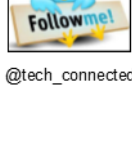


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Essential Apps for Chromebooks

You've likely used these some of these apps on iPads, but did you know they work on Chromebooks too?

Socrative - A staple in many classrooms, Socrative is a great teaching and assessment tool for the iPad, Chromebook and PC.

Magisto Video Editor - A quick and easy tool for editing videos on a Chromebook.

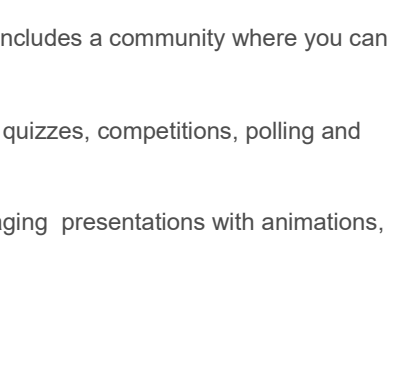
Nearpod - This great app allows you to share presentations with assessment opportunities interwoven between the slides.

Popplet - A simple tool for creating concept maps. Create Popples which contain drawings, text and video links.

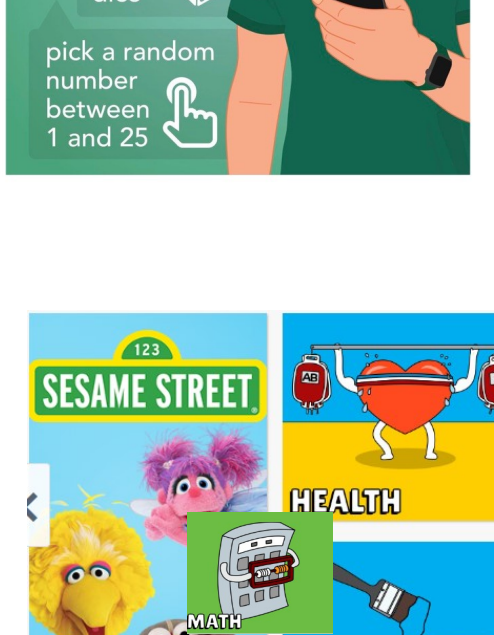
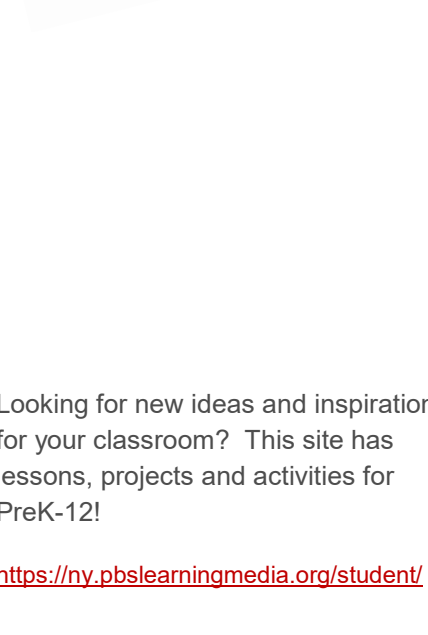
Quizlet - A quizzing tool useful for any subject area. Also includes a community where you can access quizzes created by others.

Kahoot - With opportunities for gamifying learning through quizzes, competitions, polling and ghost mode, Kahoot is a favorite among teachers.

Powtoon - A wonderful tool that allows you to create engaging presentations with animations, text, voice and more.

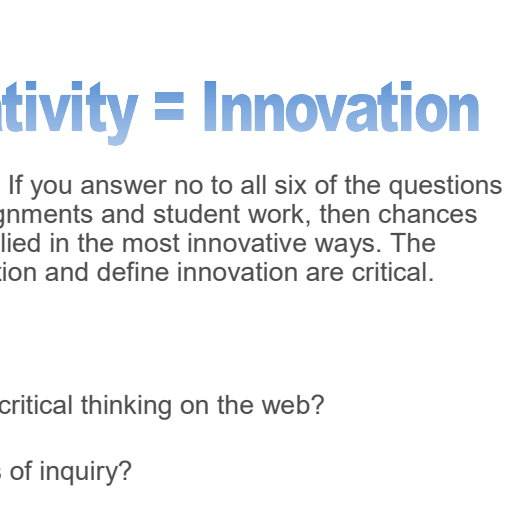


Asking Siri can be a quick way to pick something at random!
#GaETC17 #iPadEd



Looking for new ideas and inspiration for your classroom? This site has lessons, projects and activities for PreK-12!

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/student/>



Technology + Creativity = Innovation

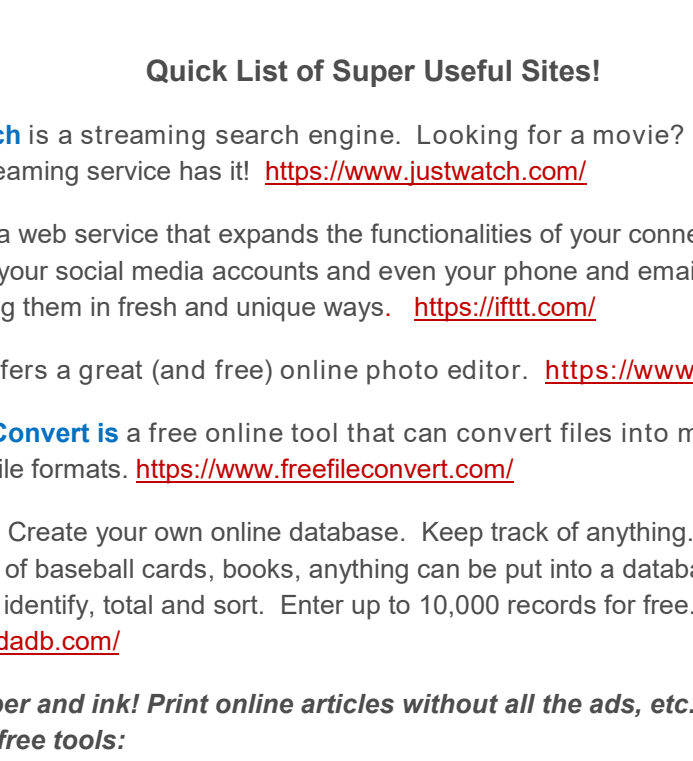
Want to test your own level of innovation? If you answer no to all six of the questions below when evaluating the design of assignments and student work, then chances are that technology is not really being applied in the most innovative ways. The questions we ask to evaluate implementation and define innovation are critical.

Transformational Six

1. Did the assignment build capacity for critical thinking on the web?
2. Did the assignment develop new lines of inquiry?
3. Are there opportunities for students to make their thinking visible?
4. Are there opportunities to broaden the perspective of the conversation with authentic audiences from around the world?
5. Is there an opportunity for students to create a contribution (purposeful work)?
6. Does the assignment demo "best in the world" examples of content and skill?

Clearly, we must move our focus beyond the device and toward the design of learning. Otherwise, we may find ourselves, as Neil Postman so eloquently described in 1985 when he titled his book about the impact of the media, **Amusing Ourselves to Death**. If he were alive today, he might say that we are amusing ourselves to death with a 1,000 apps.

<https://www.eschoolnews.com/2015/01/13/questions-innovation-303/>



Quick List of Super Useful Sites!

JustWatch is a streaming search engine. Looking for a movie? Find out which streaming service has it! <https://www.justwatch.com/>

IFTTT is a web service that expands the functionalities of your connected gadgets, your social media accounts and even your phone and email by connecting them in fresh and unique ways. <https://ifttt.com/>

Aviary offers a great (and free) online photo editor. <https://www.aviary.com/>

FreeFileConvert is a free online tool that can convert files into many different file formats. <https://www.freefileconvert.com/>

Sodab - Create your own online database. Keep track of anything. Your collection of baseball cards, books, anything can be put into a database and organize, identify, total and sort. Enter up to 10,000 records for free. <https://sodadb.com/>

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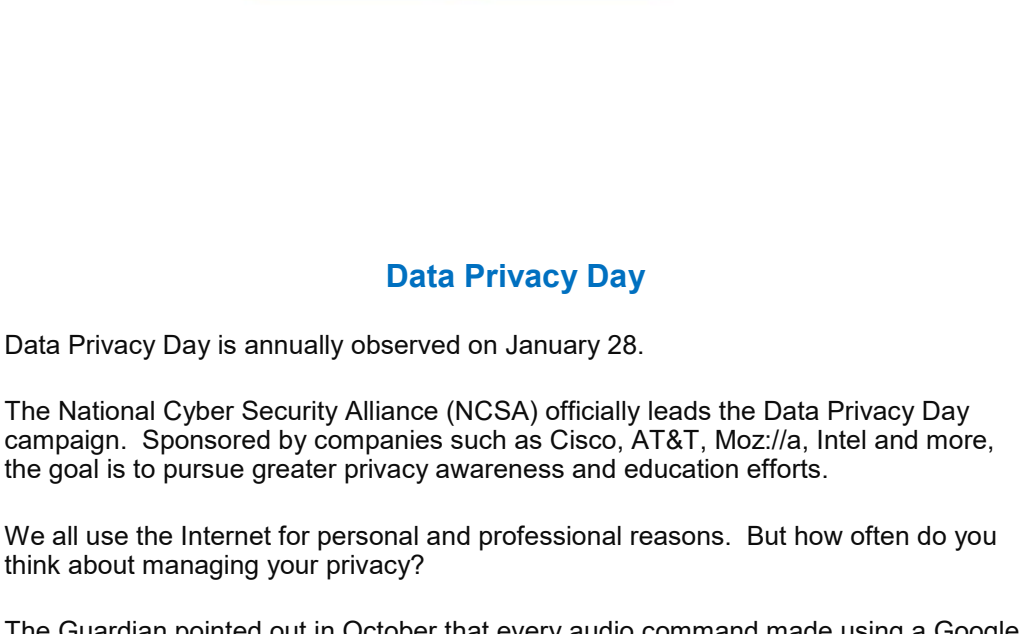
It all begins with a Tweet! Twitter is the #1 source for continuing professional development among educators!

Use Twitter to:

- * Find and share resources
- * Be informed
- * Get a fresh perspective
- * Embrace new ideas
- * Make connections
- * Follow the conversation
- * Increase your PLC



Anatomy of a Tweet



Data Privacy Day

Data Privacy Day is annually observed on January 28.

The National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) officially leads the Data Privacy Day campaign. Sponsored by companies such as Cisco, AT&T, Mozilla, Intel and more, the goal is to pursue greater privacy awareness and education efforts.

We all use the Internet for personal and professional reasons. But how often do you think about managing your privacy?

The Guardian pointed out in October that every audio command made using a Google app is recorded and can be accessed and played back by visiting your activity settings in Google.

Hackers can tap into your online accounts to steal your credit card numbers and ID.

People can be remotely talking to your children on internet-connected baby monitors.

But there are even more subtle ways that your privacy is at risk. That includes online resources collecting your private information.

Do you know you can check your accounts such as Google, Facebook, Instagram, etc. to see how much the provider knows about you?

Google, for example, stores your name, email address, birthday, gender, phone number and country. It collects data on what videos you watch, ads you click, your location, device information, IP address and more. Online services will tell you they do this in order to make their services work better for you. While this may be partially true, you may want to consider how else your data (and your children's data) is being used.

Take the time to read the privacy statements for your online services, including banking, shopping, surfing, etc.

Here's where you'll find Google's Privacy Checkup Tool:

https://myaccount.google.com/u/0/?utm_source=OGB&pli=1

Click on My Activity to see everything you've searched for, visited and watched while logging into a Google service.

For more information about staying safe online, please visit <https://staysafeonline.org/>

This month's technology trivia question:

What does the "https://" at the beginning of a URL denote? (As opposed to "http://")

A) The information on the site is confirmed as true.
B) The information on the site is encrypted.
C) The site is an education site.
D) All of the above.

[Email your answer to mmcnamara@hpschools.org](mailto:mmcnamara@hpschools.org) for a chance to win a prize! (Please put "newsletter quiz" in the subject line of your email.)

Each month every correct responder will be entered into a monthly drawing for a prize!

Final thought:

The only skill that will be important in the 21st century is the skill of learning new skills. Everything else will become obsolete over time.

— Peter Drucker —

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- Digital literacy and Internet safety information
- App watch list
- Resources for teachers
- Resources for students
- Links to cool web tools
- Recommended app lists
- Integration Tips
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