SMART Learner Conference Edmonton

"Looking back, moving forward"

Join us this fall as SMART celebrates 20 years of innovation in touch technology, and reflects back on the advancements in teaching and learning. Attend the SMART Learner Conference in Edmonton, and explore new ways to transform the classroom experience.

When: **October 1–2, 2011**

Where: **Education Centre, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta**
                11250 87 Avenue
                Edmonton, AB T6G 2R3

Blackboards, chalk, textbooks, binders, pencils, notebooks, and desks – in our collective imagination, fall is associated with many of these symbols of teaching and learning. Twenty years ago, could you imagine adding laptops, tablets, cell phones, document cameras, interactive whiteboards, interactive response systems, and other interactive touch technology to that list?

More than ever, students view technology as an integral part of teaching and learning, and there are increasing opportunities for teachers to enhance and expand their professional development with technology skills. Closing the skills gap doesn't have to be a struggle. At the SMART Learner Conference, teachers can experience amazing speakers, learn how to integrate technology into their practices, collaborate with other teachers in their area and explore new ways to bring learning to life.

Keynote speakers

SMART CEO Nancy Knowlton
"Looking back, moving forward…Transformed"

Nancy L. Knowlton is a director and co-founder of the company and was appointed President and CEO in June 2007 and CEO of our main operating subsidiary in January 2007. She has been a director of the company or its predecessors since 1987. From 2002 until her appointment as CEO, Ms. Knowlton was our President and Co-CEO. Since our inception in 1987 until 2002, she served the company in various other capacities including President, COO and Executive Vice President. She has received numerous awards, including Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year, as well as honorary doctorate degrees from Bishop's University and Saint Mary's University.

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Dan Wagner

"Writing Curriculum in a Digital Age or the Saga of the Dying Textbook"

Dan Wagner began his teaching career at the Science Academy in Austin, Texas after extensive experience in retail and sales. After five years of teaching gifted students and acquiring a masters degree in Educational Technology from the University of Texas in Austin, Mr. Wagner returned home to Greeley, Colorado to teach at the University of Northern Colorado Laboratory School where he is currently employed.

Mr. Wagner develops curricula and helps other teachers at university schools learn and use new technology tools in the classroom.

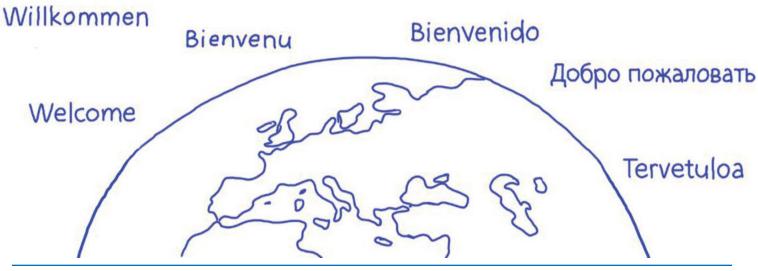**What can I expect at this conference?**
- Professional development sessions
- Product demonstrations
- Peer and social networking
- Draws for products and more training
- Presentations from local educators
- Access to SMART experts

Saturday October 1, 2011

	Technical sessions	Administrator sessions	Subject-Based sessions	Subject-Based sessions	New user sessions	Advanced user sessions
8:00–9:00 a.m.	**Registration**					
9:00–10:00 a.m.	**Keynote: SMART CEO Nancy Knowlton** *"Looking back, moving forward…Transformed"*					
	Room 1	**Room 2**	**Room 3**	**Room 4**	**Room 5**	**Room 6**
10:00–11:30 a.m.	SMART Response™ Technical Training	The SMART Administrator: Modelling technology leadership and innovation	SMART Notebook™ Software Training: Engaging learners of all ages through interactivity	Digital Journaling with SMART Notebook Software	SMART Response Training: Using technology to aid assessment	SMART Lesson Development Workshop
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	**Lunch**					
12:30–2:00 p.m.	SMART Board™ Technical Training	Interactive Classroom Technology Solutions	SMART Classroom Suite™ Training: Embedding technology into the daily curriculum	SMART Notebook Math Tools: New tools equal new solutions	TBD	SMART Lesson Development Workshop
2:00–2:15 p.m.	**Break**					
2:15–3:45 p.m.	SMART Table™ Technical Training	The SMART Administrator: Modelling technology leadership and innovation	SMART Notebook Software Training: Engaging learners of all ages through interactivity	Efficient Ways to Meet Your SMART Training Needs	SMART Response Training: Using technology to aid assessment	SMART Lesson Development Workshop
3:45–4:30 p.m.	**Wrap-up/Day 1 closing remarks**					

Sunday October 2, 2011

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
8:00–9:00 a.m.	**Registration**				
9:00–10:00 a.m.	**Keynote: Dan Wagner** *"Writing Curriculum in a Digital Age or the Saga of the Dying Textbook"*				
	Technical sessions	Administrator sessions	Subject-Based sessions	Subject-Based sessions	New user sessions
	Room 1	**Room 2**	**Room 3**	**Room 4**	**Room 5**
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2:15–3:45 p.m.	SMART Table Technical Training	Interactive Classroom Technology Solutions	SMART Table Training: Engaging K–3 through interactive collaboration	SMART Response Training: Using technology to aid assessment	Digital Journaling with SMART Notebook Software

Pre-service teachers and in-service teachers

Digital Journaling with SMART Notebook Software

Bring meaningful journaling into your classroom. With a mathematics example, educators will be shown how to create a "journaling environment", how to use SMART Notebook software with MathType™ to create the journal, and how to evaluate these journals with the examples provided. When writing journals students are asked to individually research topics, summarize findings, and demonstrate mastery. Students learn more than what is specific to the curriculum when they use technology-based journals, including research skills, technical report writing, rules of plagiarism, and fundamentals of computer-based publishing.

SMART Notebook Math Tools:
New tools equal new solutions

SMART Notebook Math Tools provides exciting new ways to help teachers create fun and interactive math lessons. This session will demonstrate how to use SMART Notebook Math Tools to help deepen understanding and promote discovery in many different mathematics courses.

Achoo! Catching the SMART fever

SMART Board interactive whiteboards are on the wall – now what? This session presents efficient and effective strategies for training educators on using SMART products. You'll also learn how teachers can be trained using the "virus" approach using low- or no-cost solutions.

SMART Notebook Software Training:
Engaging learners of all ages through interactivity

This is an introductory level session designed to help educators learn how to use the SMART Board interactive whiteboard and SMART Notebook software to improve their daily work. Learn about hardware components, how the SMART Board interactive whiteboard works and the basic principles of touch, write and save.

SMART Classroom Suite Training:
Embedding technology into the daily curriculum

In this training session, you'll learn how to use SMART Classroom Suite to teach effectively in a classroom equipped with computers. You'll learn how to integrate technology-assisted assessment, instruction, student collaboration and lesson creation into your daily teaching.

SMART Response Training:
Using technology to aid assessment

Discover how to effectively integrate the SMART Response interactive response system into your classroom. We'll show you how the system works and how it can benefit your teaching and assessment practices. Find out how easy it is to set up the SMART Response system to create, deliver and evaluate assessments.

SMART Table Training:
Engaging K–3 through interactive collaboration

You'll learn and practice how to use the SMART Table interactive learning center to enhance lessons and facilitate classroom learning. You'll also learn how to customize your own SMART Table activities, and how to incorporate them into your lessons.

SMART Lesson Development Workshop

You'll receive an introduction to technology-integrated teaching. You'll also learn how to design lessons efficiently by rebuilding and modifying materials from the Lesson Activity Toolkit and the SMART Exchange™ website.

Technical installers and servicers

SMART Response Technical Training

You'll learn how the SMART Response system works, how to deploy it in a variety of environments and how to diagnose and troubleshoot basic technical issues.

SMART Board Technical Training

You'll learn how to properly install the SMART UF projector, how to diagnose and troubleshoot basic technical issues and how to properly clean and maintain the interactive whiteboard.

SMART Table Technical Training

You'll be introduced to the features, specifications, installation, configuration and maintenance requirements for the SMART Table interactive learning center.

Administrators

Interactive Classroom Technology Solutions

You'll learn how SMART can provide an interactive classroom technology solution for specific school and classroom needs, and you'll receive evaluative tools to help you gauge how well your current technology solution is working.

The SMART Administrator

This session teaches superintendents, principals and assistant principals how to use SMART products to strengthen and model technological leadership and bring innovation and excitement to day-to-day activities in their schools.

Efficient Ways to Meet Your SMART Training Needs

Learn about the importance and value of providing effective training to staff after SMART products have been purchased. You'll explore a variety of methods to deliver quality, hands-on training to your staff, including train-the-trainer models, traditional long-term professional development, webinars and more. In addition, we'll share cost efficient ways to design lessons to involve all learners and meet specific training needs.

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