

# EACS Technology Newsletter December 1, 2016

1. **For teachers in grades 4-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in December are to create 3 or more Schoolwork assignments, and have a Discussions in a group. Post weekly lesson plans in calendar. **For teachers in grades K-3:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in December are to create a Canvas Assignment and a Calendar information item for students. Put student materials into Canvas Pages for student and parent access. Continue posting weekly news letters in Calendar.



2. **For all teachers and parents:** Do you know about OurPact? Free in the App Store here, OurPact is a groundbreaking parental control app that enables parents to control their children's device habits through Internet and App blocking. OurPact allows parents to manage their child's screen time at any time from anywhere, enforcing bedtime, dinner time, study time, and family time throughout the day or night. **Administrators or teachers: this may be an App you consider communicating to your parents about... it is that good.** (Thanks to my wife for this one.)



3. **For all K-6 teachers:** Do you know of [www.kristinziemke.com](http://www.kristinziemke.com)? Author of Amplify! and co-author of Connecting Comprehension and Technology, Kristin Ziemke has spent her career teaching and learning from children in both urban and suburban school districts. As a teacher of primary age learners in Chicago, Kristin engages students in authentic learning experiences where reading, thinking, collaboration and inquiry are at the heart of the curriculum. Kristin Ziemke is a highly recommended resource for digital teaching and technology in the classroom at the K-6 level. (Thanks to Dawn Schwehn for this one.)

4. **For all grade preK-12 teachers:** Do you know about Quizlet Live? Jump to the link here: [Quizlet.live](http://Quizlet.live) is an in-class, team-based learning game. Students work together to correctly match a Quizlet set's terms and definitions. The first team to match 12 in a row wins! Who can play Quizlet Live? All teachers on Quizlet can create Live games with their students for FREE. Quizlet Live works with any browser, such as Safari on the iPad, Firefox, or Chrome. (Thanks to Kurt Dager for this one.)



5. **For PreK-12 teachers:** Call out for presenters for the February 7, 2017 inservice! Want to show what you know to some of your peers across the district? Want to get paid to? We are looking for teachers who are savvy with technology tools to present during the upcoming inservice. Presenters may be paid for up to 3 hours of presentation time at \$24.80 per hour for EACH TOPIC they present on. Questions? Please check with your principal or with Mary Jones at [mjones@eacs.k12.in.us](mailto:mjones@eacs.k12.in.us). Principals distributed a spreadsheet form to teachers to be filled out and returned to Mary Jones no later than January 6...

**Fun technology fact:** Cycling enthusiasts: hate flat tires? The innovative Nexo and Ever Tires allow you to pedal forever without the fear of a flat. The airless tire promises to deliver a smooth ride that rivals inflated tires, and, it is expected to last for up to 5,000 miles, compared to 3,000 miles for a standard rubber tire. Two styles are available, the "Ever Tires" - with a series of holes that have been engineered to offer exceptional control and outstanding durability (pictured), and the "Nexo Tires" - attach them to your existing rims, and they look like your regular road tire, except they will never go flat. Learn more about Ever Tires here: [Next Tires article](#)

