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1. **For all district art teachers:** Two more art-related Podcasts coming at you with a special thanks to **Missy Czaja:** Art Ed Radio is all about engaging discussions, covering the most important topics in art education. Everyday Art Room is all about advice, ideas, and stories from the exciting world of elementary art education. [To join either or both of these Podcasts, please click here.](#) (both on the same site.)



2. **For all teachers and administrators:** The Canvas-to-Skyward grade pass back process is now working smoothly. I'd like to thank many teachers in many buildings who worked with Tech Coaches over the last few weeks, communicating back to Canvas, to smooth out the wrinkles in the canvas of this process. :) Step-by-step instructions on this process reside [here in EACS Teacher PD.](#) Questions? Please contact your Tech Coach.



3. **For all teachers and administrators:** I would like to remind everyone that you could become a Google Certified Educator (cost is \$15) and earn 15 PGPs. The course will take approx. 12-15 hours. Please follow this [link here for EACS's Google Certified Educator recommendations.](#) You can also become an Apple Certified Teacher for free and earn 8 PGPs. The course will take approx. 6-8 hours. Please follow this [link here for EACS's Apple Certified Teacher Recommendations.](#)



4. **For all Staff: More from the IDOE's Cybersecurity for Education Toolkit: Maintain Strong and Secure Passwords:** First, **create complex passwords.** A strong password should be a mixture of upper and lowercase letters and include numbers and symbols, as this will make it less likely to be guessed by cybercriminals. You can use tools like a [password meter](#), which calculate how difficult or easy it would be to guess or hack your password and aim for a high score for each password you create. Try to **change your passwords frequently.** It is recommended to do this at least twice a year, but once every three months is even better and more secure, especially since the sheer number of online accounts accessed at school is so high. (At EACS, you change every 60 days)



Fun Technology Fact: Kubota Pharmaceutical Holdings in Japan (do they also make tractors?) has a pair of glasses they will soon begin selling in Asia, that will correct, over time, the wearer's myopia. The smart glasses are still being tested, but the company says wearing the device 60 to 90 minutes a day corrects myopia. I must say, they are not very attractive, but what a wonderful invention if it works consistently! [Read more of the article here.](#)