DOBYNS-BENNETT HS TECHNOLOGY

Technology Newsletter

Top Trending Tech Gifts This Christmas:

Here are a few of the top trending tech gifts of the season:

Chromecast ($35): A alternative to the Apple TV, Google's Chromecast allows you to enjoy your favorite online entertainment on your HDTV.

Bluetooth Speakers: If you want to wirelessly stream music from your smartphone or tablet you need a bluetooth speaker. Prices vary, but you can get a decent one for about $50.

Tablets, tablets, and more tablets: iPads, the mini iPad, Kindles, Samsung Galaxy, the Nabi, Surface…check out the link to read some pros and cons about tablets and decide which may be right for you.

Technology Cartoon of the Month:



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Websites of the Month:

Stipple: https://stipple.com/

- **Stipple is a new service that allows you to create interactive images. Within each pinmark you can include videos, links, texts, audio files, and more. You can track images viewed and shared.**

Presentation Tube:
http://presentationtube.com/

- **Presentation Tube is a free service that teachers can narration to their PowerPoint presentations. Download the Presentation Tube Recorder and it will automatically sync your PowerPoint slides with your voice. The free recording tool allows you to record for up to 15 minutes. Your completed recording can be uploaded directly to Presentation Tube.**

Presentation.io:
https://presentation.io/

- **This service allows your audience to see your slides on their laptops, iPads, and Android tablets and watch them change when you advance the slides. Click the link to sign up and learn more!**



The word typewriter is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row of a keyboard.

Tech Tidbit

Need to make a long URL (website address) into a short one? Use Linkyy!

http://linkyy.com/

Quote of the Month:

"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength of the nation."
- President John F. Kennedy

TECHNOLOGY WEB TOOL OF THE MONTH

Kahoot!

Kahoot is a new service for delivering online quizzes and surveys to your students. The premise of Kahoot is similar to that of Socrative and Infuse Learning. On Kahoot you create a quiz or survey that your students respond to through any device that has a web browser.



A Few Highlights:

- Your Kahoot questions can include pictures and videos
- You control the pace of the quiz/survey by imposing a time limit for each question
- Students are awarded points for correct answers and the timeliness of their answers
- Scoreboard is displayed on the teacher's screen
- Students don't need a Kahoot account – just the PIN number you give them for the activity
- Great tool for class reviews or get informal feedback from you students

Get your FREE account now and get started using this great resources!

https://getkahoot.com/

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FREE APP of the Month:

hopTo

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hopTo for iOS devices allows you to connect your cloud storage services in one place to view all of your files. It works with Google, Dropbox, and Box. You can even create Word/Excel documets from the app and save to one of your connected services.

Tech News Bits:

- **Facebook's Like Button Gets a Facelift – click here**
- **New X-Ray Glasses Allow Doctors to See Through Patient's Skin. – click here**
- **Apple's new iPad Air review – click here**

Did you see that? – Technology Videos

"Designing Leveled Questions": Click Here

Students Are Worth It: Click here

Ask 3 Then Me: Click here

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Riddle Answer: A Screen Saver! ☺