DOBYNS-BENNETT HS TECHNOLOGY

Technology Newsletter – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Be sure to check out "The Answer Pad" on page 3!

Great Screen Capturing Tools:

Here are a few screen capturing tools you might be interested in:

Bounce: This application allows you to make annotated screen captures of websites and instantly share the captures with others.

Snaplr: FREE program for Windows and Macs – capture all of or part of your screen. Annotation tools included are text boxes, highlighting, and free-hand. Save your image as a PNG file or attach it to a e-mail in Outlook.

Skitch: App for iOS and Android devices. Take a screenshot with your device and then use Skitch to mark up your image. Using the latest version for the iPad you can register for an Evernote account and your images will be automatically saved in Evernote!

Technology Cartoon of the Month:



"There's no control-x. That's what your scissors are for."

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Websites of the Month:

Library of Congress Political Cartoons:

- The Library of Congress hosts an online collection of more than 500 political cartoons from U.S. history. You can search the collection by keyword and image type. You can use these public domain works to help students understand the political perspectives surrounding significant political events in U.S. history.

Dictionary of American Regional English: (DARE)

- DARE is a dictionary of words and phrases that are unique to different regions and states within the U.S. This service would be good for students in a geography or history course to learn more about culture in different parts of the country.

Open Library:

- The Open Library is a collection of more than one million FREE ebook titles. The ebooks can be read online, downloaded to your computer, read on Kindle and other ereader devices. Some of the ebooks can be listened to as well.



What company was almost called "Friendstalker" then later "Vibrate?" - Twitter

Tech Tidbit

Use Google as a calculator: Simply type in the calculation you'd like done into the search box. It will even calculate complex calculations like: 5*9+(sqrt 10)^3

Quote of the Month:

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

- Malcolm X

Technology Tool of the Month

The Answer Pad

The Answer Pad is an enhanced student dialog system for your classroom and for a Bring Your Own Device initiative. Imagine a tool that allows ALL students to show what they know during instruction.

A Few Highlights:

- Provide on-going feedback to students
- Gauge comprehension levels while instructing
- Feel confident during testing
- Practice using Go Interactive, Performance using Answer Sheets
- Integration with the iPad using the TAPit Free app. No iPad? No problem. Student can use The Answer Pad on their computers or other devices. It is compatible with most browsers.

Use any of their six response types, have students draw, or annotate on any graphic to show their response. Visual teacher dashboard updates in real time. Project anonymous examples of great student work. Ideal for classroom discussion and peer review. The Answer Pad has a built in robust reporting system for item analysis, reports by skill, by class, by student. Students can show their work on the scratch pad. LEARN MORE TODAY!!

http://theanswerpad.com/

FREE APP of the Month:

Apps Gone Free

Find great apps without spending a dime! Get high quality paid apps for FREE each day. New apps listed every day. Some of the apps are only free to download that day while others remain free for a week or longer.

Tech News Bits:

- **Eye reflections in photos could help solve crimes– click here**
- **10 great apps for your new tablet. – click here**
- **Man earns Guinness record with 10, 607 video games – click here**

Did you see that? – Technology Videos

Using Minecraft As An Educational Tool: Click here

Clipboards: A Tool For Informal Assessment - Click here

My Best Advice (After 34 Years of Teaching): Click here

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