



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. **For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the second quarter of the school year are to continue posting weekly lesson plans/newsletters in Calendar. In grades K-6, the district expectation is to create at least 2 school work assignments, and/or have 1 discussion in your course. In grades 7-12, the district expectation is to create 4 or more assignments and have discussions in courses. At all grade levels, the expectation is to place student resources, such as web links, YouTube clips, documents, etc., into Canvas Pages or Modules. If you have questions, please contact any Tech Coach.



2. **For all teachers:** Do you know NearPod or PearDeck? NearPod and Pear Deck are both very similar applications, which both help teachers create (or import) a presentation in and present it to the class. Students can then interact with the content individually while teachers monitor both individual and class progress. Along with slides containing content, teachers can create slides with several question types, including multiple choice, written response, and free-hand drawing. [NearPod](#) also has a free App in the App Store, while [Pear Deck](#) is only web based. NearPod will be shown during the Feb. 6 Professional Development Day.



3. **For all staff who are parents and have a busy schedule (so everybody):** Do you know [Cozi](#)? Cozi is “the must-have app for families on the go.” Cozi is free, easy to use, and a 3-time Mom’s Choice Award Winner. With Cozi, you can: keep everyone’s activities and appointments, all in one place, create and share shopping lists, chores, and more in real time, store recipes and quickly add ingredients to your grocery list, and access and update from any mobile device or computer. Cozi is free in the App Store here: [Cozi](#).



4. **For all teachers:** Google has an entire website dedicated to training teachers on how to transform their classroom using the GSuite (formerly GAFE or Google Apps for Education) tools. [The Google for Education Transformation Center](#) allows teachers to explore real examples from school leaders and learn from their successes. You’ll find hundreds of ideas, best practices, guides and templates. Please take a look.



5. For all preK-3rd grade teachers: Do you know Tell About This? An easy to use platform to inspire and capture children's thoughts and stories. Free in the App Store here: [Tell About This](#) allows students to explore and respond to any of the 100 interesting photo prompts using their voice. Craft custom prompts and add profiles to personalize the experience! Simple save/share options make this free App easy to use for even very young students. A thanks to **Allison Felger** for this one!



Fun technology fact: Finally, Google! Google is going on a hiring spree to try to stamp out offensive videos and comments on YouTube. The company is recruiting thousands of reviewers to reduce the amount of "problematic content" on its video platform. It's also introducing tougher restrictions on advertising and making greater use of smart technology. By 2018, Google claims to have more than 10,000 people might violate our policies," YouTube [post](#). She did not say how many for offensive videos. Read more [Reviewers](#)



"working to address content that CEO Susan Wojcicki said in a [blog](#) people currently monitor YouTube here: [Google Hiring YouTube](#)