Questions or comments? Email mmcnamara@hpschools.org

Please go to http://www.hpschools.org/technology for more news and resources.

- ISTE Standards for students and teachers
- 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
- Much, much more!

This week’s technology trivia question:
Which of the following are options for your iPad and/or iPhone?:
Email your answer to 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 the winner!

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Congratulations to Jennifer Potempa, who submitted the correct answer (D, all of the above) to the last Well Connected! quiz. Your prize is on the way to GWF.

"One key competency that employers across the board value in employees is the ability to think creatively and logically in order to solve problems. Such employees are most likely to be promoted in an un-forgiving global economy that requires flexibility and an ability to think, speak, and write logically, to solve problems, and to synthesize information.

~ The American Diplomacy Project"

From our librarian, Mrs. Julie Horwat:

Quick Google Drive Tip:
Keyboard shortcuts can save a lot of time!
From your main Drive screen, try these most used shortcuts:
Shift + T for a new Doc,
Shift + S for a new Sheet,
Shift + P for a new Slide presentation,
Shift + F for a new Folder,
Shift + O for a new Form,
Ctrl + A for Select All,
Ctrl + C for Copy,
Ctrl + X for Cut,
Ctrl + V for Paste,
Ctrl + P for Print.

Food for Thought:
Complaint to Challenge:
Teaching Digital Literacy? These hoax sites might help get the point across!
All About Explorers
Dihydrogen Monoxide Research Division
California's Velcro Crop Under Challenge
Feline Reactions to Bearded Men
Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus
Aluminum Foil Deflector Beanie
The Jackalope Conspiracy
Buy Dehydrated Water
Republic of Molossia
Dog Island

Project Based Learning is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge. Projects are focused on student learning goals and include Essential Project Design Elements:

- Key Knowledge, Understanding, and Success Skills - The project is focused on student learning goals, including standards-based content and skills such as critical thinking/problem solving, communication and collaboration.
- Challenging Problem or Question - The project is framed by a meaningful problem to solve or a question to answer, at the appropriate level.
- Sustained Inquiry - Students engage in a rigorous, extended process of asking questions, finding resources, and applying information.
- Authenticity - The project features real-world context, tasks and tools, quality standards, or impact – or speaks to students’ personal concerns, interests, and issues in their lives.
- Student Voice & Choice - Students make some decisions about the project, including how they work and what they create.
- Reflection - Students and teachers reflect on learning, the effectiveness of their inquiry and project activities, the quality of student work, obstacles and how to overcome them.
- Critique & Revision - Students give, receive, and use feedback to improve their process and products.
- Public Product - Students make their project work public by explaining, displaying and/or presenting it to people beyond the classroom.

PBL provides opportunities for students to use technology. Students are familiar with and enjoy using a variety of tech tools that are a perfect fit with PBL. With technology, teachers and students can not only find resources and information and create products, but also collaborate more effectively, and connect with experts, partners, and audiences around the world.

Resources:
http://tech2learn.wikispaces.com/Project-Based+Learning