Amber Kowatch

Professional Learning Opportunity for Victorian South West Educators

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Western Metro Session
Thursday 25th July

2pm – 5.30pm @ Manor Lakes P-12

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Look! I’m Learning

Look, I’m Learning is a feature-length, documentary film about a new revolution led by kids. To promote the value of technology in education, noted documentary director and producer Allyson Rockwell is partnering with school teachers and education leaders in Michigan to produce a film that tells the inspirational story of a Ludington, Michigan technology pilot program and its impact on students and community. Emmy Award winning director, Allyson Rockwell, has said of Amber’s classroom, “You can’t understand it without being there. Just five minutes in the room and you get it! This is amazing! You have to see it to believe it!” Allyson is documenting the success in Amber’s classroom along with that of Ashley McDonald.

Details and a video trailer can be found at http://www.lookimlearning.org.

Amber’s Biography

Amber Kowatch is an outstanding primary teacher, technology coach and presenter. Amber’s firsthand experience utilizing iPads and other technology in her own classroom has been documented in the award winning film titled “Look! I’m Learning!” She has provided professional development for her district as well as for many other school districts. Amber is the author of Making Best Use of iPads and Other Cutting-Edge Technology in Grades K-2. Participants leave Ambers’ presentations inspired by her enthusiasm for teaching and equipped with numerous new ideas for making effective use of iPads and other cutting-edge technology in their primary classrooms.

Keynote Sessions – Ballarat / Geelong

This session will highlight how “Look! I’m Learning!” began. It will give details as to how the iPad pilot program in Ludington, Michigan got started and the success that soon followed. It will highlight the many incredible ways that the iPad changed the classroom environment as well as showcase the bond initiative that allowed the entire community to share in its success. This session will be ideal for administrators, School Council members, and educators that are interested in hearing about how the program started and what led to its success.

Following a thirty minute break for refreshments Amber will share more practical examples of how the iPad supports learning and home/school communication. Opportunity will be provided throughout the session for participants to ask questions.

Cost: $75 per participant

ISTE Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award

Mrs Kowatch works tirelessly to increase student achievement and engagement by teaching the core curriculum using technology as a tool to achieve those goals. Her work is clearly aligned with and exceeding the NETS. As demonstrated by her recent award as MACUL (Michigan’s ISTE Affiliate) Outstanding PreK-12 Technology-using Teacher of the Year and by the documentary film currently chronicling her work, Amber is truly a leader in the educational community. She has enthusiastically reduced traditional paper and pencil with a completely new way of teaching. It is amazing to watch her teach her students and others around her. MACUL is proud to recommend Second Grade Teacher, Amber Kowatch, for the honor of ISTE Outstanding Technology Teacher of the Year.