

# Technology Tidbits

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## Book Creator Changes



Now that **Book Creator** is available for Chrome books, it has gained a huge following and you may be confused about whether or not you can still use it on ipads. You can still use the app and it gets better and better! Recently, a web version was created and there are some neat things you can do on the web version, as a teacher, to share your books. Check out [this newsletter](#) from Book Creator for more.

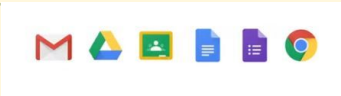
## Apple Educator Event

In an effort to reach educators in southeastern MA, **Apple** is offering a **free** ipad workshop in the morning on June 5th at 4Cs. [Click here for more information](#)



## Google For Edu

If you use **Google Classroom**, [here's a list of things](#) you might want to do as we near the end of the school year.



Also, if you would like to keep up with the new changes in **Google Edu**, you should look at [this Youtube video](#) and subscribe to their channel so you'll get info about all new updates. Some are only for Chromebooks but many apply to all that you do.

Finally, the latest **Google Classroom** app update includes a new feature, which I demonstrate [here](#). It only works on the ipad and you need the latest update.

## MassCUE Benefits



stands for **Massachusetts Computer Using Educators-** which is every one of us. Anyone can join this organization and benefit from the many opportunities, workshops and events that MassCUE provides. They now offer a Digital Educator Recognition program for free

with your membership, as a way to learn and demonstrate your knowledge of new skills. [Check it out today](#)

## New Website

Are you enjoying the layout of the new website? Feeling lost? Ending up at a dead end? Please let me know if you can't find what you're looking for, if you end up down a path that leads nowhere or if you find any grammatical errors or outdated material. I correct what I know is wrong but there's a lot I have not found, so please keep me in the loop!

If you bookmark any part of the site, you'll see this cute little DY logo in front of it!



Each of the school pages and the district page have a social media tab. If you use social media, consider following your school and the district to remain informed.

I'm always on the hunt for pictures to go on any of the websites, so if you have any to share, once you've verified that any students are not on your Do Not Publish list, please send them to me with an explanation. I'm especially eager to find good pictures that would go in the header of your school's page. Groups are tough unless they happen to be in a wide group rather than deep, due to the nature of the format of the site, but if you get a good one, please send it along.

## ISTE Conference Registration Winner

Congratulations to **Deb Sweeney** from SAE who will attend The **ISTE** (International Society for Technology in Education) conference this summer. This is the largest educational technology conference in the world and is guaranteed to have something for everyone. Deb is looking forward to learning a lot of new skills to share with staff and students in the fall!

## Copyright

Copyright is always tricky when it comes to using someone else's material in the classroom. The thinking that we can

use whatever we want because it's for education is not exactly true. [This article](#) addresses some common myths about fair use and has some great links to more helpful information. Make it your practice to cite what you use and require your students to do the same.

**P.S. google.com is not a valid citation.**

## Brainpop

**Brainpop** has a new look for educators and some great advice for using it. [Click here](#) to read more. This is a tool that we subscribe to for you and your students, so take advantage of this fantastic resource!



## NBCLearn

Speaking of subscriptions, I regret to inform you that we will no longer subscribe to NBCLearn. It was underutilised and very expensive. **Discovery Education, Culturegrams** and **Brainpop** are still great tools for you to use and due to their popularity, we will continue to subscribe to those services. Before you go to Youtube for videos, please check these curated sites first. They are safe, appropriate and there are no commercials or potentially embarrassing ads to deal with in front of your students.

## The Tidbits

**Writing a grant proposal?** If it involves purchasing technology, please be sure to consult with the Technology Office **first**.

**Doing something awesome with technology?** Show me! Invite me in to see it in action. If your students create videos, we might be able to add them to the website, so please contact me!

**Looking for Online Courses?**

[MassCUE Offerings](#)

[Framingham State University](#)

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