

EACS Technology Newsletter December 15, 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 Weebly?** Free in the App Store here: [Weebly](#) is a 4+ rated app allowing users to create a free website, whether from a desktop computer or from their iPad. Weebly has a clear, usable interface, many attractive themes, and was PCMag's Editor's Choice for website building apps.

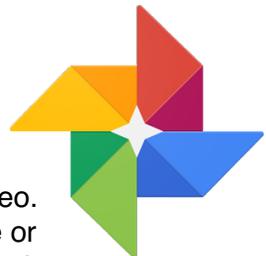


3. **For all grade preK-12 teachers:** Do you know about Turnitin? Free in the App Store here: [Turnitin](#), Turnitin is a 4+ rated app designed to easily allow students and teachers to save time and stay paperless, receiving feedback from teachers instantly and not needing to print anything out. For teachers, it is another digital tool to use for collecting and grading papers from students.



4. **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. Principals distributed a spreadsheet form to teachers to be filled out and returned to Mary Jones no later than January 6...

5. **For all students and staff: Do you know Google Photos?** The 4+ rated Google Photos App, free in the App Store: [Google Photos](#), is the essential photos and video app for not only your phone or iPad photos, but all your photos. Unlimited free storage for images 16 megapixels or less, Google Photos stores, organizes, and allows easy access to all your photos and video. With this app installed, device users can easily free up space on their phone or tablet by deleting photos or videos, because they are all stored in Google Photos.



Fun technology fact: A 19-year-old Egyptian university student, Aisha Mustafa (pictured), has invented a futuristic propulsion system for spacecraft. The invention 'leapfrogs' NASA research, and uses a hi-tech quantum effect to drive satellites through space, rather than ordinary rocket engines. Miss Mustafa's invention generates energy using the Casimir-Polder force, an obscure quantum effect using two surfaces and objects in a vacuum. Read more here: [Egyptian Student's Warp Drive](#)

