



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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# EACS Technology Newsletter (May 10, 2018)



**1. For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the fourth quarter of the school year are to continue posting weekly lesson plans/newsletters in Calendar. In grades K-6, the district expectation is to create at least 2 school work assignments, and/or have 1 discussion in your course. In grades 7-12, the district expectation is to create 4 or more assignments and have discussions in courses. At all grade levels, the expectation is to place student resources, such as web links, YouTube clips, documents, etc., into Canvas Pages or Modules. If you have questions, please contact any Tech Coach.

**2. For all staff with email:** Please note, it is each employee’s professional responsibility to maintain your GroupWise email account. Your email trash should be emptied on a regular basis . If you archive emails, this is a good time to clean up your archived emails. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please feel free to contact the Help Desk at extension 4357.

**3. For all staff:** Have you heard about the [iTeach Tech Conference](#) from your principal or Tech Coach?

EACS is excited to have Principal Gerry Brooks and the EdTech Heroes Marcus Painter and Chris Young as keynote speakers on June 12th and 13th! iTeach Tech will be tech-laden and FREE to EACS staff, including free breakfasts and free lunches. In order to get your one-time use promo code for free admission, contact your tech coach by email! Sessions are now active on Sched for you to begin signing up! Make sure you have your [Sched](#) account active! 18 other districts won the Summer of eLearning grant, and if you [follow this link](#), you will find all 19 conferences listed, including the dates, the locations, and the keynote speakers.



**4. For any Science, Technology, Engineering or Math teachers:** [Explore Interactive](#), a Purdue University-affiliated startup, is launching a platform that allows children to use augmented reality via mobile devices to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics while having hands-on fun. Explore Interactive’s vision is to make learning feel like play. Children simply point a mobile device such as a tablet or a smartphone at Explore! cards and begin discovering. A lesson on circuits show children how to make a circuit by connecting wires, batteries and a speaker, with sparks flashing on the screen as they connect. The augmented reality makes these items appear to be floating above their cards right on their table, letting children explore STEM concepts by doing rather than by reading or watching. Read more of the [article here](#). A thanks to Lori Fendel for this one.



**Fun technology fact:** Hydrogen-powered semi truck startup Nikola Motor Company (NOPE, not Tesla Motors) announced today that Anheuser-Busch, the maker of Budweiser beer, has placed an order for “up to” 800 of its zero-emission big rigs. Nikola says it will start delivering the trucks to the beer distributor in 2020, and that it will show off a final production version of the truck at the 2019 Consumer Electronics Show. Nikola says that its trucks are supposed to get anywhere from 500 to over 1,000 miles on a full tank of hydrogen fuel, which gets used to power an electric motor. The trucks can be refueled in about 20 minutes, the company says. To support this and other future orders, Nikola says it’s planning to build “over 700 hydrogen stations” in the US and Canada by 2028. It’s working with Anheuser-Busch to develop the first 28 of those public says, with the first two opening later this year. Read more of the [article here](#).

