



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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# EACS Technology Newsletter (March 8, 2018)

**1. For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the third 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 high school math and science teachers:** Do you know about BLOSSOMS? The **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** (yes, MIT!) developed **BLOSSOMS** (**B**lended **L**earning **O**pen **S**ource **S**cience or **M**ath **S**tudies) to help students engage in a meaningful way with STEM subjects. BLOSSOMS uses **FREE video segments** to build on math and science fundamentals by relating abstract concepts to the real world. Educators and professionals contribute their knowledge and learning to an **open database** that anyone can access. Every **50-minute lesson** is a complete resource that includes video segments, a teacher’s guide, downloadable handouts, and a list of additional online resources relevant to the topic. BLOSSOMS uses a “teaching duet pedagogy” model, in which a teacher will help students solve problems before passing the baton to another teacher for a brief video lesson. Take a look here: [BLOSSOMS](#)



**3. For all staff:** Have you heard about the [iTeach Tech Conference](#) from your principal or tech coach? If not, you will be hearing about it soon! EACS is extremely excited to have Principal Gerry Brooks and the EdTech Heroes Marcus Painter and Chris Young as our keynote speakers on June 12th and 13th! This tech-laden and FREE for staff at and free lunches. In order to get your admission contact your tech coach by presenter at the conference, please



Chris Young as our keynote event will be completely EACS, including free breakfasts one-time use promo code for free email! If you would like to be a contact your tech coach as well.



**4. For all Spanish and EL teachers:** Nonprofit iCivics released a Spanish-language version of the game [Do I Have a Right](#), which teaches students about civil rights. Spearheaded by Justice Sonia Sotomayor and retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, the new release looks to help English language learners, the vast majority speaking Spanish at home, who often struggle with the academic vocabulary and concepts of civics and social sciences. The [games](#), casts students as pro bono the cases of clients to decide whether violated, and do so quickly to score



fast-paced game, just one of [19 free](#) lawyers, instructing them to assess their constitutional rights were points and avoid cases piling up.

**Fun technology fact:** Using lasers for archaeology Dr. Jones? Yes! Watch the video here: [Laser finds thousands of lost Mayan structures](#). Researchers using a laser scanning technology have uncovered 60,000 previously unknown Mayan structures in Guatemala.

