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or

Contact your school's
Instructional Technology Coach (ITC)



NNPS Technology summer (2018) interns exemplify the spirit of our technology department – we're here to help.

What's Happening @NNPSTech?

This spring edition of the Technology Newsletter is full of innovative adventures and accomplishments. Technology is all about making connections, and here are a few ways you can connect with your students and peers to create deeper learning experiences:

- Create a professional social media account and connect with other educators
- Join and follow a Virtual Learning Professional Network (PLN - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Prepare students to locate and organize digital content (TED-ED, NewsELA, Podcasts, YouTube)
- Develop and share tools that automate feedback (Google Forms, EdPuzzle, Kahoot)
- Establish a digital process for peer review and feedback (collaborative docs, backchannels, discussion forums)

We're here to help!

Did you know there is a digital toolbox available for all NNPS educators to connect educational technology to CCC skills? Click the image to go directly to the Digital Toolbox.



Feel the Joy of Learning!

On February 23, 2019, over 150 NNPS educators participated in an “Encore Edcamp”. What is an Edcamp and why was it an encore? In partnership with the Edcamp Foundation, NNPS offered a unique professional learning opportunity to six schools in August, 2018. The following schools participated: An Achievable Dream Middle/High, Carver Elementary, Denbigh High, General Stanford Elementary, Heritage High, and Riverside Elementary.

Edcamps are full of exciting sessions determined by the attendees on the day of the event, and the best part is that teachers are in control of their learning. If the session is not for you, use the rule of two feet and move on to another session. The day starts off with music, games, and networking.



“I should have attended an Edcamp a loooooong time ago”

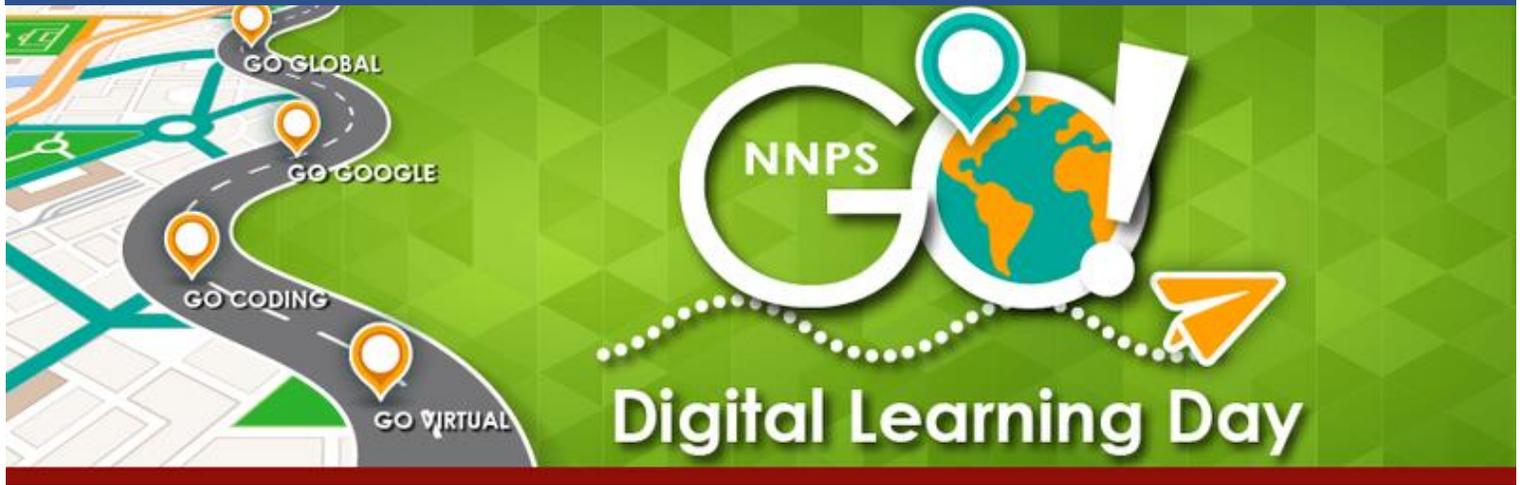
-Quintasia Hurt, Heritage CTE Teacher

For those that missed this amazing day of learning, check out some examples of the sessions offered:

- Mindfulness in the Classroom
- Soft Skills & Social-Emotional Learning
- Making Math Meaningful
- Morning Meetings
- Managing Tech in the Classroom

If you attended any of the Edcamps and still need your PD points, please email technology@nn.k12.va.us.





Every day is “Digital Learning Day” at Newport News Public Schools, but on this particular day of the year we like to highlight some of the amazing learning experiences that advance 21st Century skills, improve digital literacy, and prepare students to be college, career, and citizen-ready.

On February 28, 2019, many NNPS classrooms shared their digital learning activities on social media using the hashtag #NNPSDLDAY. Check out some of the GREAT things happening in NNPS!

- Preschool students used iPads to create, communicate, and share with each other
- Elementary school students went on a virtual tour to investigate gems and minerals
- Middle school students used Google Slides to present their research on salt marshes
- High school students created blood simulation videos in Forensics class

Prompted by VA Studies review questions, Gr4 Dreamers are collaborating with their STEM-mates to code their BlueBot to “time travel” to the correct year when important historical events occurred. #DLDay #NNPSDLDAY #NNPSProud

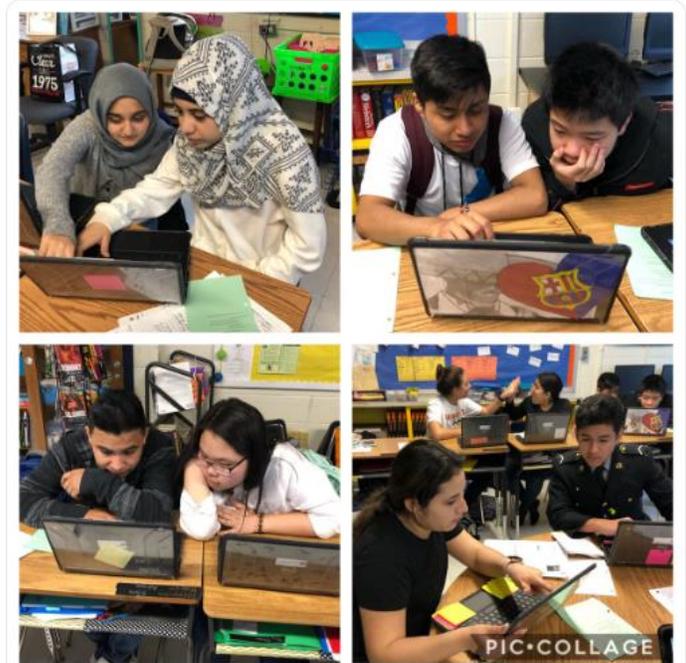


Lindsey Smith @Lindsey_ITC · Feb 28

These @nnpsgreenwood Kindergators from @CiottaKaren's room loved coding during Dr. Suess week! #NNPSproud #NNPSITC #NNPSDLDAY



My students celebrated Digital Learning Day by conducting peer writing conferences using their chromebooks! #DLDay2019 #NNPSDLDAY @DenhighHSNNPS



Limitless Learning

In recognition of Career & Technical Education (CTE) month, approximately 200 CTE students at Heritage High School had the opportunity to have a round-table discussion with 25 former Heritage students as they discussed their career pathways. Several alumni speakers could not attend the event on-site and used D2L Virtual Classroom to connect with students during 90 minutes of rotating sessions. The Virtual Classroom in D2L hosted speakers from Belgium, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Boston!



Students were able to use the virtual meeting space to hear former students discuss their professions, ask questions using a headset and microphone, and type questions and answers using the chat component.

Speakers also shared pictures and sent files via the virtual meeting space to allow students to reference information as they discussed it in real-time. Students left the event informed and encouraged to investigate their career interests.

D2L
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Upcoming Events

Save the date! The third annual iNNovate Conference will take place on **August 7th and 8th** at Hines Middle School.



We need your help to plan a positive and worthwhile experience for all employees. What do you want to learn more about? We invite you to share your thoughts and ideas by completing this [brief survey](#) no later than March 29th.

Are you ready to present a session at iNNovate this year? The conference proposal window will open the week after Spring Break. Keep an eye on your inbox for details.