

# Notes from *the Tech Coach* May



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Current list of approved apps (always available on my email signature, as well!)  
This month's Tech Toiletries, in digital format!

## Tech Tip of the Month!



## ★ One-Sheeters for Tech Help ★

Everyone knows that I am the queen of the “how-to” sheets. But there are other websites that offer great help with technology skills. [CustomGuide.com](http://CustomGuide.com) offers FREE printable how-to sheets for Google (Gmail, Calendar, Chrome, Classroom, and more), Microsoft, Business, Technology, and more! These “[Quick Reference](#)” sheets are all available for free. You do need to give your email one time (I use my school email) to download the PDFs. I have never received spam from them. These are definitely something that is easy and helpful!

Do you want to see some samples? Click here to see some of the ones I’ve downloaded:

- [Time Management](#)
- [Google Sheets](#)
- [Google Docs](#)
- [Computer Basics](#)

## Blog of the Month

*Things Lancy reads for fun!*

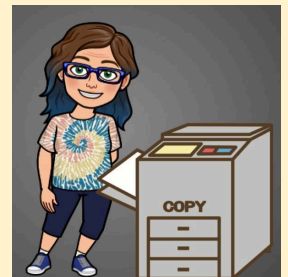
### 15 Updates to Make Google BETTer!

By Eric Curts

You may have noticed that Google has been adding, modifying, and changing the look and feel of some of our widely used applications like Google Classroom, Docs, Slides, and Chrome. Eric Curts ([Control Alt Achieve](#)) presented about 15 important updates at London’s [BETT](#), the world’s biggest educational technology exhibition. Some of the updates he speaks about aren’t released, but they are coming!

## New Copiers

New copiers are replacing our older machines. They have a similar interface to the older models, with some new, fancy upgrades. These copiers automatically have **OCR built-in** AND can **scan directly to your Google Drive!** Interested in learning more?



Check out my: [☰ Copier How To](#)

***Be on the lookout!***  
***We will be rolling out new badges, soon...***



# Fun Pre-Made Activities

Grouped by building, but many of these can be used **across grade levels!**

## Elementary - Intermediate

- \* 🗓️ 🌸 May Theme Rooms
- \* 🗓️ Cinco de mayo - bitmoji
- \* 🗓️ ❤️🧡💙 Memorial Day Library - Menjivar
- \* 🗓️ May National Day Calendar

## Junior High - High School

- \* [Tax Simulations - EVERFI | TurboTax](#)
- \* [Interview Warmup - Grow with Google](#)
- \* 🗓️ Jeopardy Game 5-Topic Template
- \* 🗓️ Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month(Zeeba Pavri)

## Cool Stuff for All Levels

- \* [Mathematical Demonstrations](#)
- \* 📄 Google Sheets for Educators
- \* [OLogy: Science Website for Kids | American Museum of Natural History](#)
- \* [Beautiful Public Data](#)
- \* <https://invention.si.edu/tinker-ball>
- \* 📄 !MAY THE FOURTH INDEX
- \* 🗓️ 20 minute timers

Remember **FlipGrid**? It is still around but has been rebranded and now it's called just "**Flip**." It is EdLaw2D compliant AND FREE! If you're interested in checking it out, here is their webpage with upcoming events for teachers & students:

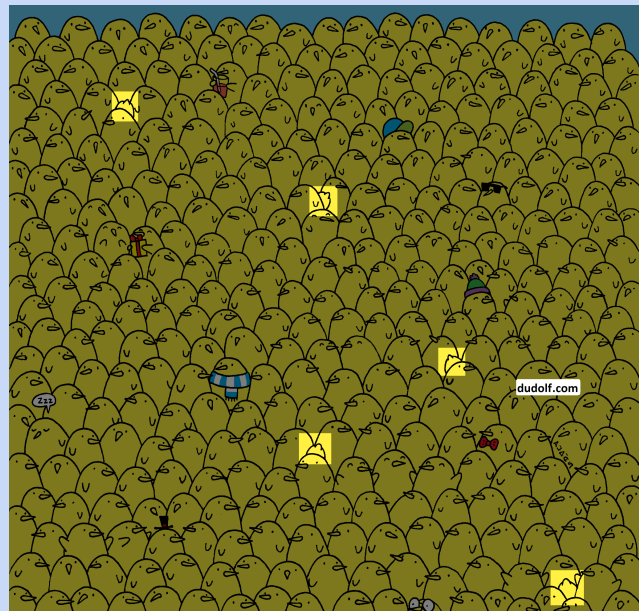


[Take Lessons Flip Events](#)

Make fun Gifs  
with [www.giphy.com](http://www.giphy.com)!



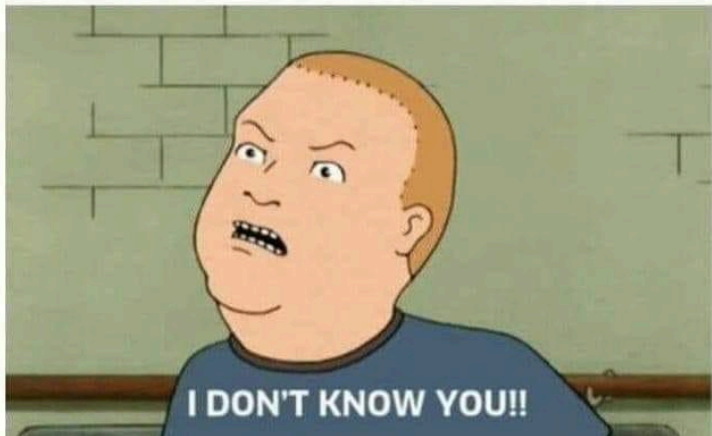
The answer to last month's  
Tech Toiletries Hidden Picture!





Me: \*signs in on another device\*

Google:



**Me in staff meetings:**

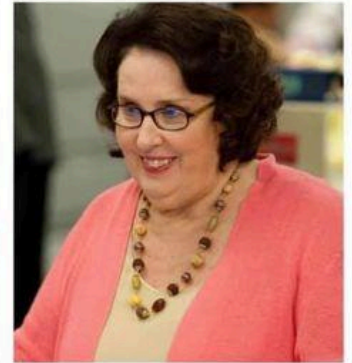
*"Is this meeting ever going to end?"*

**BORED TEACHERS**



**That one teacher:**

*"Let me just go ahead and ask a few questions that only pertain to me at the very end."*



When class just started and you realize that breakfast burrito is digesting more quickly than you expected it to...

**BORED TEACHERS**



Student waiting to tell the teacher the headphone plug is stuck in the audio jack.



**Diane Ravitch**  
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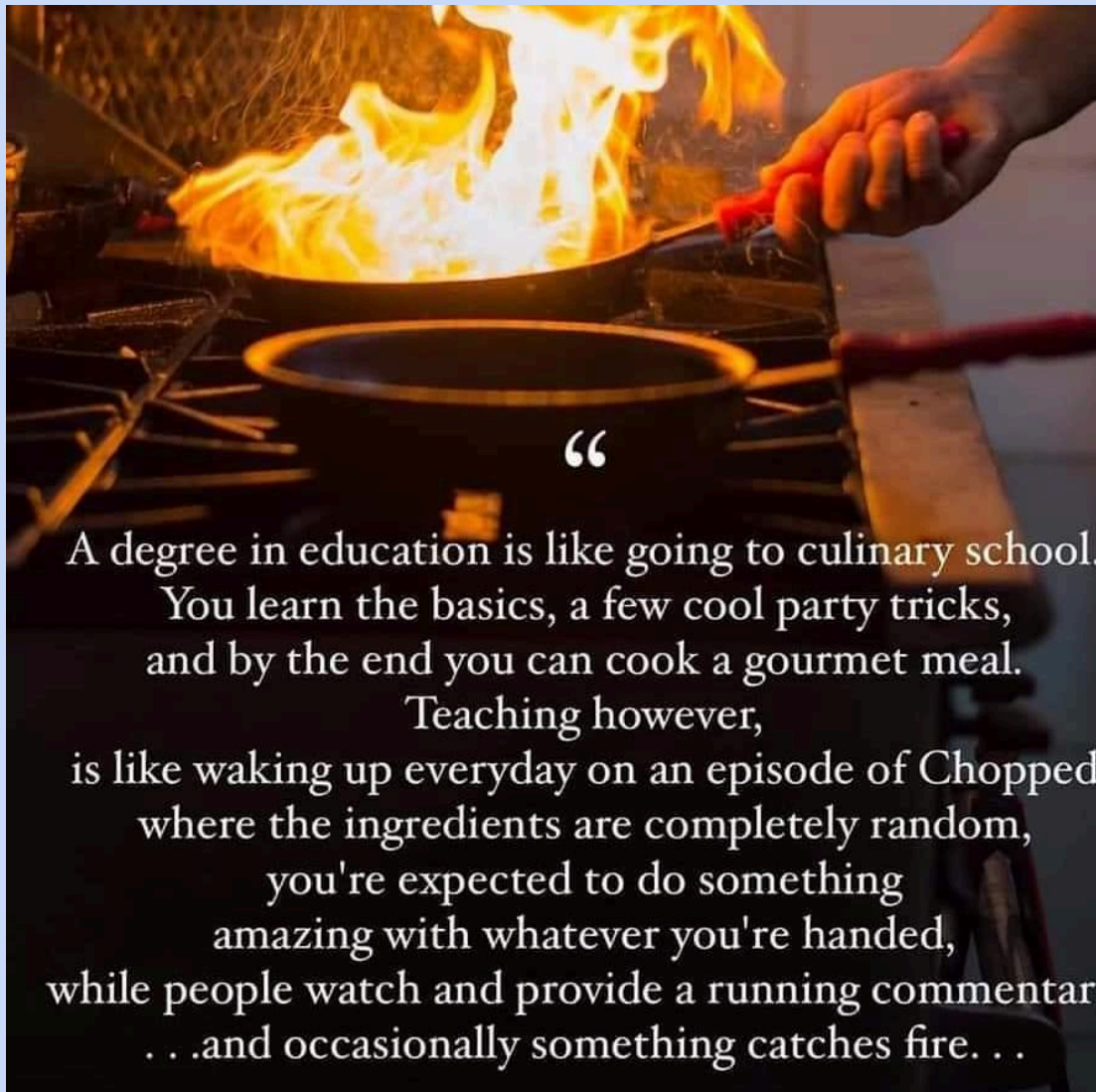
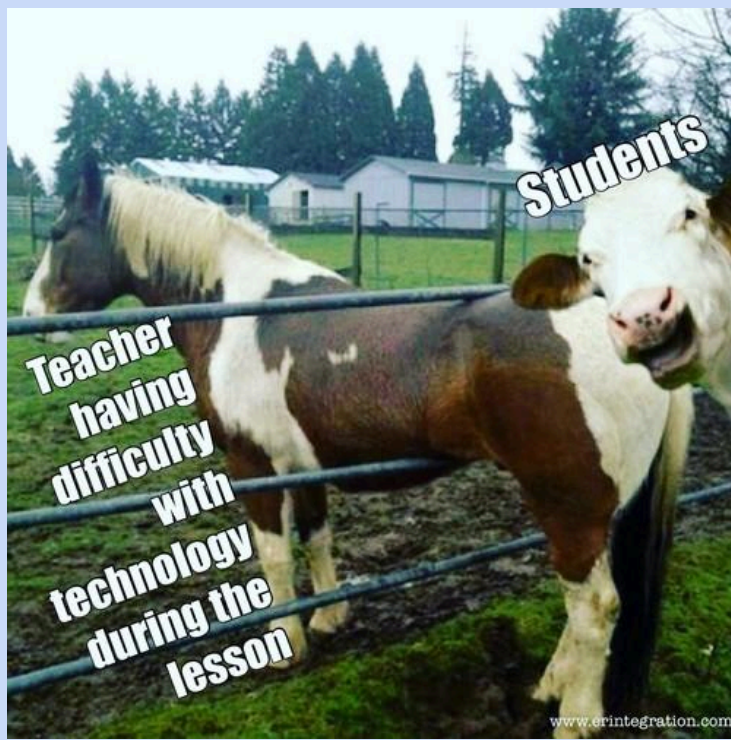
Any state official who insists on giving kids the state tests should also take the test and publish their scores.

The second page of search results on Google.



[www.erintegration.com](http://www.erintegration.com)





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A degree in education is like going to culinary school.  
You learn the basics, a few cool party tricks,  
and by the end you can cook a gourmet meal.  
Teaching however,  
is like waking up everyday on an episode of Chopped  
where the ingredients are completely random,  
you're expected to do something  
amazing with whatever you're handed,  
while people watch and provide a running commentary  
...and occasionally something catches fire...