is here to help you strike back against fluency frustration. This Teams-based tool lets you assign engaging reading passages while it tracks accuracy, pace, and expression—all automatically.

Excel-erate Your Data Skills: The Jedi Way

Presenter: Kaitlyn Baumgardner

Session 405

Target Audience: All

Location: D-65

Description: In this workshop style session, teachers will learn the basics of Excel and use the full force of the software to simplify and organize their data. By the end of this session, you will be able to use Excel to become the Master of Data.

CKLA in Real Time

Presenter: Dawn Rideout

Session 406

Target Audience: K-5

Location: D-66

Description: Join the mission to explore CKLA. As educators, we're discovering new insights every day, and we're ready to share this powerful force with you. Learn why CKLA is our chosen path, how it supports student success, and how you can harness its full potential in your own system. Whether you're new to the curriculum or looking to deepen your knowledge, this session will equip you with the tools, strategies, and inspiration to lead your learners to mastery and beyond. The literacy force is strong with this one!

Final Forms: Eliminate the Paper

Presenter: Jared Cumberbatch

Session 407

Target Audience: All

Location: D-67

Description: The paper galaxy is cluttered with chaos—but there is a way to restore balance. Enter **Final Forms**, a sleek, powerful tool used by Athletic Departments across the system to track forms, manage data, and eliminate the clutter of ancient paper trails. Whether you're managing a sports team, club, or just want to keep things running smoother than a hyperdrive, this platform is your new co-pilot. In just a few easy steps, you'll learn how to streamline communication, stay organized, and bring order to the data verse.