

EACS Technology Newsletter August 19, 2016

1. **For teachers in grades 4-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in August are to build the class, add students, and begin posting weekly lesson plans/newsletters in Calendar.



2. **For all grade 2-12 teachers:** The EACS Technology Dept. pays for 500 Showbie Pro licenses for staff members. Showbie Pro provides more features, allows unlimited assignments, extended grading ability, and unlimited classes. Each teacher's Showbie Pro login is the EACS login. Please contact your tech coach, either Sean Miller or Jennifer Sholl, for help or more details. Showbie is free for students and teachers in the App Store here: [Showbie](#)



3. **For all language/reading teachers:** Indiana State Library's [INSPIRE](#) Digital Literacy Resource, [INSPIRE](#) has licensed [Teachingbooks.net](#) - a service that enhances your literacy work with instructional and primary source materials about the books and authors your students are reading. To learn more register for [INSPIRE](#) Webinars covering a variety of topics including Indiana reading lists, cross curricular resources and more. For more information about this resource, visit the [Teachingbooks.net](#) website.



4. **For all staff with computers:** This short PDF: [Best Chrome Extensions for the Classroom](#) gives great information and detail on the best Chrome browser extensions used by teachers. What is a Chrome extension? Extensions are small software programs that can modify and enhance your Chrome browser on your computer. You can easily add them to your Google Chrome web browser and make your job easier.



AppleCare+

5. **For all preK-12 teachers:** All grade 7-12 students will have 64 GB iPad Air 2s for use everyday for their schoolwork, with a 3-year Apple Care+ plan. Grade 7-12 student also have new, durable cases, and a new charger brick/cord. Please make sure grade 7-12 students watch the short (5:14) tutorial on Apple Care+ on the district website: [Apple Care+ Tutorial Video \(5:14\)](#). All PreK-6 students will have our used 32 GB iPad 3s to utilize every day in the classrooms. PreK-6 classrooms have either wood cabinets or steel, keyed-entry storage/charging carts in each classroom.

Fun technology fact: A Michigan State University research team has created a truly transparent solar panel — a breakthrough that could soon usher in a world where windows, panes of glass, and even entire buildings could be used to generate solar energy. Read the full article here: [Transparent Solar Cells Article](#)

