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educational technologies...

Links to sites that may help  
enhance classroom instruction...

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help lighten the mood...

# W.D. Tech NEWS

## SUMMER CAN BE A TIME FOR GROWTH

*"Not only can our lawns and gardens grow, but our minds can grow, too."*

Some of the best things I've learned have been during summer break. I think that a different schedule, a little more free time, and the chance to relax prompts me to want to experiment and try new things.

I have been impressed by the number of you who have taken the time to look at our Tech Tips 2Day and read this newsletter. How about recommending them to others so they can learn and maybe discover an instructional technology that could enhance their curriculum? By going to The HUB and clicking on the Instructional Technology button, the chance to grow is available every day.

Did you know that all of the instructional technology information provided to you is professional development? According to Glossary of Education Reform, "In education, the term **professional development** may be used in reference to

a wide variety of specialized training, formal education, or advanced professional learning intended to help administrators, teachers, and other educators improve their professional knowledge, competence, skill, and effectiveness."

(<http://edglossary.org/professional-development/>)

How about setting aside a little time this summer to expand your mind and take a look at new instructional technologies? Many of the instructional technologies you see other teachers using are available in this year's and last year's Tech Tips 2Day. You can check them out here: <https://www.smore.com/1996r>.

I won't be releasing June, July, or August issues so I can spend some much needed time with family. However, I'm always available through email and would love to hear from you. Enjoy the summer break!



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	Tuesday			Wednesday	
	2-3pm	3-4pm	4-5pm	2-3pm	3-4pm
Michael	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Oliver	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Lily	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Sophia	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
	2	4	1	3	2

[View example](#)



Schedule events the easy way.

It's free! No registration required.

[Schedule your meeting!](#)

[More information](#)

## Site: Xoyondo

If you ever need to find dates and times when you can get together, you have to give Xoyondo a try. It's quick, easy, and really helps with the whole scheduling process.

<https://xoyondo.com/>

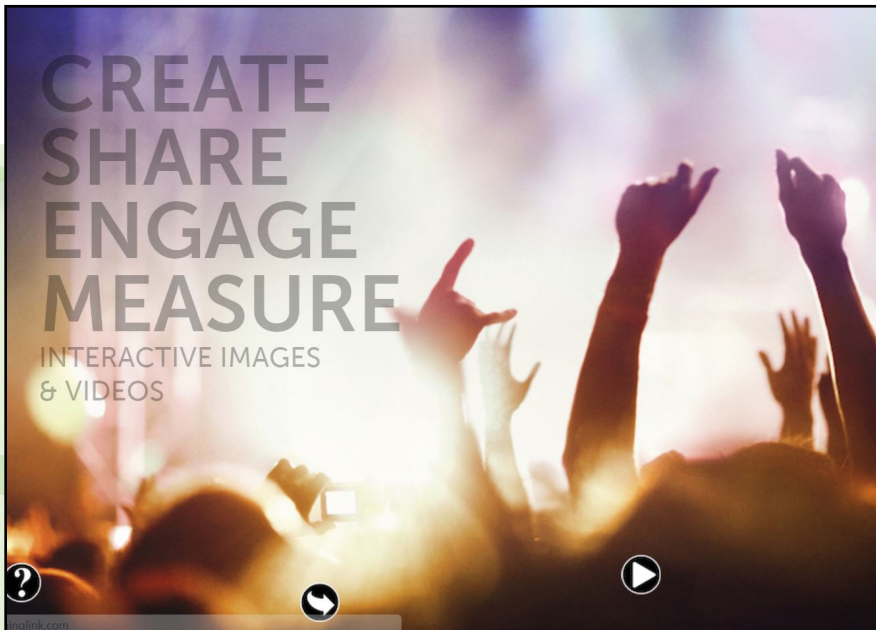
## Site: CHOOSITO



What if it were **possible to read every site on the web** and pick the best for your students?

<https://www.choosito.com/>

## Site: THINGLINK



Use ThingLink to create interactive news photography, maps, posters, family albums, infographics, and shoppable product catalogs in minutes! You can keep track of how people interact with your content as it spreads across the web.

(<https://www.thinglink.com/>)

## Site: FREE INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD RESOURCES



**K-12 News, Lessons & Shared Resources  
By Teachers, For Teachers**

*Provided by the K-12 Teachers Alliance*

If you're looking for a lot of resources you can use with your interactive white board, this is the place to go. Most of the subject areas are represented with sites that can easily enhance a teacher's curriculum.

<http://www.teachhub.com/free-interactive-whiteboard-resources>

*Interesting facts  
for the classroom*

## May Trivia



### May 3

[National Teacher Day](#)

### May 6

[Space Day](#)

### May 8

[No Socks Day](#)

[Mother's Day](#)

### May 10

[Clean Up Your Room Day](#)

### May 11

[National School Nurse Day](#)

### May 14

[National Dance Like a Chicken Day](#)

### May 15

[National Chocolate Chip Day](#)

### May 19

[Circus Day](#)

### May 21

[American Red Cross Founded](#)

### May 22

Buy a Musical Instrument Day

### May 27

[Masking Tape Patented](#)

### May 30

[Memorial Day](#)

<https://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/may.php?printable=1>



## Video: What are those floaty things in your eye?

Sometimes, against a uniform, bright background such as a clear sky or a blank computer screen, you might see things floating across your field of vision. What are these moving objects, and how are you seeing them? Michael Mauser explains the visual phenomenon that is floaters.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6e\\_m9iq-4Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6e_m9iq-4Q)



## Video: WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE IF HUGH JACKMAN INTERVIEWED TO BE A TEACHER?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fipSEmdj3i0>



## Productivity: Ideas for Teachers



- Behavior Management**
- Bulletin Board Ideas**
- Desk Name Tags**
- Graph Paper**
- Lesson Plans**
- Rewards & Incentives**
- Signs & Posters**
- Student Information Sheets**
- Word Lists**
- Word Walls**
- Character Songs**
- Counting Songs**
- Fitness Songs**
- Grammar Songs**
- Language Arts Songs**
- Math Songs**
- Reading Songs**
- Science Songs**
- Shape Songs**
- Sight Word Songs**
- Songs for Kids**
- Writing Songs**
- Character Videos**
- Fitness Videos**
- Grammar Videos**
- Math Videos**