

Cool Things You Might Have Missed

Google made a bunch of G Suite product announcements this week:

- [Originality Reports/ Checker for Google Classroom & Assignments](#)
- [Google Assignments - a companion for your LMS](#)
- [Create shortcuts in Google Drive](#)
- [New fonts in Docs and Slides](#)
- [Jamboard gets updated menus](#)
- [Socratic by Google helps students get help with difficult questions.](#)

[Unsplash for Education](#)

- Thanks to Rushton Hurley for the tip.
 - Check out [Rushton's monthly newsletter via Next Vista for Learning](#)
 - This month's newsletter includes a set of activities for showing students the qualities that educational videos should have.

[SeeSaw has an updated Chrome extension for annotating webpages.](#)

- Students can write, draw, and highlight on webpages. They can also add audio notes to the pages they save.

[Post-it app for Android](#)

- Plus a discount code for buying Post-its on Amazon is **10OFFCOLLEGE**

Questions from Readers

A couple of questions - 1) what's a good alternative to TodaysMeet? 2) I was recommended to use Sutori for digital portfolios for my students this year, do you have any experience with the tool or similar use cases? (PS. Loving your blog!! Thanks Richard!)

~Laura

Your site is excellent-thank you for the many resources!

I am looking for an analog clock that I can use on my daily google slide agenda for my kids. Any ideas?

Most of what I'm seeing is digital (hard to show a countdown), and the analog clocks are screensavers or something to pin on a toolbar.

I was thinking I could add a clock like I might a gif in google slides; that way I can adjust the size, show the breakdown of our hour (it is cast to a SMARTBoard). If the clock is not full slide, then I can mark up the area around it, showing kids target times to start activity, clean up, prepare to summarize...

Thanks very much for any input you can provide!

~Christine

- <https://www.freetech4teachers.com/2019/08/how-to-add-animated-clock-to-powerpoint.html>

My wife and I are very active in our daughters' Parent-Teacher Organization, and as such, she is on the board. The PTO regularly sends out newsletters via email, but due to a lack of past organization, many parents of students who have "graduated" continue to get these emails. The PTO uses a gmail account; is there any way to add an unsubscribe link or button to the signature?

Consulting the almighty Google has shown me there are all sorts of companies who offer this service to other companies that send out mass emails, but the only thing I could find relating to doing this specifically for a Gmail account is to create a linked Google Form and copy/paste from that spreadsheet to the mail list.

~Brad

What do you suggest as the best way/app/program to combine several short YouTube videos into one new merged video?

The YouTube I have on my computer doesn't have an option in Editor...I can just blur, add music or trim.

~Scott

Hey Richard,

Thanks for this week's challenge. It reminded me of [Outside's gallon challenge](#). Have you tried it?

~Erik

Hello Richard,

I would like to ask you the following;

I would like to create a database about my island: history, geography, places to visit, etc.

Sometimes there will be photos to go along some texts. I am wondering about the system to choose: What would be the best choice? one note or google docs? What do you think?

~Isabel

Hi Richard,

I have a bunch of screencast lessons that I posted on YouTube for my students to watch last year. I'm thinking about creating podcasts of my lessons because a lot of my kids asked for that option. My question is: is there a way that I can just take the audio out of the videos to publish it as a podcast? Thanks for any help that you can offer.

~Julia