Welcome Back!

PRISM would like to welcome all our users back for the 2019-2020 school year. For those of you with existing courses on PRISM, here are some helpful tips to get started for the new year:

- **You can re-use your existing courses**. The first step to cleaning them is to perform a Moodle Reset. Look for the 'Reset' link in your course administration block. On that page, you will see several options that allow you to clear the grade book, groups, chat history, quiz data, assignment data, and more. Be sure to click the 'Expand all' link to see all of the options. *Note: Do not Unenroll your users using the Reset feature. The student administration block in your course will be used to perform this function*.

- **Clear your student roster using the student administration block.** You can delete all students by clicking the 'Advanced' button in the student administration block. Now click the 'Delete' button. You will see a list of your students. You can either check the ones you want removed or remove all of them by clicking 'Select All'. Don't worry if you accidentally delete a student. You can recover the deleted student by clicking the 'Recover' button in the student administration block. *Notes: Be sure to perform the 'Reset' options in your course before deleting students. Also, if you have a 'Master Student Roster' course for your school, please contact us before performing any enrollment changes.*

- **Update the course start date for your course(s)**. Look for the 'Edit settings' link in your course administration block. On that page, find the setting for 'Course start date' and update it for the new school year. Updating this date will properly date your course's weekly sections.

- **Import your new student rosters**. You can import your student rosters using the CSV Import feature in the student administration block. Please see our tutorial for help with using this feature. *Note: Email addresses for student accounts on PRISM are OPTIONAL. Please do not add fake email addresses for student accounts*.

- **Contact the PRISM Team to remove old courses**. Courses on PRISM are removed after a year of inactivity. If you have several courses that you no longer need, contact us and we will remove them.

- **Update your web browsers**. For the best experience, the PRISM Team recommends Chrome, Firefox 68, or Microsoft Edge. On the Mac, we recommend the latest version of Safari or Chrome. Safari is recommended for iPhone and iPad devices. Chrome is recommended on all Android devices.

Resources for Teachers

Discovery Education is a leader in standards-based, digital curricular resources for K-12 teachers.   Discovery Education is serving more than 5 million educators and 51 million students in 90 countries around the world.   They take learning well beyond the classroom and into the real world with curricular resources, digital textbooks and amazing multimedia content for the K-12 classrooms. Professional development programs of very high quality, and of tremendous content, are available to educators.

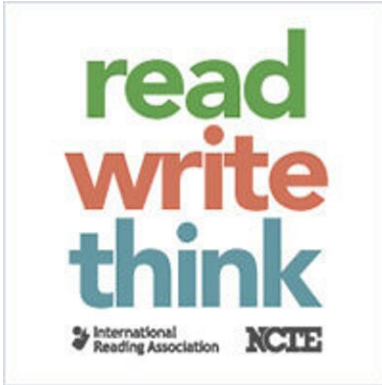For more information go to: https://www.discoveryeducation.com/

EverFi has digital curricula that empower teacher to bring critical skills education into their classes. EverFi offers all their online resources to teachers and students free. They have interactive, game-based lessons that help prepare student to succeed in the real world. Topics include Financial Education, STEM and Career Readiness, Social and Emotional Learning, Health and Wellness and Cultural Literacy. They also offer Summer Learning curricula.   Curricular materials are available for all grade levels K-12. All lessons and activities are interactive, standards-based and have many extensions of learning opportunities.   Lessons include built-in student reports. Great resource for all K-12 teachers.

For more information go to: https://everfi.com/partners/k-12-educators/

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ReadWriteThink has a mission to provide educators, parents and afterschool professionals access to the highest quality reading, writing and many language arts materials free and accessible to all. Classroom resources include complete lessons plans, student interactives, mobile apps and study guides. ReadWrite-Think offers access to online professional development through live and recorded webinars. They also offer facilitated online courses through online videos. Activities, projects, games and learning tools are available to parents and afterschool leaders. All of these materials are developed by experts to be fun, educational and easy to use out-of-school.

For more information go to: http://www.readwritethink.org

The Smithsonian Science Education Center (SSEC) has been a leader in science education reform for over 30 years.   They have served schools, school districts and state departments of education throughout the U.S. and the world. e SSEC provides an opportunity to change students' attitudes, improve outcomes, and connect learning to future employment through the STEM disciplines: science, technology, engineering, and math. By bringing SECC resources into K-12 classrooms, the mysteries of science and technology are unlocked and enlivened to students. SECC's intent is to nurture curiosity, provide inquiry-centered educational opportunities and demonstrating hands-on science. Learn how SECC helps to transform science education across the country and throughout the world.

For more information go to: https://ssec.si.edu

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Kahoot! can make learning awesome! Kahoot makes it fun and easy to create, share and play fun learning games and trivia-type quizzes. Launched in 2013, with the mission to make learning awesome, Kahoot!'s free game-based platform engages the heart, hand and mind, of a student creating a more social, meaningful and powerful experience. Kahoot!'s platform and easy-to-use features not only attract educators and students but reach beyond the classroom to corporate powerhouses, sporting and cultural events, and any social and learning context. Kahoot! allows teachers to quickly create fun learning games for students based around mainly multiple choice questions. After creating a game, students can use any device to sign-in to the game using a unique code to complete lessons It is easy for teachers to make Kahoot's competitive experiences for students.

For more information go to: https://kahoot.com

Buncee is a creation and presentation tool for students to create interactive content. Buncee is an excellent visualization tool for students. Buncee fosters the 4 C's of learning: critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. Audio and video recordings can be embedded right into Buncee lessons flaw-lessly. YouTube videos can be incorporated easily into Buncee lessons. Students are able to engage and immerse themselves in what they are learning, be more engaged with the material, and therefore improve their comprehension. Buncee can be used to develop future-ready skills in students of all abilities. Students from as young as six and seven years old are using Buncee to create multimedia presentations which demonstrate learning acquisition, critical thinking and creativity, while also communicating stories.

For more information go to: https://app.edu.buncee.com/

PBS TeacherLine provides flexible, self-paced, online professional development opportunities for preK-12 educators. They offer 15, 30 and 45 hour courses facilitated by content area experts. All facilita-tors are master teachers. Teachers are immersed in a collabora-tive, online environment with each course. Graduate credit can be earned with some partnering universities. Courses typically offered through PBS TeacherLine are in content areas such as: Instruction design and strategies, instructional technologies, education leadership and adminis-tration, Math, Science (all content areas of science) and language arts and reading. Most of the courses come at a cost; however, these costs are at much lower prices than typical college or university courses of the same level of content.

For more information go to: http://www.pbs.org/teacherline/

Professional Development Opportunity

2019 ICTM FALL Conference

Math Teachers as TRANSFORMERS: Transforming Learning, Transforming Lives

The Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Conference will be September 29 – 30, 2019 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis Indiana. Plenary speakers will be Christa Jackson, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at Iowa State University; Alfie Kohn, author of The Schools Our Children Deserve; and, Michael Steele, President of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators.
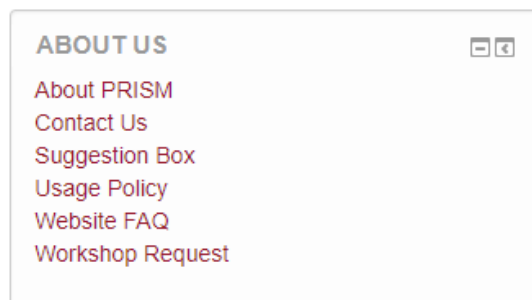
A conference flyer is available here: 2019 Fall Conference

For more information go to: http://ictm.onefireplace.org/2019-Fall-Conference

PRISM Suggestion Box

The PRISM Team welcomes any feedback you would like to share with the team. To access:

- Log-in to your PRISM Account
- Look for the 'Suggestions Box' link on the right side of the webpage in the 'About Us' block
- Follow that link and answer the two questions about the PRISM website.

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PRISM Feedback

PRISM welcomes teacher feedback! Please enter any feedback you have about our services, or feel free to suggestion any new features.

Answer the questions...

What PRISM Can Do For You!

- Easily find the perfect teaching and learning resources from our library of over 5,000.

- Save a list of your favorite resources for quick retrieval.

- Create and share lesson plans that teach your subjects utilizing your favorite resources.

- Develop online classrooms with interactive assignments, lessons, quizzes and more!

- Store your classroom materials online so that they are available to you from any computer.

- Reach your students more effectively by using web media for the digital age.

- Earn PGP points by completing PRISM led online Moodle course – either Beginning Moodle or Intermediate Moodle courses are available to you at no cost several times throughout the year.

- Select from free learning resources that emphasize visualization, rich context, staged-problem solving, and electronically enabled collaboration / communication.

- Augment your own dynamic presence in the classroom with teaching tools that mirror the skills needed for success in higher education and the 21st Century workplace.

*Through our strong support from the **Lilly Endowment** and others, we are constantly growing and improving. Check our site regularly to see what new resources you can use in your classroom.*

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