

Notes from the Tech Coach

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January Tech Tip: Background Removal

Removing Backgrounds

Do you have a photo that you'd love to use as a digital sticker? Do you have a fun video you want to use as a gif? Now you can!

Remove.bg

<https://www.remove.bg/>

Removes the backgrounds of photos. Try to utilize a background without a lot of patterns to get the best results. Then you can insert your new picture into a Google Drawing to add backgrounds, shapes, thought bubbles, etc! This is a great way to create personalized digital stickers for your class!



Unscreen

<https://www.unscreen.com/>

Create your own gifs! Take your video on a cell phone and upload it to your Google Drive. Then use "Unscreen" to remove the background and download as a GIF (digital moving sticker)!

Here is a helpful [YouTube video](#) on using this program!

Here is a [GIF I made of my daughter, Mira, dancing](#).

Mira loves bats. [Click here to see her dancing with her little friends in their cave.](#)

ICYMI (text speak for "In Case You Missed It!")

There are a bunch of Google App updates that have already dropped or are coming soon! Check them out in my post from December 2020.

<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/5760182>

Reminder:

All district staff should be using ParentSquare as their communication tool with parents starting February 1st. If you are not comfortable with this platform, please check out my trainings being offered this month! There are live virtual options and a PD on Demand option!



WHAT TO DO DURING A CLASSROOM ZOOM MEETING ACCORDING TO KIDS

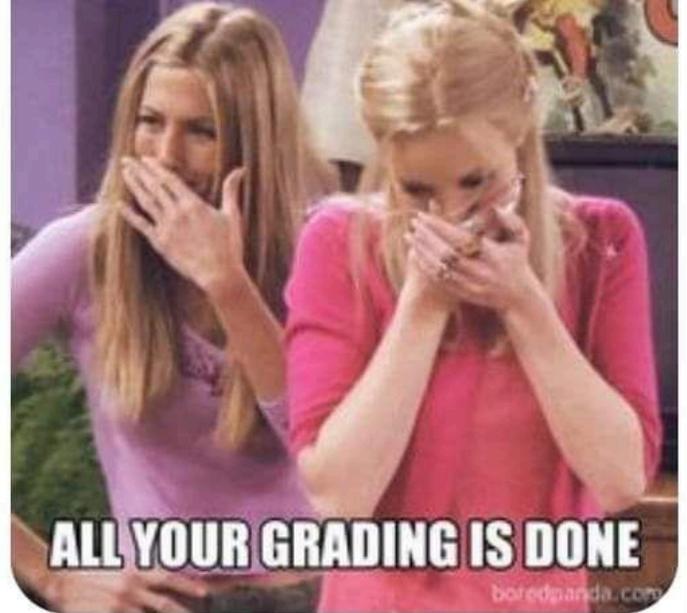
- Start talking about your cat and don't stop.
- Put your eyeball up to the camera, then make silly faces.
- If the teacher is on mute, point that out! Loudly!
- Hold random items up for everyone to appreciate.
- Give a tour of your entire house.
- Don't concern yourself with "staying on topic."
- Got a pet? Show it off!
- Ask the same question at least three times.
- If needed, pick your nose.

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FAILURE IS A BRUISE,
NOT A TATTOO.

- JON SINCLAIR

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