



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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EACS Technology Newsletter

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1. For teachers in grades K-12: The Learning Management Systems Committee, made up of 32 teachers and administrators has reviewed six LMSs over the last two weeks: eBackpack, Edmodo, Blackboard, Gaggie, Canvas, and Schoology. The voting and conversations among the group has eliminated Blackboard, Gaggie, Edmodo and eBackpack. A final round of demos with Canvas and Schoology are scheduled for May 12-13. More to come...



2. For teachers and students in grades 7-12: have you or your students updated to iOS 8.3? Please do so. If students continuously update the iPad, this will be a small update, taking about 7 minutes. Updating to iOS 8 or above is essential for next year's new Pearson digital textbooks. Please ask students to update at night or over the weekend in the next few weeks.



3. For teachers and students in grades K-12: have you ever tried Pinterest? This 4+ App is free in the App Store. Please click on this link from Edudemic: <http://www.edudemic.com/guides/the-teachers-guide-to-pinterest/> for 5 ways teachers can take advantage of Pinterest's quick, engaging, dynamic approach on how students or teachers can utilize Pinterest for educational purposes.



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4. According to a CNN article, the annual cost of one computer code writer might be \$50-100k for a large company. But, to the same large company, each code writer is valued at about \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 toward the net worth of the company. Think about that...



5. Excellence in Education: Do you know Shelley Jenkins? Shelley is the district technology coach for Leo area schools, Woodlan K-12, Paul Harding Junior High, and East Allen University. Shelley's primary responsibilities are working with students and staff to improve and integrate technology into the learning experience for all involved. Shelley will be leaving the district at the end of this year to return to the classroom at her former school. Shelley will be missed.



Fun technology fact: Aerogel, also known as frozen smoke, is the world's lowest density solid at 98.2% air. It supports 4,000 times its own weight, is nearly invisible, is nearly weightless, can withstand a direct blast from 2 lbs. of dynamite, and is the best insulator ever discovered.