



New Hands-On Professional Development From Inspiration Software Helps Teachers Tap the Power of Visual Learning

Workshops for Using Inspiration 9, Kidspiration 3 and Webspiration Classroom Now Available

PORTLAND, Ore. – Oct. 18, 2011 – Educators around the country can learn how to use visual thinking and learning strategies to improve student achievement with new hands-on professional development workshops from [Inspiration® Software, Inc.](http://www.inspiration.com) The three-hour, on-site workshops will help participants increase their knowledge of visual learning concepts and techniques, as well as how to apply these techniques to increase students' critical thinking, planning, organization, outlining and writing skills.

In addition, participants will develop their own skills for using Inspiration Software's thinking tools, [Inspiration® 9](http://www.inspiration.com), [Kidspiration® 3](http://www.inspiration.com) and [Webspiration Classroom™](http://www.inspiration.com), to teach. Each workshop is led by an Inspiration Software certified trainer who guides participants in exploring ways to use visual thinking and learning instructional strategies with their elementary, middle or high school students, integrating technology into the curriculum and becoming proficient users of Inspiration 9, [Kidspiration 3](http://www.inspiration.com) or Webspiration Classroom.

“We developed these professional development workshops in response to educators from around the country who tell us they want to help their students develop thinking, writing and studying skills, as well as make the most of their visual thinking and learning software tools and resources,” said Mona Westhaver, president and co-founder, Inspiration Software. “Our trainers are all educators who will focus on improving learning through visual thinking and instructional strategies, using the capabilities of Inspiration, Kidspiration or Webspiration Classroom to put all of their students on the path to success.”

Whether the workshop is focused on Inspiration 9, Kidspiration 3 or [Webspiration Classroom](http://www.inspiration.com), teachers will learn how to tap the power of active visual learning to help students better analyze, synthesize and demonstrate their understanding, as well as increase their

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knowledge of visual learning concepts and techniques and how to apply those techniques to help students learn.

In the workshop “[Maximizing Success With Visual Learning and Inspiration](#),” participants will learn effective teaching and learning methods using visual thinking to engage students in a variety of settings. Teachers who participate in “[Tap the Power of Visual Learning With Webspiration Classroom: Analyzing, Outlining and Much More...Anytime, Anywhere](#)” will learn how to use collaboration and student-teacher workflow tools to improve students’ critical thinking and writing skills. Elementary teachers in the workshop “[Visual Thinking and Learning With Kidspiration 3: Engaging Students and Building Organizational, Writing and Math Skills](#)” will learn how to help their young learners to become critical thinkers, good writers and improve their math skills using the visual learning tools in Kidspiration 3.

Inspiration Software is offering the workshops to schools and districts in two sessions of three hours, with a maximum of 25 participants per session. Each full day of training – two sessions – is \$3,200. Designed to be hands-on, the workshops are most effective when each participant has access to a personal computer and the featured Inspiration Software tool being used.

For more information, contact Inspiration Software at (800) 877-4292 or sales@inspiration.com.

To learn more about Inspiration Software, visit www.inspiration.com, become a fan on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/InspirationSoftware> or follow on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/InspirationSW>. In addition, educators from around the world can connect and share their passion for learning strategies and education on the company’s blog, Thinkspiration, at www.inspiration.com/blog.

About Inspiration Software, Inc.

Recognized as the leader in visual thinking and learning, Inspiration Software, Inc.’s award-winning tools, Webspiration Classroom™, Webspiration PRO™, Inspiration, Kidspiration and InspireData®, are based on proven visual learning methodologies that help students think, learn and achieve. With the powerful combination of visual learning and technology, students in grades K-12 learn to clarify thoughts, organize and analyze information, integrate new knowledge and think critically. Founded 30 years ago by Donald Helfgott and Mona Westhaver,

the company's visual learning tools are used today by more than 25 million students and teachers worldwide.

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