

PDI returns to the Tri- College Center for this year's Merced class. The facility fits the needs of PDI and is a convenient location for serving our educators in Merced County.

Monday morning we begin registration at 8:00 am SHARP! Sit down and enjoy some complimentary refreshments while you fill out the enrollment documents. Then the PDI staff will:

- Go through the your PDI registration bag (THAT'S RIGHT, FREE STUFF)
- Answer any questions you may have about our FAQ's
- Go over the course syllabus, provide examples of the end of class project
- Lead some ice breaking activities to start the week off right.

We hit the ground running (or driving) to Sweet River in Turlock. There we will meet the Modesto class for an orientation to the **Smart Board** technology tools that we will be using all week. **PDI will be providing lunch for all the attendees after the presentation.** **Monday afternoon** we have **Emy Lopez** from CTAP presenting on the benefits of technology to ELL students.

Our Inaugural Merced County Parade of Classrooms happens on Tuesday. As teachers, we don't spend enough time collaborating with others or experiencing different styles. "POC" is the answer! We will visit 5 classrooms of high performing teachers in Merced County. We will be able to roam their classrooms and "Q and A" with these outstanding teachers.

Wednesday we are excited to welcome back two PDI grads. Following in the tradition "By Teachers, For Teachers," **Patrick Durr**, Modesto High, will guide the class through effective reading strategies that work at any grade level and discipline.

After lunch on your own, we will meet in the computer lab next door. **Ulices Chavez**, La Loma Jr. High School, will demonstrate some exciting techniques in multimedia technology. You will leave this session with a product in hand, so bring a memory devise.

On Thursday, **Jackie Ryle** will lead an interactive time of self discovery and problem solving. You will leave this session energized and full ideas!

The Merced County Sheriffs Department will provide an open forum on gang awareness and campus safety. Bring specific questions about your school and surrounding neighborhood. You will leave empowered and well informed.

Friday is Attendee Presentation Day. During this time of reflection, you will fine tune what you've gleaned from this week of learning. You will shape what you've learned into usable material for your classroom, your curriculum and your "teacher well being".

PDI will wrap things up at the end of the day to be sure that all your questions are answered as well as providing information on other professional growth experiences that you might take advantage of before the start of the new school year.