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

Tech Resources Part 1

Technology Resources can mean a lot of things to a lot of different people. Your definition may depend on your perception or the amount of technology available to you or your students. As the next two editions of *FACS Focus* are dedicated to “technology,” I hope that you will consider sharing some of your great resources as well.

Today we are going to focus on the concept of Web 2.0 applications. These kinds of web applications can be accessed from almost any electronic device, are usually free to use, require no download and require interaction with the website rather than the “sit-and-get.” Common examples are Pinterest and Prezi.

Lino is an online sticky note board where you can leave concepts, questions, or ideas about a certain topic. You can choose the accessibility of the

board including who can see it and who can post. (linoit.com)

Brainscape allows users to take Quizlet a step further by adding picture and sound to their flashcards. Accounts are created and can be linked to Facebook as well. (brainscape.com)

U Tell Story is great when you get past it’s simplistic introduction. It is a resource to set pictures that the user generates or pulls from the internet to tell a story about the picture. (utellstory.com)

Urlist allows users to collect and create lists of items they want to organize, regardless of how it is posted originally. For example, students could search for all of the best information about Vitamin A deficiency and including videos, professional journals, or real-life stories and include them on one list. (urli.st)



Mission

Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences integrates family and career readiness with technical skill instruction within a critical science perspective. As a result, our students are empowered to navigate the challenges of living and working in diverse communities, while striving for a high quality of life.

Easel.ly is an easy way to make infographics related to any concept. (easel.ly)

I hope that some of these great resources provide you with new teaching and learning opportunities. Stay tuned next week for great iPad apps for Technology Resources Part 2.

Call to Action

Share your technology resources with me and see our resources on the FACS website grow!

Email Allison Kreifels to share your ideas!

CSO Spotlight

FCCLA

As a reminder, please ensure your students complete all award, scholarship, and recognition applications on time. Please notice all due dates are posted in the *Red Handbook* on the final two pages of the document. Also note that these are received by dates, NOT postmarked by dates.

HOSA

Join HOSA for hands-on health science experiences in Sports Medicine, Nursing Assisting, Public Speaking, Job Seeking Skills, Forensic Science, Mental Health, and much more at the annual Mid-Winter Health Science Skills Laboratory. This event which is held on January 30, 2015 is open to all HOSA and Non HOSA members. It will take place at College Park in Grand Island, Nebraska. If you would like more information on this event, please

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