Digital Learning News

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any practice in which technologies are utilized to EMPOWER and ACCELERATE individuals to learn, instruct, collaborate, communicate, solve problems, create, design, analyze, or publish in ways not previously possible
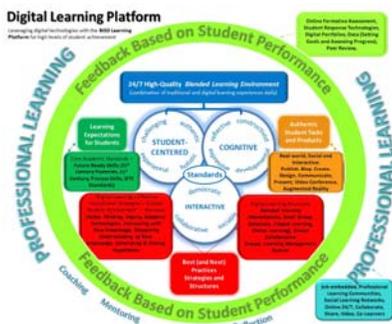
Digital Learning Spotlight

The Digital Learning Platform is comprised of six elements. We are featuring one element each week and spotlighting teachers who exemplify effective use of technology in daily teaching and learning.

Congratulations to last week's Digital Learning Leader Susan Youngblood, 7th grade science teacher at Smithfield Middle School. Susan was spotlighted for her use of **Socrative** as an effective teaching strategy and won a **Chromebook** for her classroom.

Nominate yourself, or another teacher to be highlighted as a Digital Learning Leader.

http://tinyurl.com/dlp-nominate

"Technology is just a tool.
In terms of getting the kids
working together
and motivating them,
the teacher is most important."
- Bill Gates

http://bisddlp.weebly.com/

The Digital Learning Team is committed to working with staff and students across the system to foster *digital* literacy and responsibility. On Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM we will be hosting a Digital Learning Conference at Birdville High School. Learn strategies to effectively utilize digital tools and resources to maximize student learning. Choose from over 25 sessions and earn up to four hours of flex time credit. Vendor door prizes and classroom technology will be given away at the end of the conference. To learn more and register for sessions, please visit the Digital Learning website: http://schools.birdvilleschools.net/

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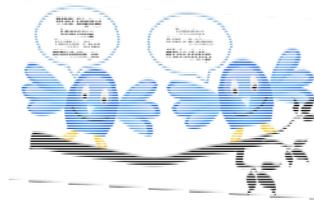
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The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teachers Who Use Technology

They always start with the why
Technology for technology's sake is dangerous. Highly effective teachers who use technology always have a reason for using new technology tools. Whether it saves them time, improves learning outcomes, or helps with lesson planning, highly effective teachers always start with why.

Read the full article here:
http://blog.alwaysprepped.com/the-7-habits-of-highly-effective-teachers-who-use-technology

1. They always start with the why.
2. They are malleable and can easily adapt.
3. They embrace change.
4. They share, share, and then share some more.
5. They think win-win-win-win.
6. They are extremely thorough and think two steps ahead.
7. They actively care.

Join Twitter Chat to Win a Prize!

A drawing will be held each week and one lucky Birdville *Digital Learning Leader* chat participant will win classroom technology!

Chats are held on Tuesday evening each week, from 8:00-8:30 PM.

Login to **Twitter** and search **#bisddlp** to participate! Upcoming topics include Best Web Resources, Formative Assessment, What to Do When Technology Fails, and more!

Quick start guide to Twitter: http://tinyurl.com/bisd-tweet

Microsoft Office 2013

Now Available for BISD Employees

Birdville ISD employees can now purchase and use Microsoft Office Professional 2013 at home for as low as $9.95. Offer includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote and more! More information is available on the Technology website:
http://w3.birdvilleschools.net/tims/

And the winner is...

Thank you for reading our newsletter! The first five people to email Cheryl McKnight and claim their prize will win a **#bisddlp** t-shirt.

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