1. **For all staff with an email:** For security purposes, EACS will be upgrading computer password requirements for staff (this is **not** for students). The next time a user must change a password **after** January 11, 2021, users will need to change their old password by a minimum of a 3 character difference. This means that at least 3 of the letters, numbers, or special characters must change when creating the new password. Additionally, the word "password" is no longer available as a password. 1. Be a minimum of 8 characters, include at least one number. 2. Expire every 60 days. 3. Cannot be a password used within the previous year. 4. Cannot include the user's first or last name. 5. Cannot use the word "password" as a password. 6. At least 3 of the letters, numbers, or special characters must change when creating the new password. Questions? Please contact HELPdesk.

2. For teachers of reading in grades K-3: Have you heard of Unite For Literacy? Unite For Literacy offers one-click free access to digital children's books. Unite For Literacy offers a full range of picture book creation, editorial, and graphic design services to organizations that have been historically underrepresented in the field of children's book publishing. The content is intentionally curated to represent all genders, races, national origins, disabilities, and ages, in both text and images. primary-related. Unite For Literacy translates content into various languages. Unite for Literacy is free and the website is here.

3. For all teachers: In Skyward, Elementary and Secondary teachers now have Read access to Assessments under the Teacher Access feature. This means that once test scores are fully imported, teachers can view scores for the students in their classes right in Skyward. Currently, the import process of previous years' test scores are not all imported, but as the district moves forward with assessments, the scores will become available. A teacher would click on Assessments>test scores. Then, choose a class, and in the drop-down, choose the assessment and the appropriate school year. More test scores will be included as the year progresses.

4. For all staff: Recently, Google announced that it was taking free, individual users down to 15 GB of storage for Google Drive content, (including Google Photos) effective on June 1, 2021, and some staff are asking about storage options. The EACS Tech Department confirmed that with our enterprise account, each district user has 5 TB of storage. That is a LOT! It will take an EACS user years to reach 5 terabytes of storage, so this change is not a concern for the district accounts. **If** you use Google heavily **in your personal life** for storage of photos/videos/content, then please go here to consider your options.

Fun technology fact: Electric vehicle company Aptera, founded in 2005, is soon coming out with an extraordinarily efficient 3-wheeled with a 1,000 range, and has made the audacious claim that most drivers will never need to charge the vehicle. Aptera's new EV will have built-in solar panels to provide a minimum of 45 miles per day (not much), and will cost between 26K and 47K. Aptera opened preorders for its new EV, sharing details and pricing of the futuristic three-wheeler along with some ambitious promises about its performance. Read more of the article here.