Teacher Tips for Peel Skills

Animation
A board approved software for this competition is Adobe CC which is offered for purchase usually in October for less than 50 licenses per school and is effective November to November. The information is emailed to administrators and there is often a very tight deadline to take advantage (i.e., a week or less). The cost per license is $6.79 which is significantly discounted. The access to the licenses is controlled by the board office but the specific assignment of access to licenses at the school level is controlled by admin at your school.
If you miss the deadline and want to purchase licenses for your school after the anniversary date of November you have to buy a minimum of 50 licenses for your school.
The board would then put an order in for your licenses and it would be 3-4 weeks before access is available.
The board contacts as of Nov. 2, 2023 to set up staff with licenses are Anupam Saurabh and Varun Goel.

VEX
Teachers can work through online modules to help them to learn how to teach students about VEX Robotics. There is no cost to this. The information is at the following link
https://pd.vex.com/
You can also sign up for webinars offered through iDesign for teachers on how to guide your students in learning VEX - email this link for details.   sales@idesignsol.com
To purchase your robots and gameboards please contact iDesign.   https://www.idesignsol.ca/

Student Safety in Science and Technology

STAO (Science and Technology Association of Ontario) - Safety in Elementary Science and Technology Reference Guide for Elementary Educators
https://stao.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Safety-in-Elementary-Bd-Version-Updated.pdf

STAO - Safety Mindedness Module for Educators
https://stao.ca/safetymindedness/elem2/story_html5.html

OCTE (Ontario Council for Technology Education) - Student Safety in Elementary Science and Techology Grades 7 & 8
https://www.octe.ca/application/files/2015/0842/9609/Elementary_Science_and_Tech_Gr_7_and_Revised_Draft_Nov_25.pdf

Board Approved Software

School Board - A Guide to the Digital Landscape
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gEeb2Icy5W8GGkWFNYbohns_9TNGrERu7zO6Tf7vhCA/preview?slide=id.ge00c90fa7f_0_173

School Board Approved Apps, Add ons and Extensions in the Peel Environment
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sTyYGwpXlnRRq8sNojvKEJOcH5R30khY3RhJ1Jn-W2E/edit#gid=2018429091

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Adobe Creative Cloud
Adobe has a website with resources to assist educators https://edex.adobe.com/
Adobe Creative Cloud can be used on laptops, desktops or Mac.

Flip a Clip
This is the Flip-a-Clip website https://flipaclip.com/

This link has some information on how schools are using Flip a Clip https://flipaclip.com/school/

Here are some other tips about Flip a Clip.

- They are based on device and not user, meaning if you have multiple students using the same device, it is only 1 license used.
- They work on iOS, Android, and Chromebook devices (phones/tablets/drawing pads)
- They will not work on a PC or Mac at this time.

The best way to get started is to head over to the Discover section in the app. There you will find a Getting Started section that will walk you through the basics. There are also tutorial and FAQ sections to help answer questions! We have multiple articles that are here to help as well https://support.flipaclip.com/hc/en-us or you can always reach us here via email.

If you are a school and wish to purchase additional licenses you can email support@visualblasters.com and request an invoice for the requested amount of licenses. In addition, please provide me with the following:

- A contact name:
- Email address:
- School name, and address:
- If licenses will be used on iOS or Android/Chromebooks:
- If applicable a copy of your tax exemption certificate to ensure sales tax is not charged

These [Pop Up Innovation Hubs](#) offered 4 to 6 p.m. through the board also include coding.