



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. **For all teachers who use [Google Forms](#):** If you have not heard of him, Matt Miller is a former Indiana teacher who founded the [Ditch That Textbook](#) movement and has become a world-famous technology and educational influencer. On his [website](#), Matt provides 25 ways to harness [Google Forms](#). [Google Forms](#) lets you create a survey with various kinds of questions: Short/Long answer, Multiple choice, Checkboxes, Drop-down menu... and more. You can distribute these surveys to anyone: students, parents, even yourself, and track the data in [Google Forms](#) or in a spreadsheet. Teachers have used [Google Forms](#) to do quizzes and assessments for a while. But there are many other ways [Google Forms](#) makes teachers' lives easier!



2. **For all elementary teachers and administrators who use or are interested in Seesaw:** **Click here to sign up for the [Free Seesaw Connect On-Demand Conference](#).** Seesaw Connect is putting on a FREE virtual conference. Immerse yourself in on-demand sessions with fellow district leaders, one-of-a-kind live events with the Seesaw team, and small group discussions to spark innovation and connection. Courses will be published on Monday, March 1st, 2021 (the first day of this virtual event) and will be available through the month of March.



3. **For all teachers and administrators:** Continuing with my focus on Podcasts: there are loads of wonderful Education-related podcasts. Try the [Google Teacher Podcasts](#) The [Google Teacher Podcast](#) is designed to give K-12 educators practical ideas for using Google tools in classrooms and schools. Hosted by Matt Miller (Ditch That Textbook) and Kasey Bell (Shake Up Learning). [Get the free Podcast app here \(for iOS devices\)](#) If you know of beneficial educational podcasts, please send a link to Keith Madsen for use in future newsletters.



4. **For all Staff: More from the IDOE's Cybersecurity for Education Toolkit: How to Recognize a Phishing Scam:** Look in the email domain for **Unfamiliar Sources**. If you've never interacted with this person or company before, be wary; look for **Odd email addresses**. Anyone can create a Gmail or Yahoo email account, but an established company will have its own email system. Any domain misspelled **will be a scam**; **Too many recipients of the same message**. You should be the sole recipient of the email, or at least to know the other few people addressed in case you're not; **Direct requests for personal information or money**. Social Security numbers, bank account information or other passwords should not be shared with strangers just because they asked.



Fun Technology Fact: Unless you were hiding under a rock for the last week, you heard that NASA's Perseverance Rover landed on Mars successfully, and is beginning to send images and video back. [Here is some of the first video](#). IF you are interested, join the [official NASA YouTube channel here](#) and click the Subscribe button on the right.



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