



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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# EACS Technology Newsletter (February 22, 2018)

**1. For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the third 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 teachers:** Do you know [EduLastic](#)? EduLastic is a great website for preparing students for the second round of ISTEP! They offer premade, technology enhanced testing questions that replicate the actual ISTEP test. EduLastic also allows teachers to create their own questions or assignments that are completely customizable. Teachers can even search a specific ISTEP standard and get questions just geared towards that standard. EduLastic also integrates with Google Classroom so your students will not have to create new accounts. Make sure you check out this site before trying to recreate the wheel when starting to prep for ISTEP round 2.

**3. For all staff:** Have you heard about the [iTeach Tech Conference](#) from your principal or tech coach? If not, you will be hearing about it soon! EACS is extremely excited to have Principal Gerry Brooks and the EdTech Heroes as our keynote speakers on June 12th and June 13th! This event will be completely tech-laden and FREE for staff at EACS. In order to get your one-time use promo code for free admission contact your tech coach by email! If you would like to be a presenter at the conference, please contact your tech coach as well



**4. For all teachers:** Did you know you can access your RDS Gradebook on your iPad? All you need to do is download the app, Puffin Web Browser, on your iPad. In the address bar, type - <http://rds.02.eacs.k12.in.us/RDSTeacherMod/> and sign in to your RDS account. In the settings, allow "Pop-Ups", and you will have full access to RDS. If you need more detailed instructions, please visit the [Teacher Professional Development Page](#) in Canvas.



**5. For all preK-3rd grade teachers:** Do you know about App Smashing? Some of you may be App Smashing in your classrooms, and you don't even know it! App Smashing is the art of imaginatively using multiple apps to create an enhanced project. One way to App Smash in the primary grades is to [Seesaw](#), a student driven digital portfolio. There are many apps that enhance Seesaw including Buncee, Post-it Plus, Puppet Edu, and Educreations.

**Fun technology fact:** Want to buy a self-driving car? Well 18-wheeler semi-trucks may come first. [Embark](#), a company out of San Francisco, completed its first coast to coast drive test on a fully autonomous semi-truck. It covered approximately 2,400 miles without relying on a human driver at the wheel. Embark uses machine learning software and the data from the sensors on-board its trucks to map its surroundings in real-time. Currently, Embark is placing professional safety drivers in their vehicles in case a situation arises that someone needs to take over the wheel. However, their goal in the future is to create fully autonomous semi-trucks to make more deliveries in less time.

