

EACS Technology Newsletter October 19, 2017

1. **For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the second 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 1 schoolwork assignment, and/or have 1 discussion in your course. In grades 7-12, the district expectation is to create 3 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., in to Canvas Pages or Modules. If you have questions, please contact any Tech Coach.



2. **For all phone users:** Do you know 4359? If you ever struggle remembering the phone extension of a staff member, simply pick up an EACS phone, dial 4359, and a question will be asked: "Who would you like to reach?" Say the name of the person, being careful to enunciate clearly, and your phone will give you the extension. This is not perfect, and she struggles with complicated names, (computers, right?), but she is very helpful.

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3. **For all teachers/administrators in schools sending iPads home with students:** Do you know the Lightspeed Rocket? Please remember that every student has this app on his/her iPad, and the students must authenticate to the Lightspeed rocket every seven days while at home in order to access the network and the Internet on the iPad. Authentication means to sign in with his/her EACS student username and password.



4. **For all teachers, especially K-6 teachers.** Do you know Remind? Remind is a K-12 communication website platform and app that helps educators reach students and parents where they are, which is on their phones. By connecting your school community with fast effective messages, Remind allows users to send text messages to any phone, messages a class, small groups, or a single person, translate messages into more than 70 languages, and share photos, handouts, and other files.



5. **For all teachers:** Do you know about Clips? Clips is a default app on the new iPad, meaning you already have it on your iPad. Clips makes it quick and fun for anyone to create and share expressive videos on an iOS device — complete with text, effects, graphics, and more. You can record video on the spot or pull in video clips and photos from your library. Create animated captions and titles just by talking with Live Titles. And add animated graphics and emojis with a few taps. Learn more and download Clips today in the App Store (if you don't already have it). Check out #classroomclips on Twitter to see how educators are using Clips with students at all grade levels.



Fun technology fact: Global delivery company company UPS announced earlier this summer that will be using virtual reality video games to train new drivers to prove themselves before they can get behind the wheel of one of the company's 10,000 pound trucks. **You have to get good at video game before you can have this job!** All those years of Mario Kart is paying off! The company will add virtual reality test to its driver training program starting this fall and expects the drivers will be safer, smarter, and more efficient.

