

# Bits and Bytes



Back to School, 2015 Edition

## Welcome Back!

We are excited for a great school year filled with new challenges, and NEW technology! Brock, Lindsay, and I will now be scheduled at your schools for two half-days each month. If you would like to schedule time to meet with us, please click on our [Sign-Up Genius Schedule](#). Also, don't forget to [check out our blog](#) for our latest post, which is a technology grant opportunity!

This month's newsletter features some back to school tips and ideas for your classroom. Also, if you are still working on your class website, or would just like to spruce it up, please check out our Websites and Beyond section, which includes tips and ideas for creating an inviting classroom website. Finally, we have some exciting events coming up in our events section.

**Have a great first week back at school!**

## Terrific Tech Tip

Click  button and then "P".

**You can now  
Extend or  
Duplicate  
your Screen  
on any  
Windows  
Device!**

Vocaroo



padlet

Students can create podcasts using [Vocaroo](#), then paste the link on a classroom [Padlet](#) wall.

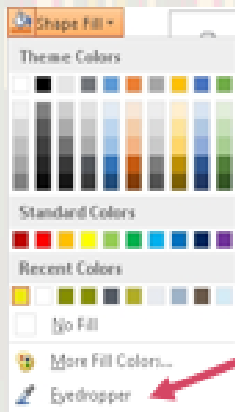
Uses:

- Exit Ticket
- Peer Reviews
- Summarizing
- Fluency Practice

**Web Mix  
of the  
Month**

## EYEDROPPER TOOL

This wonderful tool can be used to match the color of your background, WordArt, and shapes to any other color on your slide.



Click Eyedropper, then click on the color that you would like the text (or background, or shape) to be



HOW TO USE THE EYEDROPPER TOOL

Would you like to be featured in our monthly newsletter?

Email Brock, Lindsay, or Kristin and let us now how you are using technology to engage students in your classroom.

Our Website Basics and Beyond guide features a section on the PowerPoint 2013 Eyedropper tool.

## Website Basics and Beyond Guide

Building a classroom website can be challenging, but we have some tips and tools that will help you make your website more inviting to both students and parents.

Our Websites Basics and Beyond Guide will be hosted on our Instructional Technology Website. It includes information about:

- Creating Custom Graphics in PowerPoint
- PowerPoint Tips for Editing Images
- Copyright Friendly Websites for Graphics and Backgrounds
- How to add Widgets to your Wordpress Website

[Click here](#) to access this guide and learn more about using PowerPoint to create custom graphics for your classroom website.

# EdTech Monthly News

[Click here to  
access some  
great EdTech  
articles.](#)



“Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting kids to work together and motivating them, the teacher is most important”.

**Bill Gates**

## What Students Currently Think of Online Information

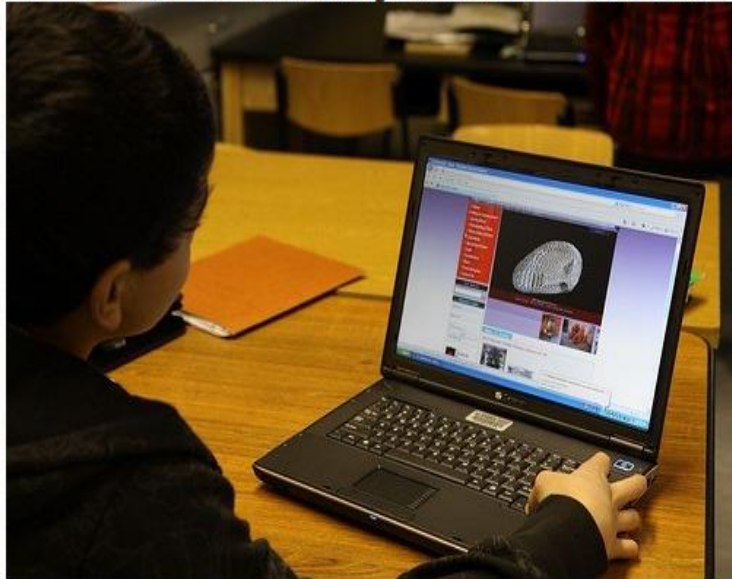


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Help students identify good content, learn to use websites effectively, and more...

## Upcoming Events

[5 Ways to Use Discovery Education-](#)  
August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm, Online

[EdCamp Citrus-](#) Saturday, September  
19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am, Citrus High School in  
Inverness, FL

ECET2 2015- November 14<sup>th</sup>, First  
Coast Technical College (FCTC)  
(more details coming soon)



# Digital Citizenship Themes

- Digital Etiquette
- Online Safety
- Plagiarism and Copyright
- Cyberbullying
- Social Networking/  
Email/ IM
- Evaluating  
Online Sources
- Effective  
Internet  
Searching

## Digital Citizenship @ SJCS

The 2015-2016 SJCS Acceptable Use Procedures (AUP) requires all students to receive Digital Citizenship lessons before using school computers each year.

Digital Citizenship Resources are available for teachers in every grade level and content area. These are available in both an Edmodo group and a OneNote Notebook. Access to these resources is available on our [Inside St. Johns Instructional Technology website](#).

In addition to these lessons, we ask that teachers model, and incorporate Digital Citizenship in their lessons throughout the year.

Here are some examples:

- Provide opportunities for students to comment, discuss, and debate online.
- When creating rubrics or checklists for student projects, include a section for Copyright and Fair Use. Even in primary grades, students can write the name of the author of the book or article they are citing.
- Model safe and effective web searches and internet navigation.
- Read current events articles that explore topics such as cyberbullying or digital footprint awareness.





# Padlet

## teacher task Challenge

**What is Padlet?**  
Padlet is a virtual bulletin board website, which allows students and teachers to post messages and assignments in a shared space.



**Integration Ideas**

- Collect feedback or Exit Tickets
- Brainstorming activities
- Showcase student work
- B/W, Charts and other graphic organizers
- Group Project Management
- Student demonstration of learning and formative assessments
- Student questions

**Task Challenge**

1. Create a Padlet account.
2. Create a Padlet wall with a title and description.
3. Customize your wallpaper.
4. Set a password for your wall.
5. Change the layout.
6. Send the link to a partner and ask them to post a message on your wall.

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# Stay tuned for our Fall edition of Bits and Bytes featuring...

- Microsoft Windows and OneNote Tips
- Makerspaces in the Classroom and Media Center

