



Spring - 2014

Holman ITRT

Technology PLC

I am planning on setting up a technology PLC for the next school year. This PLC would be for anyone who is looking to discuss some of the latest and greatest digital tools to use in their classroom. This PLC would meet once a month after school for about half an hour in order to discuss and share out different ways we might incorporate engaging and appropriate technology into your lessons. Each meeting would introduce you to a new tool that you will be able to start using the following day with your students. If interested, please fill out this form -

<http://tinyurl.com/technoplac>

New Dell Laptops

It's official! The School board has approved new laptops for Middle School teachers & students. You will be happy to discover that these new laptops will come with a solid state hard drive. This means that they are super durable and can survive being dropped (though not recommended). They will also have an increased battery life, and a possible light up keyboard. You will get your new Dell E6440 when you return to school in August, so be sure to backup your computer's hard drive to an external drive over the summer break.



Mr. Shotwell, Mrs. Causey, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Crabbe

Henrico 21 Finalists

Holman has 4 Henrico 21 finalists for this school year. Congratulations to Mrs. Causey, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Crabbe & Mr. Shotwell who will be formally recognized at this year's Henrico 21 Ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony so please feel free to come on out to Glen Allen High School on May 28th to show your support!



Henrico 21 Logo

Save the Date!

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 @ Glen Allen High School - [Directions](#)

Student Fair - 5:30 to 6:30

Ceremony - 6:30 to 7:30



Ben



Liam

Ben & Liam - Student 21 Awards.

Student 21

I am also proud to announce that Holman has two student winners in the Student 21 competition. Congratulations to Ben Leimberger who took home the prize for his [Conform](#) app, and to Liam Goble-Garratt who designed an award-winning website entitled [The Geometry of London](#). You can check out both of their artifacts during the Student Fair taking place at Glen Allen High School on May 28th at 5:30. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to complete a student fair scavenger hunt where you will be entered to win a free tablet.

App of the Week

Tweetbot 3

Twitter is a great a way to keep abreast of emergent technologies and recent trends in education. For those of you who have a Twitter account, I would highly recommend that you download [Tweetbot 3](#) (\$4.99). 5 bucks is a hefty price for an app, but if you are an avid Twitter user, it is well worth the coin. Tweetbot is a full-featured Twitter client that's fast, beautiful, and has a slimmed down look and feel. Tweetbot is hands down the best Twitter app for iOS.



Tweetbot 3

Highlight on Instruction

The students in Mrs. Dobrinski's class have recently completed movie trailers based on the Novel *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio.



Justin



(li)via



August

Characters from Wonder

After reading the novel, the kids made a 1 to 2-minute film trailer using the software of their choice to advertise a movie version of *Wonder*. Each trailer was shot from one of the six narrators' points of view, and included a voiceover from an excerpt from the novel, and student-selected (or better yet) a student-created musical score, as well as any still and/or moving images.

The grand showing of the student trailers occurred in the HMS auditorium on April 24th and 25th. Students from all grade levels were invited to participate in the Movie Trailer Premier Day where they were responsible for filling out a Google form in order to assess and provide peer feedback for each of the movie trailers.

Everyone in attendance had a great time as they watched these emotional trailers, and indulged in some buttery gourmet popcorn goodness.



Pick a time that works best for you

Let's Meet!

I love meeting with teachers. Remember I am a resource to help make your lives easier. If you would like to schedule a meeting with me please do not hesitate. Meetings can be scheduled in advance by visiting -

www.calendly.com/dasaunders

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Download the Holman ITRT chrome app for free from the Chrome store by [clicking here](#).

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If you have any questions about software related issues be sure to check out the Tech Tips website which has a countless number of directions for various software and Web 2.0 related items:

blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/techtips

Future Dates

May

Memorial Day Vacation - **5/26**

Henrico 21 Ceremony - **5/28**

June

Laptop Collection - **6/10 & 6/11**

Last Day of School - **6/13**