DOBYNS-BENNETT HS TECHNOLOGY

Technology Newsletter

If you are a Planet HS user please follow my newly created "D-B Department of Information Technology" page. I will be using this site more extensively for all things technology and posting technology resources on this site on a regular basis.

Simply do a search for "davis" and you will find the class under the "club results" section.

Technology Cartoon of the Month:



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WEBSITES OF THE MONTH:

Word Hippo:
http://www.wordhippo.com/

- **Word Hippo is a nice little tool that students can use to find definitions, synonyms, antonyms, and translations for words. The service also provides students with verb conjugation assistance, pronunciation assistance, and assistance with prefixes and suffixes. In total Word Hippo offers more than a dozen tools for students.**

Mashpedia:
http://www.mashpedia.com/

- **Mashpedia is an interesting service that matches reference articles from Wikipedia to materials from YouTube and news websites. The purpose of drawing materials from multiple sources is to provide users with a comprehensive view of news stories and reference topics. Mashpedia also presents Amazon lists of books related to your chosen topic.**



The $ sign was introduced in 1788.



What do you call a computer hero?
(Answer On Last Page)

Quote of the Month:

"Success comes in cans, failure in can'ts."

- Author Unknown

Technology Web Tools of the Month

5 Online Tools That Help You Align Lessons To Common Core Standards

Take a looks at these five tools that can help you create lessons aligned to Common Core standards.

Teaching Objects is an online lesson planner that enables you to pull materials from your Google Drive and YouTube accounts into your lesson plans. As you write your lesson plans and organize your materials in your Teaching Objects account you can search for an identify the Common Core standards that align to each of your lesson plans. (To use Teaching Objects you do have to have a Google Account).

Alchemy SmartBinder is a free service for creating, organizing, and sharing lessons. With an Alchemy SmartBinder account teachers can create lessons that include text, images, videos, audio files, and web links. Each lesson can be aligned to Common Standards and or any other standards system that you use. Each lesson can be shared with students. All lessons are organized in courses in your Alchemy SmartBinder.

Common Curriculum is an online lesson planning resource that aims to help you align your lessons to Common Core standards. In Common Curriculum you can enter your courses and write your lesson plans. After you enter a lesson plan into your Common Curriculum planner you can click "search for standard" to have Common Curriculum search for Common Core standards that might match your lesson plan. The more text that you include in your lesson plan the more likely Common Curriculum is to find Common Core standards that match your lesson plans.

OpenEd is a site that claims to be the world's largest educational resource catalog. On OpenEd you can search for videos, games, and other educational materials. Your searches can be conducted according to content area, grade level, Common Core standard, or a combination of those factors. You can also search according to keyword although when I tried the keyword search option it didn't work well. As a registered OpenEd user (registration is free and takes less than thirty seconds to complete) you can create courses and playlists of videos and other materials that you find in the OpenEd directory. You can align your courses and playlists to standards. If you choose to align your course to a standard, OpenEd will suggest materials to you.

MasteryConnect is a service that offers a few products that I think teachers in U.S. public schools should know about. First, they offer a good system for tracking your students' mastery of Common Core standards. Second, they provide a great community of educators who are connecting and sharing lesson ideas. And third, MasteryConnect now offers a curriculum mapping tool that allows you to easily connect your current lessons and curriculum to Common Core and or state standards. You can see the MasteryConnect curriculum mapping tool in the video found here.

FREE APP of the Month:

Photo Collage



Photo Collage helps you combine multiple photos and share them at a time. 120+ types of frames to choose from. Send to Facebook, Twitter, E-mail, etc when you are done!

Tech News Bits:

- **Google releases 1st phone powered by "Kit Kat". – click here**
- **Woman receives ticket for Google Glasses driving. – click here**
- **Apple's new iPad Air review – click here**

Did you see that? – Technology Videos

Simple Explanation of "The Cloud": Click Here

Open Hand Project – 3-D Printed Prosthetic Hand: Click here

Kids of Today VS 1980s Technology: Click here

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Riddle Answer: A Screen Saver! ☺