

Bits and Bytes



February, 2015 Edition

February Focus:

Current Events in the Classroom

This month our focus is on incorporating current events in your curriculum across content areas. This can be challenging for a variety of reasons, but we feel like the benefits are worth the effort.

[Click here](#) to access our **Current Events in the Classroom** guide. This guide contains resources for some Current Events sources, as well as ideas for incorporating Current Events in various content areas.

This guide is a work in progress, so we would love for you to share ideas with us that we can add to our list. We will give you credit ☺.

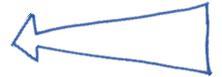
Our Monthly newsletter features interactive elements using Zappar.

To view the interactive content follow these quick and easy steps...

- Download the Zappar free app
- Scan the zapcodes located throughout this newsletter.



A ZAPCODE LOOKS LIKE THIS



EDMODO



ADOBE READER



Step 1: Create or find a pdf assignment and assign it to students in Edmodo.

Step 2: Students will click on the pdf in Edmodo and select **Open in Adobe Reader**. Students will complete the pdf using the annotation tools or typing tools.

Step 3: Students will share the assignment to Edmodo and submit it as an assignment.

APP SMASH OF THE MONTH



How a GoPro got my students excited to learn

By Charles Moseley
January 27th, 2015

One teacher recounts the transformation in learning, collaboration, and creativity he's seen after adding a GoPro



Charles Moseley, is a technology teacher at Swiss Point Middle School.

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.

SJCSD Teacher Featured in eSchool News Magazine

We are always excited to feature innovative SJCSD teachers in action. This time eSchool News Magazine beat us to it! Charles Moseley is a Technology and TV Production teacher at Swiss Point Middle school, who was recently featured in this magazine for his innovative use of a GoPro camera. He uses the camera to help motivate students to learn.

Charles Moseley is the current Teacher of the Year at Swiss Point, and was recently named a finalist for the district Teacher of the Year honor, to be announced Wednesday, February 4th at the banquet. He is known not only for his innovative teaching, but also for sharing ideas and assisting other technology teachers in the county.

[Click here](#) to read this article and see how Charles uses one device to transform learning in his entire school.

FEBRUARY SCOOP IT!

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



**“Technology is best
when it brings
people together”**

Matt Mullenweg

Student, Edtech Expert Predict Learning Device of the Future



From www.educationworld.com -
January 12, 9:44 AM

“A high school student and a
director of innovation share their
predictions on the next big
learning device in education.”

Student predicts future technology that allows students to pull any
information in the world directly into their brain...Scary, or Cool?

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Professional Development Inservice
Day- February 2nd**

**[Padlet Webinar with Instructional
Technology Coaches](#)- February 24th
from 3:15pm-3:45pm**

Technology Task Challenges

Each month, our newsletter will feature a technology task challenge. Teachers who would like to participate, should join our Edmodo group and turn in the assignment. Teachers who successfully complete the challenge will be entered in a drawing for a gift card.

February Teacher Challenge

Materials Needed: iPad

Description: You will share assignments with students through Edmodo, that they will complete in Adobe Reader app, and then submit to you as an assignment.

Assignment: Click below and complete the task. Join our Task Challenge Edmodo group (code: 4myeat). Post a screenshot of the assignment you created and/or tell another idea for how you will use Edmodo and Adobe Reader. [Click Here](#) for more details. [Click here](#) to view our archived Teacher Task Challenges.

Congratulations to **Mary Meringolo** winner of our January Teacher Task Challenge. Mrs. Meringolo will receive a **\$10 gift card to Starbucks**.

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Stay tuned for next month's edition of Bits and Bytes featuring...

- Resources for Giving and Getting Feedback from Students
- Peek inside a Technology-Rich High School Classroom

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