Tech Tidbits

SKETCHNOTING

Sketchnoting is not a newly invented idea. Students have been doodling (well maybe not always doodling that relates to class) for a long time and we all know images hold a lot of power (pretty soon there will be more emojis and gifs than words available). Sketchnoting has simply joined these together. **The idea behind Sketchnoting is to make notetaking visual for the learner, whether that be the students or yourself, in order to create a more meaningful and more engaging connection to the content being learned.** Sketchnoting is often done on an iPad, touch screen Chromebook, or a Surface tablet, but can also be done in a notebook or simply on a piece of paper. The process is the same: jotting down the main ideas as you listen to a lecture or read new information, then connecting those ideas and adding illustrations with layers and color to make those ideas come alive and connect as they are in your mind. This can be utilized with students of all levels, from snipits of information with younger learners to complex biology reviews and research notes across subjects. The main point to remember is to not get hung up on the illustrations, but rather to illustrate the main ideas through key words and visual connections.

This may involve taking down the main ideas and re-visiting the notes later to add more visual details (doodles & quick images, color, connectors). Isn't that what we want students to do... revisit their notes?!

Check it out on TEDx : Drawing in Class

Additional resources: Digital Tools Article

Tools & Resources   Sketchnoting in ELA

Verbal to Visual Teaching Resources   Another Take: Getting started

Link to larger image

APPS & ADD-ONS THAT MAKE LIFE EASIER

Refine (Chrome Add-On) - remove the clutter and distracting elements from a web page (also has a share to G.Classroom option) ~YouTube video

Stickies (Chrome Add-On) - add sticky notes to any website, sticky notes appear when the web page is re-opened & can also all be accessed on your corkboard

Sticky Notes (Chrome App) - sticky note app that installs on your computer, runs offline & can be pinned to your taskbar for quick access to your notes

IOS 11 Screen Recording Tool (iPad/iPhone)- enable in settings

Did you know?

ISTE will be in Chicago June 24-27

If you're looking for a chance to network with some amazing educators from across the globe & be a part of some invaluable professional development this Summer, you should check out ISTE.

The International Society for Technology in Education Conference is a National Conference that is hosted in June each year. This conference is so enormous that every educator attending is provided with a plethora of applicable professional development opportunities to choose from.

Attending the ISTE conference also connects you to an ISTE membership with access to year-round learning, virtual PD opportunities, and expert-vetted resources.
Click here to learn more
(or chat with Jody or Tim)

Check your email or the Faculty/ Staff portal for Professional Development Funding Application forms from **Shannon Sciulli

Formative & Summative Assessment Tools

Quizlet– still one of the most preferred flashcard study tools
*Newer features include interactive diagrams and Quizlet Live class competition mode

Google Forms– with the updated features & settings, Forms are now even easier to set up and use as self grading quizzes. Google Forms also has templates ready to edit.   Tutorial video

Socrative - one of the tried and true tools that continues to support educator's more robust assessment needs when more data or features are needed

Poll Everywhere - insert a wide variety of polls with real-time updates directly into your PowerPoint or Google Slides presentations (even includes word clouds & clickable images) - paid plan includes added features

EdPuzzle—track student understanding by adding audio notes and questions to videos, also adds accountability tracking for who watched/how many times

Don't forget about ….

Kahoot!   Padlet   SMART Lab & Response

Creation on a Chromebook

*Some tools also have a web version or an app for use on other devices

Clarisketch– illustrate & narrate web page screen shots

BeFunky– photo editing tool with some fun features

Aww App– web based collaborative whiteboard

Padlet– web based collaborative corkboard

Explain Everything (paid tool)- versatile whiteboard tool for creating interactive demos and screencasts capturing students' thoughts

Canva – easily create graphics in a variety of formats

KnightLab Timeline JS - timeline creation

Sutori - timeline creation (has a paid version with added features …ex. adding quizzes and videos to the timeline

Soundtrap Edu - music and podcast creation platform (paid version gives education filtering and more

Google Sites - powerful website creation tool

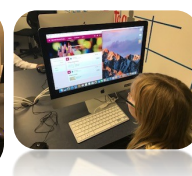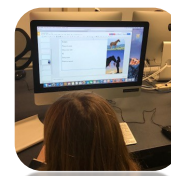**If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies. ~Unknown**

Teacher Spotlight

Walking through the entrance of Country Day School, you'll notice the amazing artwork always on display. You will also notice QR codes beside some of the artwork as Colleen Mientkiewicz is utilizing the students' Seesaw journals to add student voice to their work. Visitors to the school can now scan the QR code next to the artwork in order to hear the student describing his or her artwork. Could you imagine if we had this glimpse into the mind of every artist?

If you take a peek into Anne Shelby's second grade classroom, you'll be amazed at how savvy her second grade writers are with publishing using the Google Suite. Watching a Google Slides presentation instantly grow from one teacher demo slide into a class slide deck as students log in to publish and polish their work is an artwork in itself. Adding in Google Classroom had made creation and access to collaborative classwork even quicker and easier for both the students and Mrs. Shelby. According to Mrs. Shelby, "It is amazing how quickly students pick up on and master new computer skills, like copying and pasting by using the Google suite of products. They are so engaged in writing lessons and have loved taking ownership of their work and feel especially accomplished after publishing their completed pieces."

Sue Short's Geometry classes have been applying their geometry knowledge to real world skills as they explore the mathematics behind the world of Pixar animation through the Pixar in a Box series. The students applied their knowledge of rotation, translation, and scaling first-hand as they helped to set a scene. Check out where math, science, humanities, and computer science all intersect to bring you such amazing entertainment. *Introduction Video

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