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April 2021 - Virtual Field Trips

https://ditchthattextbook.com/20-virtual-field-trip-ideas-and-activities-for-your-classroom/

March 2021 - Virtual Museums and Galleries

https://millionmilesecrets.com/guides/travel-from-home-virtual-museums-and-galleries-tour/

Keeping Kids Safe Online

https://www.allconnect.com/blog/keeping-kids-safe-online

February 2021

Healthy Boundaries for Families During COVID-19 Guide

https://www.bankrate.com/insurance/homeowners-insurance/healthy-boundaries-covid-19/

September 2020

Resources to share with parents - https://smartparentadvice.com/tips-for-communicating-well-with-children/

August 2020 - Getting Ready for Fall

We continue to add resources for virtual/remote learning.

Online Resources as of August 15, 2020

Resources for Homeschooling - <u>120 Digital Resources</u>

What are districts doing in their IT areas - Does anyone have a plan to protect anyone in the tech department? How are you handling issues in the building (wearing masks, gloves, shields, gowns.. etc)? How are handling devices that are going home and the kids are doing virtual? Are the devices going into quarantine? Are loaners immediately dispatched? Are you setting up a specific location for pick-up and drop off?



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If you need immediate support, try asking your question in our live GroupMe Chat @ https://groupme.com/join_group/58660524/7kLFdzeJ

View our New Calendar of Live Online Workshops for NJ Educators - Instructional Design for Online Learning

• Tips for Designing an Online Lesson Using the 5 Es Instructional Model- <u>Tips for Designing an Online Learning Experience Using the 5 E's Instructional Model |</u>

Instructional Resources

- 1. Kahoot Premium is free right now and has a "distance learning challenge feature."
- 2. Flipgrid Does anyone use this in high school? Looks good but looks built for k-8. https://flipgrid.com/widaglobal2020
- 3. Google Meet premium version is available to Google districts. Can record and share a hangout. I can share a screen. Up to 250 external connections. Google Hangouts Meet allows for almost unlimited domain connections.
- 4. Screencast has a coupon code so that you can upgrade from the regular version to the paid version for free. The code is CAST COVID
- 5. https://www.screencastify.com/ free Chrome extension to record your browser window or use your webcam. The free version lets you record up to a 5-minute video
- 6. Using Microsoft Teams for Online Instruction https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cN5ypuZF1bI
- 7. How to Instantly Increase Interaction Using Insert Learning Chrome Extension https://howtoteachanovel.blogspot.com/2017/11/how-to-instantly-increase-interaction.html?m=1
- 8. Microsoft Teams vs. ZOOM. Any strong opinions?
 - a. Yes. I will get back to you.
- 9. Youtube Live Stream: <u>Introduction to Livestreaming with linked resources</u> Example of a youtube live stream channel: <u>Link</u>
- 10. Video Instructions: How To Live Stream On YouTube Start To Finish



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- 11. Video Info: Introduction to live streaming YouTube Help
- 12. Interactive Meetings, Quizzes, Polls https://www.mentimeter.com/ https://www.mentimeter.com/plans
- 13. Quick Tutorial for Teachers on how to use Google Meet as a presentation tool https://youtu.be/B-Ww9oG3r1Q
- 14. Common Sense Media Virtual Learning, Core Subject Resources and much more Website
- 15. You need to try TeacherMade for creating interactive worksheets and activities. TeacherMade allows teachers to create interactive worksheets from static pdf's using several different item types (matching, fill in the blank, etc...AND IT IS AUTOGRADED! check it out TeacherMade App | Create Engaging Digital Activities

Curriculum Resources

- Learning without tears Online Handwriting App -<u>https://www.lwtears.com/programs/distance-learning</u>
- Breakout Edu is giving teachers free full access during this time period. Here is the link: https://www.breakoutedu.com/covid19?fbclid=IwAR1j9stHqoY8spc0j4528Pj0Uwylz_bIuU2Hvn0 mleVKA6UaqNbu7iC4wOE
- Audible providing access to free audiobooks for kids https://stories.audible.com/start-listen
- NASA online resources (shared by NJ Civil Air Patrol) https://www.nasa.gov/nasa-at-home-for-kids-and-families,
 https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/educators/programs/au/,
 https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/download-search.cfm
- Course Hero A large variety of content materials (older elementary and high school) https://www.coursehero.com/sg/
- Open Future Institute The COVID-19 QUESTion Project provides schools a free, turn-key tool
 to serve their students social and emotional needs online during the era of COVID-19
 - https://openfutureinstitute.org/covid-19-question-project/

PD/Training Resources

1. Screencasting for integrators is critical while distanced.



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2.

- a. My favorite is <u>Camtasia</u> but you have to pay for it. Inquire about educator price. It is also a powerful video editor.
- b. Evaluated <u>screencast-o-matic</u> vs. screencastify (I liked screencast-o-matic better, but experiencing upload to youtube issues lately.)
- c. Screencastify is extremely easy to use. Redeem coupon: CAST COVID
- d. Eduscape free Webinars https://eduscape.com/events/

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Distance Learning Resources (New Section Added 3/18)

Tips for video conferencing

Google Distance Learning Resources - Added 3/18

Google Classroom Notification Setting to Help Teachers who may have too many- Added 3/18
Getting Started with Hangouts/Meet (look at list below the Describe Your Issue search field) - Added 3/18

I. Meet

- A. Basic Overview
- B. Getting Started

Online Learning Tips for School Closures

Empowering Teachers to Teach Remotely

Digital Trends is a variety of online resources

Resources from our IT Group (Added 5/25)

CoSN Resource Guide - Lists companies that are working with schools during the healthcare crisis. https://www.cosn.org/CorporateResourceGuide

Connect Wise Resources

https://www.connectwise.com/

Cleaning Rooms and Computers - https://odorox.com/

UV Cleaning - https://www.mrsa-uv.com/schools.html

UV Cleaning - http://www.uvresourcesChro.com/blog/uv-light-uses-for-schools-and-universitiesI



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Chrombook Resources - purchase -

https://www.dell.com/en-us/work/shop/dell-laptops-and-notebooks/latitude-5400-chromebook-enterprise/spd/latitude-14-5400-chrome-laptop

Video Conferencing Etiquette





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• Screen Recording use WeVideo https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=VBuSyDLHw-s

General Information that is Helpful to Schools and Teachers

- 1. If students need to upload several pages into one pdf, Microsoft Office Lens is easy. <u>Here is a SHORT</u> video if it.
- 2. Not an MS school? Kami allows you to combine and split PDFS, as well as annotate and run OCR

Internet Equity

Altice/Lightpath and Comcast have opened all their hotspots with no username or password and no need to sign up. Allowing many students the internet. Comcast is also offering I believe 90 days free of the internet and then goes to \$9.95 per month for low income.

ADDED THE LINK (Comcast's Info on this)- Added 3/18

Parent Resources

<u>Google Classroom for Parents</u>: This is modified by me, but I found the original creator and credited her. Includes not just signing into Drive from a browser, but also a Chromebook and Guardian Summaries.

Testing, FERPA, FAPE and Guidance

- Guidance from Ed.gov on School Closures Resulting from COVID-19
- Guidance from NJDOE on School Closures Resulting from COVID-19

Special Education

- Google Webinar Supporting IEPS during distance learninghttps://educationonair.withgoogle.com/events/distancelearning-ieps
- Audible providing access to free audiobooks for kids https://stories.audible.com/start-listen
- Free calming music and meditations Let's meet this moment together
- Social story about Coronavirus https://www.flipsnack.com/KeshetChicago/coronavirus-social-story/full-view.html
- Social story about Social Distancing https://paautism.org/resource/social-distancing-social-story/

Self Care (New Section April 7,2020)

Self Care Workbook



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https://www.empowermt.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Self-Care.pdf
Taking Care of Yourself During a Public Health Emergency
https://tinyurl.com/t8rw4ce

Social Emotional Learning

SEL Home Newsletter https://www.smore.com/r8exs