



Teacher Newsletter - December 1, 2022



Incentive Payment –

We are currently preparing the first round of incentive payments! **Becca has sent out an email to each teacher with a breakdown of your total.** You will receive your incentive money around the third week of December. Payments will be made via direct deposit or check, whichever you designated when originally signing up for “BennyBuy.”

Note: If you are a teacher who joined SMILE this fall or are just starting up meetings for other reasons, you will have received an email from Becca a few weeks ago, stating that your incentive deadlines have been extended and will be paid out in February.

Have any incentive questions? Please contact Becca:
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Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5 to 6 pm (PST) – Virtual Family Math and Science Night PD**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 6:30 pm (PST) – VFMSN – Sensational Sensors**
- **Dec. 19 – 30, or until Jan. 9 – Winter Break – ENJOY!**
- **Friday, Jan. 27, and Saturday, Jan 28 – Winter Teacher Workshop Registration opens Monday, December 5. Keep reading for details!**



Virtual Family Math and Science Night (VFMSN)



Sensational Sensors

Join us:

Tuesday, December 13, from 5 to 6:30 PM (PST)
Live on Zoom – hosted by SMILE

Zoom Info for the Teacher PD session and VFMSN:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/2130908799?pwd=cIM3SVdUWDJ5YVk0cGVLRVZ6NFhvZz09>

Password: SMILE

Virtual Family Math and Science Night, Sensational Sensors, is almost here!

This live Zoom event is geared towards elementary aged students.

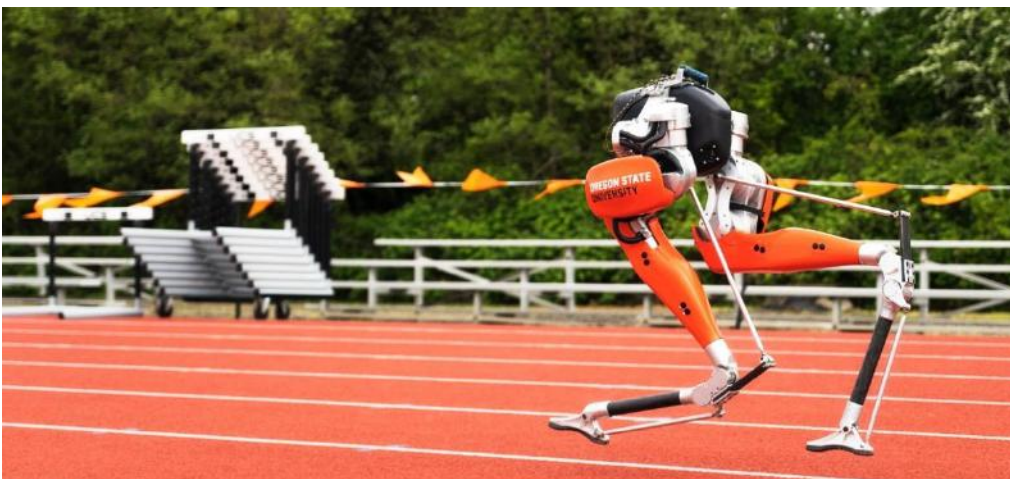
During this live, virtual event, students will:

- Interact with college students at OSU!
- Engage in several hands-on STEM activities and share their results.
- Learn about how we use our senses to interpret the world around us.
- Learn about sensors we interact with in our daily lives and how they work.

After the event, students can submit a Bingo Scavenger Hunt card for a prize! Student prizes will be given to teachers during the Winter Teacher Workshop.

Event Timeline

- **By Tuesday, December 6** - Activity Materials will arrive for **ES level clubs**
- **Tuesday, December 6, from 5 to 6 PM (PT)/6 to 7 pm (MT)** – Teacher PD
- **Tuesday, December 13, from 5 to 6:30 PM (PT)/6 to 7:30 pm (MT)** – VFMSN



[Click Here](#) for an OSU article about Cassie the robot, who broke the Guinness World Record in 100 meters!



Winter Teacher Workshop



January 27-28, 2023
At Oregon State University
Continuing Professional Development



Response Due No Later than Wednesday, Jan. 4.

We cannot guarantee space will still be available after this date.

Online registration:

https://apps.ideal-logic.com/smile?key=SNYB-232YK_K9KH-5PTF_4b160202d16f

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Email: kami.hammerschmith@oregonstate.edu

Online Registration

Online registration is through Ideal-Logic and is live now (Dec. 5). Click on the direct link above and login to your club's account or click on the Winter Teacher Workshop link in the Events box on your dashboard.

Registration will be closed Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Kami must submit housing requests to the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, Jan. 5. No rooms are guaranteed after that date.

Motel Accommodations

You will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2500 SW Western Blvd., Corvallis, OR 97333. Phone: 541-752-5000. NOTICE: Same hotel as 2020. When you check-in, give them your name and let them know that you are with the SMILE Program.

We will provide them with a roommate list.

You will need to provide credit card information for any incidental purchases. Kami must submit all lodging requests on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Motel amenities:

- Complimentary WiFi throughout hotel
- Indoor pool, whirlpool and fitness center

see you soon!



Winter Teacher Workshop

Meals

There is not a complimentary breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn. We will have a continental breakfast setup Friday and Saturday mornings at the workshop. Lunch and dinner on Friday will be catered in the Alumni Center.

Parking Information

We strongly suggest that you consider ride-sharing for the drive to OSU. You will be parking at the Hilton Garden Inn and walking across the street to the Alumni Center and LaSells Stewart Center.

Since you are staying at the Hilton Garden Inn across from campus, we will not be providing campus parking permits.

Commuters should also park at the Hilton Garden Inn. You will need to go into the Hilton Garden Inn and ask for a parking pass at the front desk.

Workshop Sign-In

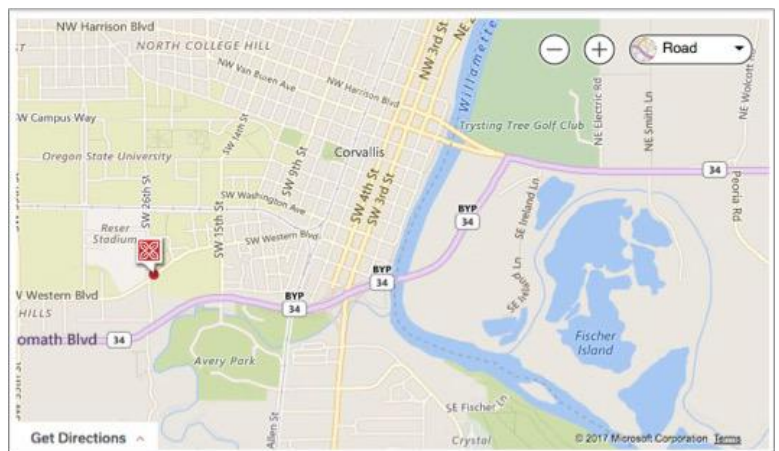
The Winter Teacher Workshop will be in the Alumni Center and the LaSells Stewart Center at Oregon State University. The Alumni Center is at 725 SW 26th Street, Corvallis, OR 97331 and the LaSells Stewart Center is at 875 SW 26th Street, Corvallis, OR 97331. Sign-in will be Friday, Jan. 27 from 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. at the Alumni Center, Room 115.

Schedule

The schedule is still being set. A draft schedule is attached. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27. The workshop begins Friday, Jan. 27 at 8:15 a.m. and activities continue through dinner until about 8 p.m. Saturday will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at Noon.

Directions to Hilton Garden Inn

Driving Directions from I-5 north or south – Leave Hwy I-5 at exit 228 (Corvallis/OSU). Take Hwy 34 WEST (right turn if you're driving south; left turn for those driving north) and continue approximately 10 miles. Make a left turn onto Hwy 34 bypass. Continue onto US-20 W. Turn right onto SW 26th Street. Turn right onto SW Western Blvd. The hotel will be on the right, 2500 SW Western Blvd., Corvallis, OR 97333.



2023 Challenge Update

In-person Challenges return!

Planning is underway for this year's Challenge events. They are a great opportunity for SMILE members to visit a college campus, meet SMILE members from other communities, and collaborate on cutting edge STEM projects!

Save these dates and please contact us with any questions.

High School Clubs: Cave Junction, Four Rivers, Forest Grove, Medford, Nyssa, Ontario, Siletz, Willamina, Woodburn

Tuesday, April 18 - Western Oregon University

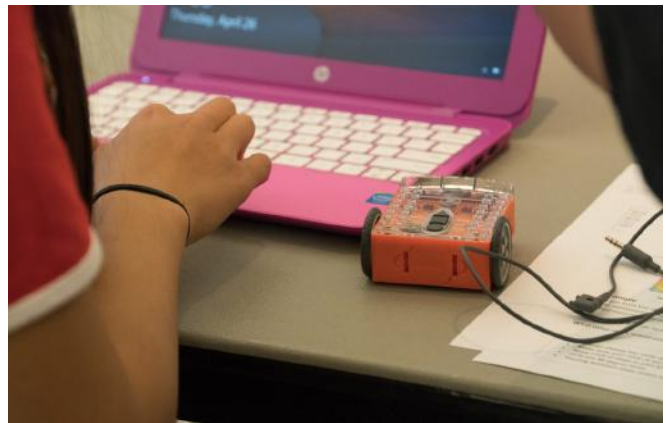
Wednesday, April 19 - Oregon State University

Distance schools have the option to stay at the WOU dorms on the night of the 19th and travel home on April 20th.

Middle School Clubs: Dayton, Forest Grove, Woodburn, Lebanon, Monroe

Tuesday, April 4 - Western Oregon University

Wednesday, April 5 - Oregon State University



Middle School Clubs: Grants Pass, Ontario, Cave Junction, Four Rivers, Nyssa

Tuesday, April 11 - Western Oregon University

Wednesday, April 12 - Oregon State University

Distance schools have the option to stay the night of the 12th at the WOU dorms and travel home on April 13th.

Elementary School Clubs: Four Rivers, Nyssa

Friday, April 7 - activities in Boise, ID

Elementary School Clubs: Chiloquin, Grants Pass

Date to be determined - Southern Oregon University

Elementary School Clubs: Dayton, Siletz, Willamina, Woodburn

Saturday, April 15 - Oregon State University



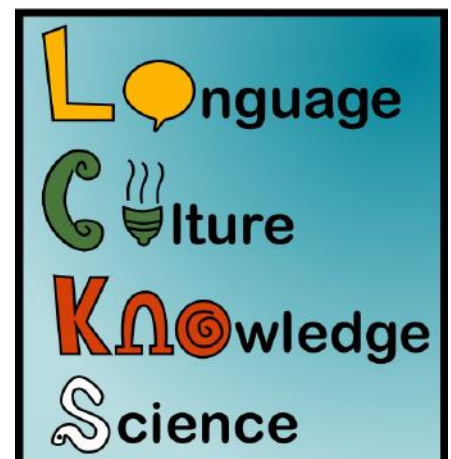
LaCuKnoS Corner – Family Math and Science Nights!

Thank you to all the SMILE communities that presented LaCuKnoS activities and invited us to participate in your FMSN events. This fall we joined Seven Oak MS, Monroe GS, Willamina ES, Woodburn HS and Letitia Carson ES. We were able to support and deepen students' and families' interest and confidence as STEM learners through opportunities to do and discuss fun, hands-on activities.



Next, we are looking forward to the Virtual Family Math and Science Night on December 13, where families and students will learn about the human senses as sensors -- vision, touch, smell and taste and how they work.

We look forward to talking about additional family engagement opportunities at the January teacher workshop.



SMILE Critter Cams



*Speaking of sensors - check out some of the wildlife SMILE clubs have caught on camera around the state! **Above:** A raccoon and coyote at Woodburn HS. Photos by teachers Stacy Yelton and Dave Ellingson. **Below:** Can you find the fox enjoying the view in Grants Pass? Photo by teachers Tim Cook and Mandy Jackson.*



Scan this QR code for
the *Wildlife Camera*
Trap Lesson.