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We are excited to announce that we have launched Google sign-in for **Discovery** Education. This will now allow teachers AND students to log Discovery **Education** into using their school district email and network password. Previously. we logged into Ed. Discovery through SchoolNet. This is no longer available.

To log into Discovery Ed, go to google.discoveryeducation.com and use your school district email and password to log in. The link has also been added into the SD25 application folder, as well as the SD25 Bookmarks on the Chrome Browser.

## **Chromeboxes are Piloted in Several Schools**

While visiting Amanda Williams' second grade classroom at Lewis and Clark, we observed students logging onto the Chromeboxes with no difficulties. Imagine! Second graders using their district usernames and passwords with no errors. Amazing! Amanda reports that the Chromeboxes are so much faster and the resolution on the screen is much brighter and crisper. Amanda has been using the Chromeboxes in her classroom for the past 3 days. In the beginning, the students reported some difficulties logging into LightSpeed, but those difficulties were resolved quickly. So far it appears that the Chromeboxes are a hit with these second grade students and their teacher.



#### End of trimester in Moodle

Moodle users, you will want to reset your classes in Moodle. A Course Reset will remove students and their data (forum posts, assignments, quizzes, etc). Your course will then be ready for the new trimester! You can also backup your course as a historical record.

CHECK OUT THE HOW-TO VIDEOS

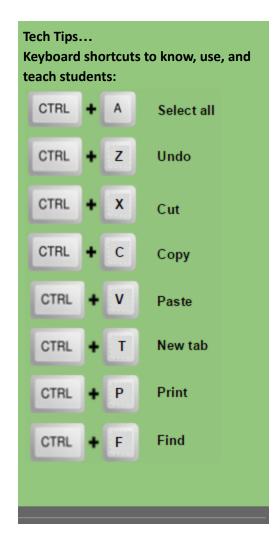
So what is a Chromebox you ask? The Chromebox is Google's version of a desktop computer that includes cloud computing. Still using the same operating system as the Chromebook, this desktop introduces the ability to hook up your own monitor, keyboard and mouse minus the bulkiness you get with a traditional desktop tower. The Chromeboxes are web-based and do not contain any software, which means they operate much faster than a traditional desktop computer. The Chromebox is much less expensive than the traditional towers often purchased. Currently, Chromeboxes are being piloted at Pocatello High School, Lewis and Clark Elementary, Edahow Elementary and Wilcox Elementary.



All students and faculty have accounts.

- How to access SD#25 Google
  Apps for Education (GAFE)
  CLICK HERE
- How to log into Chrome to access GOOGLE CLASSROOM CLICK HERE
- Google Docs Cheat Sheet CLICK HERE

For help in getting started, feel free to contact us!





### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### February 17, 2016 is DIGITAL LEARNING DAY!

Started in 2012, Digital Learning Day has provided a powerful venue for education leaders to highlight teaching great practices showcase innovative teachers, leaders, and instructional technology programs that are improving student outcomes. This grassroots effort blossomed into a massive nationwide celebration as

teachers realized that Digital Learning Day is not about technology, it's about learning. It's not about laying off teachers for laptops, it's about enhancing the role of the teacher in America's classrooms. Digital Learning Day promotes the effective use of modern day tools afforded to every other industry to improve the learning experience in K-12 public schools. - See more at: <a href="http://goo.gl/vwq0Zr">http://goo.gl/vwq0Zr</a>

# **Changing trimesters** in Infinite Campus

As we approach the end of the trimester, just a reminder about posting grades AND setting your gradebook up for third trimester.

- Secondary gradebook resources
- <u>Elementary gradeb</u>ook resources

For more information, go to the **Technology Training** page in Moodle



	Grading Window	Report Cards Sent Home
Secondary	varies - please check with your registrar	Week of February 29th
Elementary	February 26th to March 2nd	Week of February 29th