

MONDAY MORNING MEMO

Sept. 6, 2011	<p>Welcome Back everyone!</p> <p>Computer Technology Employee Payroll Deduction Plan - http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/division/payroll_deduction_plan.htm Please read the information for this plan. Purchases can be made directly or from any business which will accept an invoice from PLPSD. Employee discounts are available from CDW and Powerland Computers and may be available from other businesses as well. If you purchase the item directly submit your receipt when you complete the paperwork at Division Office. The Employee Payroll Deduction Plan agreement must be signed at Division Office before the purchase order will be sent; deductions begin in September. If you purchased the item directly you will be reimbursed and then payroll deductions will be made. Please contact chrobins@plpsd.mb.ca if you have any questions. The deadline for the Payroll Deduction Plan is September 30, 2011.</p> <p>Please contact Cheryl Robinson, chrobins@plpsd.mb.ca, at Division Office for email, Maplewood, ePearl accounts, and password changes.</p> <p>New Teacher Preparedness Kit http://blog.you-can-teach-writing.com/2011/08/new-teacher-preparedness-kit.html Veteran teachers share their insights into classroom essentials that were not mentioned in education classes.</p> <p>In Honor of Teachers http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/03/opinion/blow-an-ode-to-teachers.html?_r=2&smid=fb-nytimes&WT.mc_id=OP-SM-E-FB-SM-LIN-AOT-090311-NYT-NA&WT.mc_ev=click An Opinion Editorial from the New York Times.</p> <p>Classroom Routines that Respect Instructional Time http://www.classroom20.com/profiles/blogs/transitions-classroom-routines-that-respect-instructional-time</p> <p>Twitter for Teachers http://twitterforteachers.wetpaint.com/ A collaborative effort to teach teachers about Twitter.</p>
Sept. 12	<p>Maplewood Class Markbooks online training session hosted by Maplewood <u>today Monday, September 12 at 10:30am (11:30am EST.)</u> The session is free-of-charge and are full of tips and tricks for both the new and experienced user. Please join us remotely by clicking on Join the meeting. You are not required to enter a password, simply click the link. Please note, you must have audio on your computer in order to hear the sessions. Any technical questions should be directed to school division support staff and not Maplewood. All sessions are recorded and saved to the Recordings Repository located under the Training, Maplewood Mondays section of our website. http://www.maplewood.com</p> <p>BYTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The BYTE (Build Your Teaching Experience) Conference is Friday, February 24, 2012 and now is your chance to request workshops on specific topics/areas. Please send your requests and any suggestions to Cheryl Robinson, chrobins@plpsd.mb.ca. The planning meeting is on Friday, September 16th.• If you would like to do a workshop for BYTE this year please send me your name and a brief description of the workshop(s) that you would like to present. <p>What are the most important things that students want from their teachers? Promises – Angela</p>

	<p>Maiers' Promise Poem compiled from the voices of students http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0beTsShJOv4&eurl=http%3A%2F%2F12most.com%2F2011%2F09%2F06%2F12-important-children-teachers%2F&feature=player_embedded</p> <p>70+ Google Forms for the Classroom http://edte.ch/blog/2008/08/23/10-google-forms-for-the-classroom Google Forms is a great tool. Take a look here http://tbarrett.edublogs.org/2008/02/10/using-google-forms-in-the-classroom/ for a more detailed introduction and guide to using and creating a Google Form – this was written prior to Google bringing forms into the NEW menu.</p>
September 19	<p>40th Annual SAGE (Special Area Group of Educators) Coordinated Conference program http://www.mbteach.org/SAG-Conferences/SAG_Brochure_main.htm Links to the 40th Annual SAGE Coordinated Conference program, available as print-ready PDFs. The complete program or Separate groups as PDFs, ready for download. One two-page (French and English) PDF registration form, ready for download.</p> <p>ePearl is hosted by MERLIN and is available to all teachers/students in Portage la Prairie School Division. For more information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Education Electronic Portfolios http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/tech/lict/let_me_try/assess.html • LwICT ePearl http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/tech/lict/resources/epearl/index.html • Tutorials, guides and other helpful resources: http://grover.concordia.ca/epearl/promo/en/index.php <p>If you are interested in using ePearl for electronic portfolios with your class please contact Cheryl Robinson, chrobins@plpsd.mb.ca to have your ePearl account set up.</p> <p>FREE Web-based Comic Strip Creator http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/ PLUS 21 Ways to Use Comics in the Classroom http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/How-to-Play/Educators/</p> <p>77 Educational Games and Game Builders http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2011/09/77-educational-games-and-game-builders.html</p> <p>Unplug'd Canadian Education Summit – diverse collection of Canadian educators with experience that spans primary, elementary, secondary, and post-secondary classrooms, http://www.unplugd.ca/unplugd11.html</p>
September 26	<p>Three Good Sites Where Teachers Can Learn Tech Skills http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2011/09/three-good-sites-where-teachers-can.html One of the obstacles that some teachers face when trying to use technology in their classrooms for the first time is lack of comfort and or confidence with technology. While it's great to be able to get some one-on-one attention, a person new to using technology in the classroom often needs some handy digital or print resources to consult when an expert isn't available. For those times here are three good places to look.</p> <p>What makes an interactive whiteboard interactive? http://doug-johnson.squarespace.com/blue-skunk-blog/2011/9/19/what-makes-an-interactive-whiteboard-interactive.html</p> <p>Education Nation http://paper.li/joevans During the week of September 25th, NBC News will feature special coverage on education, including live broadcasting from the Summit on Rockefeller Plaza. While some Education Nation events will be covered on television, you can watch full panels, plenary sessions, and special guests streaming live on EducationNation.com! Check out the</p>

	<p>schedule for dates and times, then come back to EducationNation.com to watch live and to participate in the Forums!</p> <p>Monday Morning Memo Technology Section is collected during the year and posted here http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/division/PDF%20Documents/MMM%202011.pdf</p>
October 3	<p>26 Formative Assessment Strategies in one handy PDF http://bit.ly/oZGjKz</p> <p>iPads in Education http://www.scoop.it/t/ipads-in-education “News, ideas and more on the use of iPads in the learning environment.” Curated by John Evans</p> <p>Professional Learning http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/proflearn/index.html This Manitoba Education website area is designed to provide educators with professional learning tools and resources that highlight promising practice and research in Kindergarten to Grade 12 education.</p> <p><i>Just a reminder that SAGE is less than 3 weeks away. If you haven't already signed up for one of the amazing ManACE SAGE sessions, don't delay. A few sessions are already full (COM 2 and COM 5) and others are filling quickly. Direct link to the ManACE SAGE online registration. http://manacesag11.eventbrite.com/ Or visit www.manace.ca and click on the registration link.</i></p> <p>40th Annual SAGE (Special Area Group of Educators) Coordinated Conference program http://www.mbteach.org/SAG-Conferences/SAG_Brochure_main.htm Links to the 40th Annual SAGE Coordinated Conference program, available as print-ready PDFs. The complete program or Separate groups as PDFs, ready for download. One two-page (French and English) PDF registration form, ready for download.</p>
October 17	<p>BYTE (Build Your Teaching Experience) 2012 - Call for Presentations Deadline October 21. http://www.brandonsd.mb.ca/byte2012/call_for_presentations.asp Are you using Information & Communication Technology in teaching, learning or assessment? Have you developed an innovative method of infusing ICT into your classroom practice? Has your school team created a plan for differentiating instruction and/or increasing student achievement using ICT? If so, please submit your ideas for a session or workshop that you would be willing to present at BYTE 2012. If you have an idea for a workshop that you would like to attend please send your ideas to Cheryl Robinson chrobins@plpsd.mb.ca and we will try to make sure they're included in the BYTE conference.</p> <p>Cleaning your iPad or iPad 2 - Handle your iPad with care to maintain its appearance. If you are concerned about scratching or abrasion, you can use one of the many cases sold separately. To clean iPad, unplug all cables and turn off iPad (press and hold the Sleep/Wake button, and then slide the onscreen slider). Use a soft, slightly damp, lint-free cloth. Avoid getting moisture in openings. Don't use window cleaners, household cleaners, aerosol sprays, solvents, alcohol, ammonia, or abrasives to clean iPad. iPad has an oleophobic coating on the screen; simply wipe iPad's screen with a soft, lint-free cloth to remove oil left by your hands. The ability of this coating to repel oil will diminish over time with normal usage, and rubbing the screen with an abrasive material will further diminish its effect and may scratch your screen.</p> <p>How To Clean a Flatscreen (LCD) Monitor - Flat screen monitors, also known as LCD monitors, are a little different than their CRT cousins when it comes to cleaning. Your standard CRT monitor has a glass screen and can be cleaned in pretty much the same way as you would any other glass in your home or office. Flat screen monitors, however, require a bit of special care when cleaning. Their displays are much more sensitive and are easily scratched and damaged. The same applies to your LCD television. Follow these easy steps: 1. Turn off the monitor. If the screen is dark, it will be</p>

	<p>easier to see the areas that are dirty or oily. 2. Use a dry, soft cloth and very gently wipe the screen. A great choice would be the microfiber type of cloth used to clean eyeglasses. Avoid using paper towels, tissue paper, or non-ultrasoft materials which can scratch the screen. 3. If the dry cloth did not completely remove the dirt or oil, do not press harder in an attempt to scrub it off. Pushing directly on the LCD screen can often cause pixels to burn out. If necessary, dampen the cloth with distilled water or with an equal ratio of distilled water to white vinegar.</p> <p>Important Tips: 1. Avoid cleaning products that contain ammonia, ethyl alcohol, acetone, toluene, ethyl acid, or methyl chloride. These chemicals can react with the materials that the LCD screen is made of which could yellow the screen or cause other kinds of damage. 2. Never spray liquid directly on the LCD screen or it could run inside the monitor and cause damage.</p>
October 24	<p>REMINDER Smartboards must be registered within 3 months of purchasing them to get the 5 year warranty.</p> <p>Taking Care of Your Smartboard - http://www.smarttech.com/kb/077938 Please read the article for complete information and the Do's and Don'ts of taking care of your Smartboard and cleaning it. Special Tips: Do not use low-odor dry-erase markers, such as Sanford Expo markers with low-odor ink, because the ink is more difficult to remove. Do not use adhesive tape on your interactive whiteboard, because removing the tape can damage the top layer of the writing surface. Do not spray cleaner directly onto the surface. Instead, lightly spray cleaner on a cloth, and then gently wipe the screen. Do not allow excess glass cleaner to flow into the crack between the lower frame and the writing surface, or into the pen tray recesses.</p> <p>Privacy Pirates: An Interactive Unit on Online Privacy http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/games/index.cfm (Ages 7-9) This tutorial introduces children, ages 7-9, to the concept of online privacy and teaches them to distinguish between information that is appropriate to give out and information better kept private – and to recognize how this may change in different contexts. Media Awareness Network (MNet) is a Canadian not-for-profit centre for digital and media literacy. Its vision is that young people have the critical thinking skills to engage with media as active and informed digital citizens.</p> <p>10 Exciting Apps To Enhance Physical Education http://edudemic.com/2011/10/tech-in-physical-education/</p>
October 31	<p>CYBER SECURITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most secure web browser is Chrome. Safari is the web browser with the most security risks. Firefox is a problem if you are installing apps and add-ons. • The Top 3 places where Malware is getting on the network is through your web connections, installing Apps, and through mobile devices on the network (wifi) and remote connections. • The greatest risk for viruses/Trojans/worms/viruses is from social media sites such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Google+, etc. Much of this malware is now installed by just moving your mouse over a link and or by clicking on a link. A big problem is the links/likes/fans etc. on these sites that are posted by your friends. • Apps such as the FREE apps for iPads and phones are another big source of infection which is then spread through the wireless connection to the network. • Apple computers/devices are increasingly at risk and they are approximately 10 years behind the PC environment in protecting their systems from malware. • You should be applying the updates for your operating system (Windows), Adobe Reader and Flash players (and others) frequently as they are often updated to correct identified

	<p>security problems.</p> <p>Microsoft issues warning on phone scam http://www.microsoft.com/australia/presspass/post/Microsoft-issues-warning-on-phone-scam</p> <p>RCMP Top 10 Security Tips http://205.193.86.86/tops-opst/tc-ct/cyber-tips-conseils-eng.htm</p> <p>Cyber Security Information for Canadians http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/ns/cbr/csi-eng.aspx</p> <p>Cyber Security Tips http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ Cyber Security Tips describe and offer advice about common security issues for non-technical computer users. US-CERT is part of the Department of Homeland Security.</p> <p>The Manitoba Educators Daily http://paper.li/amckiel/manitoba-educators</p> <p>iPads in Education http://www.scoop.it/t/ipads-in-education “News, ideas and more on the use of iPads in the learning environment.” Curated by John Evans</p>
November 7	<p>2011 K-12 Online Conference http://k12onlineconference.org/ This conference is organized into four strands. Each strand has an invited keynote speaker and nine additional selected speakers. The conference begins November 21st with a pre-conference keynote presentation by Angela Maiers. Strands for 2011 are: Week of Nov 28 – Dec 2: Story Time and Team Captains; Week of Dec 5 – 9: Sandbox Play and Level Up. K12online is also available on iTunesU and they have archives from previous years.</p> <p>Live, free webcast from the tundra during the peak of the polar bear migration near Churchill, Manitoba, Canada. 3-days of global webcasts for the Edmodo community partnered with Polar Bears International November 14, 15 and 16, a panel of leading scientists and educators will broadcast live from a Tundra Buggy® All webcasts will be hosted by a panel of experts including: John Bruno - Associate Professor of Marine Sciences, University of North Carolina; Kassie Siegel - Climate Law Institute Director, Center of Biological Diversity; Greg Thiemann - Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, York University; Don Moore - Associate Director of Animal Care, Smithsonian National Zoo; Andy McKiel - Edmodo, Curriculum Coordinator, St James Assiniboia. Students will have the chance to learn first-hand about climate change, oceans, polar bears, and other arctic animals by engaging with these experts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Monday, November 14, 1:00 pm EST</i> To the Top of the World - A Look at the Arctic and its Biodiversity Register your class. • <i>Tuesday, November 15, 1:00 pm EST</i> Nanuq - The Great White Bear Register your class. • <i>Wednesday, November 16, 1:00 pm EST</i> Polar Detectives - Discovering Ways to Help Polar Bears and to Live in a Sustainable Planet Register your class. <p>Please join the Polar Bears International Community on Edmodo to receive updates about the event, access free teaching and learning resources and join the conversation on how to get your classrooms involved.</p> <p>Research in Motion extended an apology for the multi-continent BlackBerry outages by offering free premium apps and one month of free technical support for its enterprise customers. The selection and availability of complimentary premium apps may vary by country and/or your BlackBerry smartphone model and/or operating system. Data charges may apply to use certain features or to download content and applications over the wireless network. The user is responsible for all data charges. Check with your service provider for roaming details, service plans and supported features and services. Offer expires on December 31, 2011 and is subject to change.</p>

	<p>The various premium apps became available (free of charge) on BlackBerry App World on different dates between October 19 – November 30. All of these apps will remain available to download at no charge until December 31, 2011, and they are yours to keep afterward as well. Starting January 1, 2012, these premium apps will return to full price on App World. Blackberry App World http://appworld.blackberry.com/webstore/category/118</p>
November 14	<p>Reminder: Live, free webcast from the tundra during the peak of the polar bear migration near Churchill, Manitoba, Canada. 3-days of global webcasts for the Edmodo community partnered with Polar Bears International November 14, 15 and 16. <i>Monday, November 14, 1:00 pm EST</i> To the Top of the World - A Look at the Arctic and its Biodiversity Register your class. <i>Tuesday, November 15, 1:00 pm EST</i> Nanuq - The Great White Bear Register your class. <i>Wednesday, November 16, 1:00 pm EST</i> Polar Detectives - Discovering Ways to Help Polar Bears and to Live in a Sustainable Planet Register your class.</p> <p>The 49 Best Apps for All Phones http://www.pcworld.com/article/204055/the_49_best_apps_for_all_phones.html</p> <p>68 Interesting Ways to Use an iPad in the Classroom https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=dhn2vcv5_721gdk5jtd8&interval=5&loop=true&pli=1</p> <p><i>The Art and Science of Math Education- a conference devoted to understanding how children learn math. Saturday, November 19, 2011 at The University of Winnipeg, Convocation Hall. Registration information is available at: http://mathstats.uwinnipeg.ca/mathedconference/registration.html. Presentations will be given by local, national and international experts and the event will conclude with a panel discussion. If you have any questions, please e-mail the organizers of this event directly at: info@jumpmath.org</i></p> <p>Literature Map http://www.literature-map.com/ Finding books that kids will like can be a difficult task. Literature Map is a tool that might make that process easier. Literature Map provides a web of authors you might like based on authors that you already enjoy reading. To use Literature Map just type an author's name into the search box and webbed list of authors will be displayed. The authors' names closest to the author whose name you entered are the authors whose work you're most likely to enjoy.</p>
November 21	<p>iPad Show & Tell Sharing Session, Thursday, November 24 – 4:30pm – 6:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, Prince Charles Building, Portage Collegiate. This session is for all the iPad users, soon-to-be iPad users, and “curious about the iPad” staff members. Bring your iPad if you have one and show us how you use the iPad with your student(s). Includes a brief introduction to the iPad, installing iTunes on your computer, setting up an Apple ID account, and syncing your iPad, downloading and installing an app. The school technologists have been practicing with their iPads and we’re going to share the Tips & Tricks that we’ve learned about the iPad and some of the free apps that we’ve discovered. Some of the iPad Power Users in our division will be there to share their iPad tricks. We’d like everyone to share their favourite app or some tip that they’ve learned with the iPad. The more who share the more we’ll know! Please register for this session so that we can be better prepared for you. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGpqUnhXTWpxU3hpd2tjalJuNXg5Z3c6MQ</p> <p>SMART Technology The benefits of technology for early learners In this FREE one-hour webinar on December 1, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. (ET), you'll learn from experts about strategies to help your early education students develop academic and social skills. You'll also learn how SMART products can help you reach all students, regardless of learning style, and how your students can develop collaboration skills while engaging in inquiry- and discovery-based learning. REGISTRATION: http://www.bulldogsolutions.net/SMARTHardware/SMH1012/frmRegistration.aspx?bdls=29718</p>

	<p>Digital We, It Starts with Me! http://life-long-learners.com/digital-we-it-starts-with-me/ This year's Media Literacy Week theme is Digital Citizenship. In Manitoba we are focusing on social justice and the use of digital media to support action. We call this Digital We! Get involved in the Digital We Community by sharing your story of how your class/group is making a difference in your school, community or world and how you use digital media to support your actions! Create a video, a podcast, a photo essay or any other media project to show how you are starting to "change the world" through digital collaboration. Each submission into the Digital We Community will be entered into a random draw to win 1 of 6 iPod Touches plus a \$25.00 iTunes gift card for your class! Deadline for submissions is March 14, 2012. Visit Digital We at http://digitalwe.ca/ for more information about how to get involved.</p>
November 28	<p>iPad Show & Tell Sharing Session – Part 2 – We are going to offer a continuation of the iPad Show & Tell session this Thursday, December 1st from 4:30pm – 6pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, Prince Charles Building, PCI Campus. A registration link will be emailed to the staff. If you don't have this email by tomorrow please contact chrobins@plpsd.mb.ca</p> <p>16 Incredible iPad Apps for Any Photographer http://www.photographytalk.com/photography-equipment-reviews/1806-16-incredible-ipad-apps-for-any-photographer</p> <p>10 Science Tricks to Make You the Most Interesting Person at the Table http://gizmodo.com/5862521/10-science-tricks-to-make-you-the-most-interesting-person-at-dinner Richard Wiseman puts together a compilation video of simple, but impressive, science tricks.</p> <p>Top 100 Sites of 2011 http://cyber-kap.blogspot.com/2011/11/top-100-sites-of-2011.html Sites for education.</p> <p>82 EdTech Resources You May Have Missed – Treasure Chest November 27, 2011 http://jeffthomastech.com/blog/?p=11632 100+ Winter websites for kids, 100 Take-aways from Google Summit, Skype in Schools, etc.</p> <p>14 Practical Ways to Use Evernote http://www.openforum.com/idea-hub/topics/the-world/article/14-practical-ways-to-use-evernote-guy-kawasaki Evernote is available for the PC computer, Android and Apple operating systems.</p> <p>Google Scholar http://scholar.google.ca/ Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites. Google Scholar helps you find relevant work across the world of scholarly research. Google Scholar aims to rank documents the way researchers do, weighing the full text of each document, where it was published, who it was written by, as well as how often and how recently it has been cited in other scholarly literature.</p> <p>10 Search Tools and Tactics Teachers and Students Need to Know http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2011/11/ten-search-tools-and-tactics-teachers.html</p> <p>Forum Network http://forum-network.org/ is a PBS and NPR public media service in collaboration with public stations and community partners across the United States. The Forum Network online library features thousands of lectures by some of the world's foremost scholars, authors, artists, scientists, policy makers, and community leaders, available to citizens of the world for free.</p>
December 5	<p>Apps (applications or programs) are usually available in versions for multiple devices - phones,</p>

tablets, Apple and Android devices, and for the PC computer. Search for the name of the App if you're looking for one for a different device or operating system.

How can teachers integrate iPads into their classroom toolbox? Before selecting an app for use with students, educators must first identify the instructional goals and objectives of the lesson, not the other way around. Instead of discovering a fun or exciting app and trying to build a lesson around the app, take a lesson that has proven to be successful and find apps that can be integrated into the lesson to scaffold the content, differentiate the instruction and enhance the outcome. **For example an interesting project idea "The Alternate History Project" was showcased at a poster session at ISTE 2011 <http://tinyurl.com/whatifhistory> . Integrating social studies apps such US History Tools or On This Day as well as a graphic organizer app like Popplet and a digital media app such as Discovery Ed Streaming (Mobile.DiscoveryEducation.com) can help ELLs meet the goals of this project successfully. <http://esltechies.com/2011/10/25/ipads-for-ells-enhancing-critical-thinking/>**

A Blooms Taxonomy for iPad Apps <http://www.whiteboardblog.co.uk/2011/06/a-blooms-taxonomy-for-ipad-apps/>

10 Best Apps for Education <http://www.brighthub.com/mobile/iphone/articles/65863.aspx>

Apps for the Math Classroom <http://www.brighthub.com/education/k-12/articles/63422.aspx> All of them are free, and all have legitimate uses for Math teachers and their students – from early years math to equations and calculus.

Apps for Language Arts Teachers <http://www.brighthub.com/education/k-12/articles/62720.aspx>

Apps for Science and Social Studies <http://www.brighthub.com/education/k-12/articles/64593.aspx>

December 12

WIN a SMART Board interactive whiteboard system

<http://smarttech.com/contests/Early%20Education%20Contest/?WT.ac=EarlyEdcontestemail>

NEW Google Presentations version.

http://docs.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=1685857&hl=en_US Some of the new features in the latest version of Google presentations: Character-by-character collaboration: See updates in real time as you edit presentations with other people; Drawing on canvas: Draw organizational charts, flowcharts, design diagrams and much more right within Google presentations.; Transitions: Enhance your presentation with new ways to transition between slides.; Shape linking: Turn shapes within your presentation into hyperlinks to other slides, presentations, or external webpages.; Better animations: Added new themes to make it easy to create show-stopping presentations.

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	<p>Edublog Awards - http://edublogawards.com/2011-3/best-individual-blog-2011/ Nominees for Education Blogs ex. individual, group, class, student, ed tech, librarian, teacher, etc. Great place to find new education blogs.</p>
December 19	<p>Merry Christmas from the Technology Department. We hope you all have a happy and relaxing holiday!</p> <p>Highlights for Teachers Fun Tools for the Classroom http://www.highlightsteachers.com/teachers-toolbox These Highlights puzzles, crafts, stories and poems are available to support your learning plans. Printer-friendly versions make them easy to access. Great handouts for the substitute. Find the hidden items and color the picture. Offered free from Highlights Magazine.</p> <p>Free Printable Paper http://www.printablepaper.net/ More than 860 papers you can download and print for FREE. Graph paper, lined paper, financial paper, music paper, Score Sheets (Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Cross Country, Yahtzee, Scrabble, etc.), penmanship paper, perspective grids, Cartesian Graph grids, gradebook paper, story board templates, knitting graphs, printable teacher resources, and more.</p> <p>The Canadian Teacher http://www.thecanadianteacher.com/ FREE stuff for Canadian teachers! Teacher's tools (create seating plans, calendars, assessment generators, worksheet generators, etc.), Forum for different teaching topics, articles related to real classroom issues, book and resource reviews, etc.</p> <p>The Teaching Channel http://www.teachingchannel.org/ Teaching Channel is a video showcase -- on the Internet and TV -- of inspiring and effective teaching practices in America's schools. Divided by subjects, grade levels (K-12), and topics such as Planning, Behaviour, Engagement, Differentiation, Assessment, etc. Five Great Ways to Use the Teaching Channel http://www.teachingchannel.org/5-ways</p> <p>iPad Tutorials – http://www.apple.com/ipad/videos/ Quick tutorials for FaceTime, Mail, Safari, iBooks, Videos, Photos, iTunes, App Store, Maps, GarageBand, and iMovie.</p> <p>The Complete List of iPad Tips, Tricks, and Tutorials http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/14529/the-complete-list-of-ipad-tips-tricks-and-tutorials/</p> <p>The Edublog winners are announced! http://edublogawards.com/announcing-the-2011-winners-congrats-to-all/ Looking for inspiration? Links to the best education blogs of the year.</p> <p>Virtual Magnifying Glass is an open source, screen magnification tool that works on a variety of platforms (Windows, Linux, FreeBSD, Mac OS, portable apps). Virtual Magnifying Glass is designed for the visually impaired and others who need to magnify part of the screen. Unlike most similar programs, it does not open a separate program window for the magnification but instead puts a movable magnifying glass on the screen. Download http://www.tucows.com/preview/853474/Magnifying-Glass-Free?q=virtual+magnifying+glass</p>
January 9	<p>BYTE 2012 REGISTRATION OPENS AT 4pm THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012. You can preview the workshop descriptions and grid at http://byteconference.ca/ Click on workshops on the left pane or at the bottom of the page to see the workshops and grid. This is the third and final year that Portage la Prairie School Division is hosting the BYTE Conference. Workshops fill up very, very quickly and space is limited in the workshops. Please register for the sessions that you want as</p>

quickly as possible. When registering please select Portage la Prairie School Division as the payment method. **A Note to Presenters:** Thank you for being a presenter at BYTE 2012. As a presenter you are given a free registration for BYTE (choose Presenter as payment method) and you can attend sessions 'other' than your own. However, you must register for 'other' sessions, **but you should NOT register for your own session as this will leave space for another person.**

Informational Session for Microsoft Innovative Teachers and Microsoft Innovative Schools Program 2012, January 16 A half day information session on applying for the Microsoft Innovative Teachers Awards and the Pathfinder and Mentor Schools Program of the Microsoft Innovative Schools Program will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon, January 16, at the Board Offices of the Frontier School Division, 30 Speers Road in Winnipeg. The session will include background information about both programs from schools and teachers who have participated previously, including application and strategic recommendations. Sisler High School, now one of 70 Pathfinder schools in the world, will share its experiences applying and participating in that program as Manitoba's first school in the program. Sisler is also one of the first schools in Canada to be selected for this international program and honour. Previous recipients of the Microsoft Innovative Teacher Awards will share their experience in the program including a description of their projects. This is year's Global Learning Forum for recipients of the award is in Athens, Greece. There are planned video conferences and conference calls with schools and educators involved in the program from other countries. Lunch will be provided. To register or for the information session, please e-mail Norman Lee, nlee35@shaw.ca

LearnZillion - <http://www.learnzillion.com/> Gives teachers, students and parents free video lessons. Lessons starting with math in Grades 3 – 9. Each lesson highlights a Common Core standard. Give students the ability to learn a concept in a new way from a teacher who may "click" with them educationally differently than you can. Sometimes it is just a matter of being able to pause, rewind and repeat a concept at will that makes all the difference. [Learn Zillion](http://www.learnzillion.com/) allows every child to enter their learning at the right level, it is available on demand (day or night), it utilized fantastic educators from around the world, and it helps teachers create custom playlists of learning for students. Using this technology, students can get the extra support they need with foundational concepts.

January 16

CloudOn – A great FREE iPad app that allows you to manage and edit your files in one place, work directly in Microsoft Office®, and be confident that any change you make is saved automatically (DropBox). To get started, launch the app from your iPad, complete a few quick registration steps and you're in! You can create new Word, Excel or PowerPoint documents in CloudOn with most of the great features available in the MS Office version. Saves automatically as .docx format. PowerPoint® uses all of the cool animation transitions and charts. Don't wait! Get it while it's still FREE.

APPS Information: I'd like to collect information about apps that you find personally useful for your students or yourself. Please fill in the online form when you have an app that you'd like to add to our collection.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFppbktla2wySkxmN1NTY2lyVEJFbWc6MQ> To view the results please go to

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/cc?key=0ArLouDPvFkTOdFppbktla2wySkxmN1NTY2lyVEJFbWc>

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February 13	<p>DIGITAL WE http://digitalwe.ca/ The deadline for submissions is March 14, 2012 and the draw will be held on March 20, 2012. The Digital We community is about thinking critically and creatively about how you can use digital media to make a positive difference somewhere. It is about learning what others are doing and sharing what you are doing to inspire others to get involved. Tell us your story of how you are taking action to make a difference in your classroom, school, community or world. Create a video, a dance, a song, a presentation, or any other digital form to tell your story. Be as creative as you want! Share your story with other students and teachers around Manitoba and the world by submitting it to us. We will post it on the Digital We blog. We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to be entered into a random draw for prizes for being willing to share your story with others! When you submit your story your class will be entered into a random draw to win one of six iPod Touchs with a \$25.00 iTunes gift card for your class. Please see submission guidelines for details on how to submit your story.</p> <p>ManACE Technology Information Night (TIN), is 5:30 - 7:30pm on Thursday, February 16th, 2012. http://manacememos.blogspot.com/2012/01/upcoming-tin-february-16th.html Please register to attend</p>

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Archived TIN (ManACE Technology Information Nights)

<https://sites.google.com/a/manace.ca/manace/archived-tin-presentations> Presentations are informal presentations which focus on techniques and practices for integrating technology into curriculum. It is also an opportunity to meet other technology-using educators, share ideas and strategies and learn something new. TINs are typically presented a few times per year in Winnipeg and Brandon.

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Google Apps for iPad <https://sites.google.com/site/gappsforipad/home>

15 Resources for Safer Internet <http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2012/02/15-resources-for-safer-internet-day.html> FREE Resources for K-12.

iPads in Schools LiveBinder http://www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit/26195 Resources being continually updated for iPads in Schools.

10 Top Apps for Digital Storytelling http://cyber-kap.blogspot.com/2012/02/top-10-apps-for-digital-storytelling_12.html

February 21

MNet has released the findings of a new study: **Young Canadians in a Wired World - Phase III, Teacher's Perspectives** which examines how digital technologies are being integrated into Canadian classrooms, how they enhance learning, and how they impact on the teacher-student relationship. Teacher's Perspectives, Young Canadians in a Wired World (YCWW) research study: one of the most comprehensive and wide-ranging studies of its kind in Canada. YCWW looks at how Canadian youth use the Internet and continues to be relied on, and widely cited by researchers and government agencies. To launch Phase III, MNet began with focus groups with teachers who were identified as having been successful in creating excellent learning environments in their classrooms. These teachers were asked about the role played by digital technology in their lives and their professional practice. You can read the full report Teacher's Perspectives on MNet's website at http://media-awareness.ca/english/corporate/media_kit/upload/YCWW-III-Teachers-Perspectives_EN.pdf.

BYTE 2012 is Friday, February 24 at the Portage Collegiate Campus. <http://byteconference.ca/>

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ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) and HP Canada present a **FREE WEBINAR exploring global collaborative projects** and how to learn with the world in your classroom.

Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 6pm – 7pm CST Register Here

<http://www.iste.org/store/product.aspx?ID=2324> By participating in global, collaborative projects using ICT, students explore many social and cultural issues. In this free webinar from HP Canada and ISTE, you will learn about the process students use in global collaborations to explore, respond to, and actively advocate for an issue. Presenters Jim Carleton and Mali Bickley share how Canadian students have developed empathy, compassion, and a deeper understanding of youth from all over the world and in a variety of living and educational situations. Students are working together to

	<p>produce artwork, literature, data, web pages and videos to showcase their common understandings of each other and the concepts presented. This project integration has increased student achievement and prepared students to be better global citizens. See demonstrations on a variety of free web 2.0 tools and learn how they can be embedded into projects. Watch an online classroom simulation and communicate and collaborate with other participants using some of the tools that are demonstrated. These hands-on activities will enable you to experience collaborations and activities first-hand so you can show your students how.</p>
February 27	<p>I hope everyone enjoyed a great PD Day. For those of you who were at BYTE 2012 please fill in the survey and you'll be entered in the prize draw for an iPod. Go to www.byteconference.ca and click on Post Survey on the left menu or go directly to https://surveymonkey.com/s/BYTE2012. Deadline for the survey and prize draw is Friday, March 2 at 3:30pm.</p> <p>iPad APPS Information: We're collecting information about apps that you find personally useful for your students or yourself. Please fill in the online form when you have an app that you'd like to add to the PLPSD collection. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFppbktla2wySkxmN1NTY2lyVEJFbWc6MQ To view the results please go to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/cc?key=0ArLouDPvFkTOdFppbktla2wySkxmN1NTY2lyVEJFbWc</p> <p>SynchSpace App - SyncSpace for iPad and Android provides an infinite drawing space that can be shared in real time over the net. The resulting drawings can be posted to Twitter and Facebook or emailed as a PDF. It's the perfect whiteboard replacement for distributed teams.</p> <p>ManACE Seed Grant Just a reminder that the intake deadline for the first round is Wed. Feb. 29th. Visit manace.ca for complete info.</p> <p>Microsoft Innovative Teacher Award Here it is! The much awaited 2012 Innovative Teacher Award Program Overview, Guidelines and Application. Please note that the French version of the application will follow shortly, and will be posted alongside the English. This year's winners will attend the World Wide Global Learning Forum to be held in Athens, Greece from November 5 to November 9th. Teachers will be emailed the Application Form.</p> <p>International Benchmarking Conference The International Benchmarking conference is only a week away. It is your chance to hear from and meet educators from some of the countries that are achieving great results in the International Benchmarking tests. For more info visit: http://internationalbenchmarking.ca/ To register: http://www.eventbrite.ca/event/2672015069</p>
March 5	<p>The Teacher's Guide St. Patrick's Day Theme http://www.theteachersguide.com/stpatricksdays.htm Lesson Plans, Interactive Whiteboard Resources, Printables, Crafts, & Clipart</p> <p>Education World http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/tech/tech208.shtml The best K-12 Freeware. This site includes resources for Math, Reading, and Science, Interactivity Center, WebQuest, Products, Tips & Tools, Professional Development (including a FREE newsletter), Lesson Plans, Worksheets, Printables, Holidays section, etc.</p> <p>Open Education Resources – http://www.oercommons.org/ Free to Use teaching and Learning Content from around the world.</p> <p>Internet4Classrooms http://www.internet4classrooms.com/ Resources and lessons for Pre-K to 12 in most subject areas sorted by grade level, subject and topic. Includes separate areas for Technology tutorials and Assessment Assistance. Featured March Picks: Money: Counting, Saving,</p>

	<p>Budgeting, Poetry, and Fraction Games. March Highlights: St. Patrick's Day, Music in Our Schools, Arts & Crafts Month.</p> <p>Virtual Manipulatives FREE iPad App – made for iPad by the same producer that supports the virtual set of fraction bars on www.abcya.com</p> <p>Using Show Me to Create Lessons on iPad http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2012/02/using-show-me-to-create-lessons-on.html</p> <p>11 Science Resources to Try http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2011/01/11-science-resources-to-try-in-2011.html</p> <p>11 Social Studies Resources to Try http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2011/01/11-social-studies-resources-to-try-in.html</p> <p>Web English Teacher http://www.webenglishteacher.com/ Resources and suggestions for building a community of readers.</p>
<p>March 12</p>	<p>FREE TRIAL ACCESS to WORLD BOOK WEB http://tryit.worldbookonline.com Username: Canada Password: monkey Valid Until April 2, 2012. This free trial includes World Book's full range of online reference products for schools.</p> <p>PicLit http://www.piclits.com/compose_dragdrop.aspx PicLits.com is a FREE creative writing site that matches beautiful images with carefully selected keywords in order to inspire you. The object is to put the right words in the right place and the right order to capture the essence, story, and meaning of the picture. There are two methods of writing: DRAG-N-DROP & FREESTYLE. The DRAG-N-DROP has drop-down arrows that allow for verb tenses and capitalization. D-N-D seems most effective for grammar, punctuation, spelling, and vocabulary. FREESTYLE has a more open and creative feel, but both bring to the forefront the importance of writing. Would be great for ESL.</p> <p>Storybird http://storybird.com/ Storybirds are short, art-inspired stories you make to share, read, and print. Read them like books, play them like games, and send them like greeting cards. Use this to engage reluctant readers. Teachers can create a Teacher Account to manage students without emails, create assignments and build libraries. Monthly Challenges.</p> <p>BrainPop ESL http://www.brainpopesl.com/ offers some FREE lessons, word lists, activities, and games for ESL.</p> <p>Headline Clues http://gel.msu.edu/headlineclues/game/ Verbal thinking game from Michigan State University for advanced English Language learners challenges students to identify what the two missing words in the headline. In the game, you're shown the lead paragraph, but letters from two words are missing. Players have to use clues in the first paragraph should be. As you play the online version, you can ask for clues.</p> <p>The Problem Site http://www.theproblemsite.com/games.asp Huge assortment of FREE online educational games. Math Games, Word Games, Strategy Games, Junior Games, Daily Puzzles, Printables, Problems, Reference. Some of these games are very challenging.</p> <p>The National Archives Experience http://www.archives.gov/nae/ This resource is USA based. Find and use activities crafted by educators using documents from the National Archives. DocsTeach for educators and students. Turn your students into historians with primary-source based activities that develop historical thinking skills. Activities are ready to use in your classroom or alter an existing activity. Includes a Resources area for Teachers section with Document Analysis, Bloom's Taxonomy, Sharing Activities, National History Standards, Additional Links, etc.</p>

	<p>Khan Academy http://www.khanacademy.org/ A not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education to anyone anywhere. Students can make use of our extensive video library, practice exercises, and assessments from any computer with access to the web. A library of over 3,000 videos covering everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history and 311 practice exercises. Each video is a digestible chunk, approximately 10 minutes long, and especially purposed for viewing on the computer. Complete custom self-paced learning tool, a dynamic system for getting help, a custom profile, points, and badges to measure progress. Coaches, parents, and teachers have unprecedented visibility into what their students are learning and doing on the Khan Academy. Ability to see any student in detail, a real-time class report for all students, better intelligence for doing targeted interventions.</p>
<p>March 19</p>	<p>Embracing the Edge If you're interested in presenting at Embracing The Edge, ManACE invites you to submit a session proposal. You're welcome to submit multiple session descriptions, and we'll be accepting session proposals until April 13th, 2012. Please submit your sessions soon and help us to spread the word! Read More http://embracingtheedge.ca/ Call for Presentations https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dG9Ga3pNLVU0eEJKM1FyYlpxSlpuamc6MQ</p> <p>A Concordia University study finds <i>"Where technology does have a positive impact is when it actively engages students, when it's used as a communication tool, when it's used for things like simulations or games that enable students to actively manipulate the environment."</i> For example, rather than just reading about photosynthesis in a science class, with a computer simulation you can change the conditions - increase or decrease the amount of light or water to dynamically examine the phenomenon, Schmid said. <i>"And that's where it has a really positive impact."</i> Read more: http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/Computers+schools+money+well+spent+Concordia+University+study+says/6182416/story.html#ixzz1oYzixBIG What Forty Years of Research Says About the Impact of Technology on Learning: A Second-Order Meta-Analysis and Validation Study http://rer.sagepub.com/content/81/1/4.full.pdf+html</p> <p>Dictionary.com http://dictionary.reference.com/ This site has a search engine for the word you're looking for, written pronunciation, a sound icon to hear the word pronounced, definition, word origin and history, related words, examples of the word in a sentence, etc. This site also has a thesaurus, word dynamo, quotes, reference, translator, Word of the Day, Quote of the Day and there are free Blackberry, Android, and iTunes apps for this web tool.</p> <p>Flashcard http://www.flashcardexchange.com/ Do you need to learn facts, dates, names, etc.? This web site is an internet application where you can create, study, print and download flashcards. Create an unlimited number of flashcards. Create flashcards in any language. Share, print, or synch your flashcards with your class. Use flashcards created by others. Import flashcards from text files, Microsoft Excel and other sources. Create flashcards with images. Currently jpegs can be used for image flashcards. Create audio flashcards. Currently mp3 files can be used for audio flashcards. Include a "hint" to assist in the study process. After you "study" the flashcards it prints a summary and chart of the number of correct/incorrect answers. iPad and Android Apps available for this program.</p> <p>Excelade http://www.excelade.com/ Coaching slow motion video app for iPad 2 or 3 which allows precision slow motion recording, recording commentary and side-by-side comparison playback.</p> <p>Show Me http://www.showme.com/learn FREE web based site to create and share lessons.</p>

	<p>There are apps for other platforms (iPad, Android, etc.) Create your own lesson or view from a variety of lessons created for math, science, language, English, social studies, music, art, sports, etc.</p> <p>Luminosity http://www.lumosity.com Cognitive training produces proven benefits. Clinical trials have shown that Lumosity.com can improve such brain attributes as working memory, visual attention, fluid intelligence, and executive function. Lumosity.com grounds all of its brain exercises in extensive research and cutting-edge science from around the world. Under the guidance of our Scientific Advisory Board — which includes researchers from such institutions as UCSF and Stanford — our neuroscientists design our training programs to produce noticeable cognitive benefits. Using novel, engaging and constantly adapting challenges, our exercises strategically target brain areas such as memory, attention and processing speed. Popular Games -Lost in Migration, Word Bubbles, Memory Matrix Brain Areas Speed, Memory, Attention, Flexibility, Problem Solving, Popular Content Brain Training, Brain Games, Brain Tests, Memory, Games You can create a free account but there are paid subscriptions also.</p>
<p>April 2</p>	<p>WAN Implementation – The Wide Area Network implementation is proceeding slowly. ECVS is 90% complete and PCI is 30% complete. Sandy will be working at ECVS to finish the implementation there and the other techs will be working at PCI to finish that campus. Later this week LVS and NMS will have their computer service interrupted while the WAN is implemented there. Please be prepared for a disruption on the computer/internet services while your school is being moved to the WAN. Next week we will be doing EAMS and FLR school, the week of April 16th we will be doing YQS and the week of April 23rd we will be doing Operations and Division Office. Hrvoje will let you know when they are ready to begin working at your school. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Robinson at Division Office.</p> <p>How to Print from Your iPad: Summary of Printer and Printing Options http://ipadacademy.com/2012/03/how-to-print-from-your-ipad-summary-of-printer-and-printing-options</p> <p>ManACE TIN (Technology Information Night) Wednesday, April 18th, 5:30 - 7:30pm at Sargent Park School, Winnipeg Anyone is welcome to attend this event (you do not need to be a ManACE member). Register Now https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dE9mTXNSMTNESIZIMGJ2c0ImQnRWNWc6MQ For only \$5 you get pizza, salad & refreshments, the chance to network with colleagues from various Manitoba school divisions, and the opportunity to take in three great presentations first-hand! Building Broader Minds with 'Bee-Bots', presented by: Kathy Routhier, Winnipeg School Division; Teaching in a BYOD Environment, presented by: Roy Norris, Louis Riel School Division; The ABC's of Digital Storytelling, presented by: Brian Metcalfe, Life-Long-Learner. Please visit the ManACE blog for more info. http://manacememos.blogspot.ca/2012/03/another-manace-tin-april-18th-in.html</p> <p>Adobe launches Photoshop CS6 as a free public beta http://www.macworld.com/article/1165702/adobe-launches-photoshop-cs6-as-a-free-public-beta.html</p> <p>Enabled. Engaged. Empowered. These new three E's of education... “40 percent of high school students place a high value on the ability to produce digital media such as blogs, vlogs, podcasts, digital storytelling and video reports, only 29 percent of their teachers share that same view. Almost two-thirds of teachers however place a very high value on students’ abilities to prepare written or verbal reports on research. As with the role of emerging technologies in education, we may need to re-calibrate our value system around helping students develop the 21st century skills</p>

	<p>needed to meet the demands of their future workplace.” “Fifty-two percent of parents consider instructional technology to be extremely important for their child’s success, as compared to 37 percent of teachers.” Read more: http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/pdfs/SU10_3EofEducation_Students.pdf</p> <p>Academic Earth http://academicearth.org/ Online lectures and courses. “Building a user-friendly educational ecosystem that will give internet users around the world the ability to easily find, interact with, and learn from full video courses and lectures from the world’s leading scholars. Our goal is to bring the best content together in one place and create an environment in which that content is remarkably easy to use and where user contributions make existing content increasingly valuable.”</p>
<p>April 9</p>	<p>WAN Implementation – The Wide Area Network implementation is proceeding slowly. We are still working at PCI and have a little more to finish at ECVS. I do not expect to be finished at these schools before Wednesday. Later this week (<i>fingers crossed</i>) LVS and NMS will have their computer service interrupted while the WAN is implemented there. Please be prepared for a disruption on the computer/internet services while your school is being moved to the WAN. The schedule is being pushed back so that we can finish the schools completely before moving on to the next building. Hrvoje will let you know when they are ready to begin working at your school. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Robinson at Division Office.</p> <p>Correction: ManACE TIN (Technology Information Night) Wednesday, April 18th, 5:30 - 7:30pm at Sargent Park School, Winnipeg Anyone is welcome to attend this event (you do not need to be a ManACE member). Register Now https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dE9mTXNSMTNESIZIMGJ2c0ImQnRWNWc6MQ Please visit the ManACE blog for more info. http://manacememos.blogspot.ca/2012/03/another-manace-tin-april-18th-in.html</p> <p>Starbucks ‘Pick of the Week’ FREE app cards. There is generally a stack of them next to the cash register, next to the drink pick up or over on the milk/cream stand. This week’s card is for a free copy of Golfplan with Paul Azinger to install on your iPad. When you pick up one of the cards, go to the ‘App Store’ (one of the icons on your launcher), choose ‘Purchased’ from the options along the bottom of the screen, then scroll the resulting page down so you can select the ‘Redeem’ button. The ID code the window is looking for is the number on the back of the Starbucks Pick of the Week card. Once entered and validated in the background by Apple, the free app will start downloading.</p> <p>How to Do Research Interactive Graphic http://ilearntechnology.com/?p=4599 The Kentucky virtual library http://www.kyvl.org/kids/homebase.html has a great interactive that leads kids through the research process step-by-step and lets them dig deeper into the portions that they don’t understand. It has a fun game board-like interface so that it isn’t intimidating for kids to go through. Every step of the process is covered from initial planning, to searching for information, to taking notes, to using the information, reporting and evaluating.</p> <p>2 ¢ Worth Teaching & Learning in the new information landscape... http://davidwarlick.com/2cents/ David Warlick’s blog, “I do not promise answers here. I will ask far more questions. Many of the barriers that prevent us from modernizing our education systems come from the baggage of outdated notions about teaching, learning, curriculum, our children, and their future. Asking questions seems to be one way of probing and provoking new perceptions about what we do, why we do it, and how we might adapt within an almost constantly changing environment.”</p>

	<p>Teachers as Technology Trailblazers http://www.kristenswanson.org/ Dr. Kristin Swanson’s musings on best practice, instruction, and assessment in a digital world.</p>
<p>April 16</p>	<p>WAN – We’re still at PCI and Ecole Crescentview School. The server and internet connections are finished for the majority of the staff and students in these schools. We’re working out the last bugs in the wireless network. We hope to move on to LVS and NMS in a few days.</p> <p>Manitoba Education Copyright Media Copyright Information http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/iru/policies/copyright/media_copyright.html</p> <p>Manitoba Education Interpretations of Canadian Copyright Laws http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/iru/policies/copyright/copyright_law.html</p> <p>Copyright Matters Blog http://copyrightnews.blogspot.ca/</p> <p>40+ Super Secret iPad Features and Shortcuts http://ipad.appstorm.net/roundups/utilities-roundups/40-super-secret-ipad-features-and-shortcuts/</p> <p>ManACE TIN (Technology Information Night) Wednesday, April 18th, 5:30 - 7:30pm at Sargent Park School, Winnipeg Anyone is welcome to attend this event (you do not need to be a ManACE member). Register Now https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dE9mTXNSMTNESIZIMGJ2c0ImQnRWNWc6MQ Please visit the ManACE blog for more info. http://manacememos.blogspot.ca/2012/03/another-manace-tin-april-18th-in.html</p> <p>My Garbology http://www.naturebridge.org/garbology.php An interactive game to teach students about sorting garbage for recycling, reusing, and composting. There are a series of lesson plans for all grade levels and activities that parents and children can do at home to learn about recycling and reducing waste. Sections for Resources, Teachers, Students, and Parents.</p> <p>Mom, This Is How Twitter Works http://www.jhische.com/twitter/ is an excellent explanation with visuals and text of how Twitter works. The post, written by Jessica Hische, explains everything you need to know about Twitter. Want to know what a reTweet is? That's covered. Do you want to know which things on your timeline can or can't be seen by others? That's explained. And just how does Twitter compare to Facebook? Jessica has that covered too.</p> <p>7 C’s of Professional Development http://tinyurl.com/84ftxa</p>
<p>April 30</p>	<p>Ted Talks Video: Sir Ken Robinson, what’s in the school of your dreams? http://blog.ted.com/2012/04/29/video-sir-ken-robinson-whats-in-the-school-of-your-dreams/ Watch as four student reporters hand Sir Ken Robinson a “blank check” and say: Design a learning place of your dreams. It’s a three-part video series.</p> <p>United Nations International Human Development Indicators Interactive Map http://hdr.undp.org/en/data/map/ The UN Stat Planet Map allows you to create useful mapped displays of UN development indicators data. There are ten data categories from which you can choose. Within each category there are further refinements possible. You can customize the map to present sharper contrasts between the data indicators, change the indicator symbols, and alter the map legend. To visual the change in data over time, use the time slider at the bottom of the map. Your maps and the data that they represent can be downloaded as PNG and JPEG files for printing.</p>

	<p>70 BYOT/BYOD Resources for Use in the Classroom http://www.myweb4ed.com/?p=1979 This Texas School District acquired quite a few resources that are great for implementing in a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) environment. One of the components of a successful BYOT program is educational resources that foster the use of personal devices in an educational setting. With this in mind, I've found that I had collected some great resources for collaboration, mindmapping, organization, communication, and projects. I've created a Symbaloo Webmix for these devices. You can view the webmix below (don't forget to scroll) or visit the full webmix at http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/52byot-byodresources.</p> <p>Searchy Pants http://searchypants.com/ If you're looking for a safe search engine for your students to use without actually creating your Google Custom Search Engine, Searchy Pants could be a good tool for you. Searchy Pants offers more than just a simple search engine. You can customize the page on which students search by choosing from a variety of fun background themes. Once you've chosen a theme you can add links to your page that you want students to see. For example, you might link to your school's website or link to a site like CNN Student News. You can also post a custom message for your students to read before searching.</p> <p>21st Century Challenges - http://www.21stcenturychallenges.org/challenges/ The aim of the 21st Century Challenges series is to improve public understanding of, and engagement with, some of the key issues likely to affect our lives and society in the coming years and thereby aid people in making their own informed decisions and judgments on these issues. This website covers a broad range of topics and includes interviews, articles, podcasts, etc. 16 May topic: Keeping pace with a digital revolution.</p> <p>Web 2.0 is Over, All Hail the Age of Mobile http://pandodaily.com/2012/04/27/web-2-0-is-over-all-hail-the-age-of-mobile/</p> <p>Tech News Daily http://paper.li/joevans</p>
May 7	<p>Sylvia's Super-Awesome Maker Show http://sylviashow.com/ girl named Sylvia making things like paper rockets, crazy putty, and squishy circuits. She posts tutorials and supply lists so others can replicate her experiments.</p> <p>Moving at the Speed of Creativity http://www.speedofcreativity.org/ is Wesley Fryer's blog. <i>"I use this site to digitally document my own journey of learning and collaborate with other educators and lifelong learners around the globe. I focus primarily on issues related to engaged learning, web 2.0 technologies, digital storytelling, educational leadership, literacy, blended learning, creativity, appropriate uses of educational technologies, digital citizenship, and educational transformation."</i> Newest blog post is an article on iPad Quick Edit Videography (free video PD).</p> <p>Google Drive and Documents for Teachers http://www.scribd.com/doc/92629651/Google-Drive-and-Docs-for-Teachers-2012 What teachers need to know to get started using Google Drive and Google Documents. A free guide from Richard Byrne and Free Technology for Teachers. FreeTech4Teachers.com. Download the eBook (pdf)</p> <p>IWB (Interactive White Boards) http://www.schoolcio.com/article/report-iwbs-used-in-295-of-classrooms-for-at-least-51-hours-a-day/52425 were found to have the most penetration of any recent tech device, with an average usage of over 70% in all major subject areas in elementary schools. IWBs were reported to have had a significant impact on student achievement by 60.7% of respondents in an MCH Strategic Data survey.</p>

	<p>Not-Horrible iPad Cases: a round-up of the best http://arstechnica.com/apple/reviews/2012/05/not-horrible-ipad-cases-joy-factory-smartsuit3.ars?clicked=related_right</p> <p>Fluency Timer Popular desktop application, Fluency Timer, comes to the iOS (iPad/iPhone) this week. The app allows teachers, parents, and students themselves to record fluency readings with the push of a button. An adjustable timer automatically stops the recording at the end of a preset time. Created by internationally known teacher and literacy coach, Mathew Needleman, the simple app provides classrooms with an easy option for improving student achievement.</p>
<p>May 14</p>	<p>Learn how to create ebooks for the iPad http://www.techrepublic.com/blog/tablets/learn-how-to-create-ebooks-for-the-ipad/1181 Paul Strobeck walks you through the steps so that you can create an ebook for your Apple iPad.</p> <p>How one teacher integrates iPads into English classes. Note: <i>All of these can be done on a computer/netbook.</i> http://staffroomhq.com/2012/05/06/rocking-ipad-ideas-for-the-classroom/ Apps suggestions for Explanation (research, creating podcasts or instructional videos); Discussion (writing followed by recording discussion); Narrative (storyboarding, writing narratives, narrating, creating a digital narrative); Information Report (reference or connecting apps for research followed by content creation); Procedure (creating step by step procedures); Exposition (analyzing, design, creating, writing); Recount (mindmap, content creation)</p> <p>Paperless Parent Teacher Interviews http://staffroomhq.com/2012/02/13/paperless-parentteacher-interviews/ Ideas on using Dropbox or Evernote to collect samples of student work, and interviews. Write your notes about a student and tag them by entering their name in the 'Tag' headline (this will link the current note to the particular student you've tagged). The best part is the next step – take photo's, audio and video and embed it into the note so you have everything you need for your P+T interview on that single note!</p> <p>Teaching with Digital Games in the Classroom http://joanganzcooneycenter.org/Cooney-Center-Blog-234.html by Jessica Millstone The Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop is releasing new research from the Games and Learning Publishing Council initiative: a survey of over 500 K-8 teachers documenting their attitudes about using digital games in the classroom, and the first three in a series of five video case-studies of individual teachers who integrate digital games into their curriculum in exciting and innovative ways. <i>Teacher Attitudes About Digital Games in the Classroom</i>, a survey which sampled teachers from across the country, reports some important baseline findings about overall usage of digital games, and delves into teacher's observations about the beneficial types of learning and social behaviors using games can promote. The first video case study profiles Joel Levin, a school technology integrator who works with second graders at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School in New York City. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTf3j2koJA&feature=youtu.be</p> <p>The Ups and Downs of Game-Based Learning http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/2012/05/the-ups-and-downs-of-game-based-learning/</p> <p>10 Common Challenges Facing Educators http://www.slideshare.net/rbyrnetech/ten-common-challenges-spring-2012 A slideshare presentation from May 7 in New Brunswick by Richard Byrne.</p> <p>Google has launched a new site called Search Education</p>

	<p>http://www.google.com/insidesearch/searcheducation/ aimed at educators who want to teach online search strategies. The site includes lesson plans geared at different levels of expertise — beginner, intermediate and advanced— as well as training videos that walk through different strategies for subjects like using Creative Commons and Google maps. The lessons cover the following topics: Picking the right search terms, Understanding search results, Searching for evidence for research tasks, Narrowing a search to get the best results, Evaluating the credibility of sources. For each topic, lessons for every level of searcher goes into deep detail, offering background explanations of how search works the way it does, specific examples of search words and their results, and numerous tips. There’s also a short quiz at the end of each lesson.</p>
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