SJCSD Instructional Technology

Bits and Bytes

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!

Web Mix of the Month

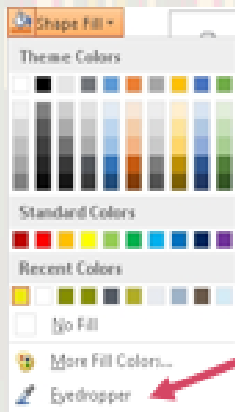**Students can create podcasts using Vocaroo, then paste the link on a classroom Padlet wall.**

Uses:

- **Exit Ticket**
- **Peer Reviews**
- **Summarizing**
- **Fluency Practice**

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

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

> "Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting kids to work together and motivating them, the teacher is most important".
>
> *Bill Gates*

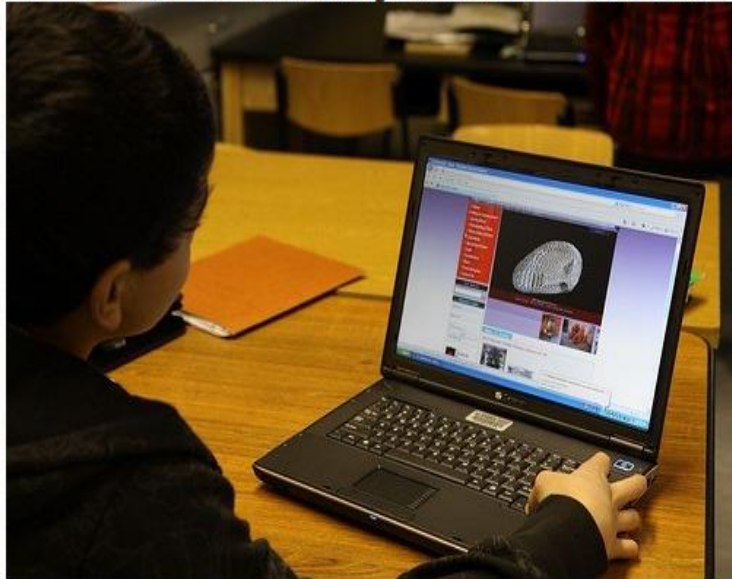## What Students Currently Think of Online Information

Image via Flickr by USACE Europe District

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

Upcoming Events

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

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

ECET2 2015- November 14th,, 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 @ SJCSD

The 2015-2016 SJCSD 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.

Stay tuned for our Fall edition of Bits and Bytes featuring…

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

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