

Tips and tricks you may find useful, fun, and engaging for you and your students.

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Did You Know?

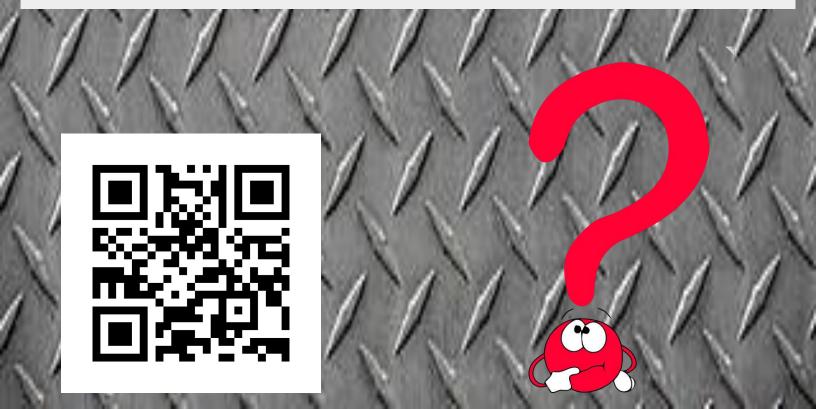
While in Google
Calendar using the
keyboard shortcuts to
the right will
immediately take you to
the following views. I
personally like the 7 day
week view and the
Agenda/Schedule view.
Check them all out, and
see what works for you!

M = Month
W = Week (7 Day)
D = Day
A = Agenda/Schedule
X = 5 Day
Y = Year

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Mentimeter

Are you looking for an easy to use, fun way to engage ALL your students that is free (of course there is a paid version, but I've never had to use it)? If so, Mentimeter might be right for you and your students! You can set up and use several different formative or summative assessment tools within your lessons including multiple choice, word clouds, open ended questions, rankings, Q&A, and many more! Your students don't even have to have accounts (so no login worries), you just give them the URL and the code and they're off to the races! Want to try one? Click on the question mark below or use the QR code to see a Menti in action.



Study Corner

Remember, we can always get better and we always have more to learn. Here are a couple of places you can go to expand your knowledge should you so choose. I hope you take advantage of them, they're free, and for once you're going to get more than you pay for!

Dr. John Spencer - A former middle school teacher and current college professor who is passionate about working with teachers to unleash the creative potential in all of their students. He has a blog, a podcast, a newsletter, and a YouTube channel. Any of them are worth a look!

Free Tech For Teachers - Created by Richard Byrne, a former high school social studies teacher, educational consultant, and current high school computer science teacher. The purpose of this site is to share information about free resources teachers can use right away in their classrooms!

How Gaming Can Make A Better World - Games like World of Warcraft give players the means to save worlds, and incentive to learn the habits of heroes. What if we could harness this gamer power to solve real-world problems? Dr. Jane McGonigal says we can, and explains how.* (This video is a bit on the old side, but the message and ideas are still very relevant today, so don't let the date throw you off!)

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^{*}Taken from the description of the Ted Talk found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dE1DuBesGYM

BEING A NEW TEACHER IS LIKE TRYING TO FLY AN AIRPLANE WHILE **BUILDING IT!!**

Teacher: If you're wearing stripes you can go back to your seat.

ARE THESE STRIPES?

DO MY SOCKS COUNT?

WHAT IF YOU HAVE STRIPES ON YOUR BOOK BAG?

YOU HAVE STRIPES ON!





MOST OF MY DAY IS SPENT PUTTING STUFF IN PILES THEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT PILE I PUT IT IN LATER.







SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

If you see something you would like to share in Time 4 Tech! Please send it to either Michele or Chris. We'd love to grow a Technology PLC here in Halifax!

