

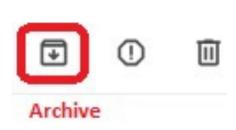




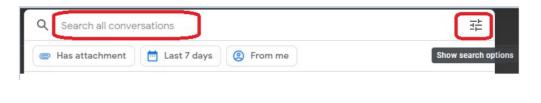
GMAIL SEARCHING SKILLS

COMPOSE Inbox (6,763) Inbox (6,763) Important

Keeping your inbox below 100 is easy if you simply do this: Archive emails instead of using the garbage can.



Emails that are archived are removed from your inbox, but still accessible by searching for what you need. You can search by sender, by a keyword or a date. Click the icon in the upper right for more options such as subject or if it had an attachment. It might inspire you to get to a zero inbox! Click the? for all Gmail Training resources.







We all hope May weather is better than March & April, but if you have students inside for recess or in study hall, these vetted resources might be fun to explore:

Arcademics: K-8, iPad or Chromebook,

Games for all subject areas.

Baamboozle: Games created by teachers.

Knoword: Fast-paced vocabulary game

RoomRecess.com: Search by age or subject. Highly popular with teachers!

Sheppard Software: Games for all ages!

Tate Kids: Art-based games & activities bit.lv/BLOODTYPE: Practice science skills

BeanBean.com: Trivia for charity

Keybr.com: Practice your typing skills

Code.org: Teach yourself coding



Summer Tech Tips

- Don't leave your phone or laptop in a hot car or in direct sunlight.
- Pack all chargers and cords in a separate travel bag.
- Turn on your settings to ensure that if your phone is lost or stolen, you can track it down.
- Add the Overdrive, Libby or Sora App to your phone, and check out a good ebook or audio book from your library!
- Enjoy the sunshine, and more relaxed schedule. You deserve it!





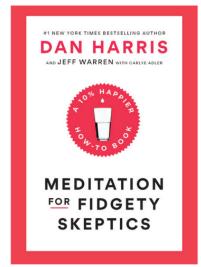
Google

Learn more at: edu.google.com

Google has integrated itself deeply into our school world, and I don't see that changing anytime soon. If you can spare 30 minutes, you might be interested in some free training sessions offered by this tech goliath. Even if you can't attend live, many sessions are accessible as recordings after you register. Examples:

- Fundamental or advanced training for classroom teachers
- Applied Digital Skills for collaboration, critical thinking and organization
- Internet safety for families
- Best practices for family engagement
- Coding, Virtual Reality and Creativity tools
- Google News Initiative
- Accessibility and English Language Learners
- Culturally Responsive Classrooms









Tech Tips To Try Today

Does your TV have a gallery option to change it into a piece of art? Can you browse the web with it or show your vacation photos easily from your phone? Chances are, it can do this and more! Try this Google search: what can my smart TV do? Here are some other random tech trips to try:

- 🕜 Take a sticky note through your keyboard to pick up dust and crumbs. I used 9. Gross.
- 💟 Then turn your keyboard upside down. Over a garbage can, not in your lap like I did. 🕲
- 🗸 Two fingers on the mousepad of your laptop allows you to scroll or tap to right click.
- Windows Key + H opens a dictation tool on your PC. Use it to type by voice anywhere.
- Need a level to hang a picture? Search bubble level in your phone's browser.
- Hit reply all by accident? Forgot the attachment? Spelled a name wrong? Change your email settings to delay your messages by 5 or 30 seconds, so you can click UNSEND.

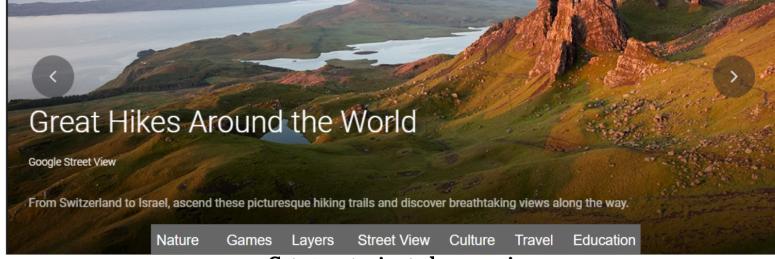






Google Earth - It's out of this World!

You have to check this out! Do a Google search for Google Earth Voyager.



Category topics to lure you in:

Nature: The Wildlife of Africa, National Parks of the US, Impact of Climate Change Games: Quizzes on Animal Sounds, Ancient Civiliations, Where is Carmen Sandiego Layers: Hurricanes, Seafloor Depth, Historical Maps from Around the World Street View: Discover Japan, World's Most Iconic Streets, Mysteries of Loch Ness Culture: History of the Paralympic Games, Distinguished Black Pioneers, Holiday Food Travel: Aquariums of the World, Sky-High Ferris Wheels, Discover SO many countries Education: The Geometry of Castles, The Underground Railroad, World Poetry

> Or make your OWN projects as you plan your next vacation or take your students on a virtual field trip!!



Copy and Paste Tip Add an emoji & the recipient name in your subject line... Clipboard

New Message



Subject: Quick question for you, Travis!





Windows + V Opens the Entire Clipboard!







VIDEOS THAT ARE EDUCATIONALLY SOUND AND EASY TO SHARE

Log in with your regular username and password at safari.holmen.k12.wi.us to watch educationally vetted videos, or share with students during indoor recess?

Here are a few examples: Bill Nye Spiders, Chronicles of Narnia, Holes, Mary Poppins, Newsies, Ruby Bridges, White Fang, Schoolhouse Rocks, Kratt's Creatures, Zoboomafoo, Alice in Wonderland.

Viking teacher, Caitlynn Hinytzke recommends a new Edtech tool: Wordwall.net.

Teachers of all ages and content areas can search pre-made interactives including game shows, matching, and more! Project a group activity, share printable options, or assign in Canvas/Seesaw to see student results.

Limitations for the free version, but definitely worth checking out!

CELL PHONE APPS TO HELP WITH TAXES AND ORGANIZATION

Android Users: Try STACK from Google. Use this slick app to scan receipts, IDs and documents. STACK automatically crops, and saves as a PDF. Advanced setting features will import to DRIVE, auto-move photos of documents, and ask for fingerprint or face lock for security. Key details from receipts are even highlighted.

iPhone Users: Open a new note in the Notes App. When you choose to add a photo to your note, choose Scan Documents. You will be prompted to drag corners to delete the background, then can save your receipts, etc. to iCloud.

Try a New Extension

When added to Chrome, you can adjust settings for how often you get alerted to get up and move, take a screen break or adjust your posture.



NoodleTools

For All Your Research Needs

Need a reliable citation generator for a class you are taking? Do you require a bibliography when students do research? Ready to support objectivity and academic integrity? Look no further than NoodleTools to help with all of your research needs. Designed for all ages and abilities, this userfriendly subscription is funded by SDH Library Media funds to support notetaking, organization and citation. Sign in with your Gmail account at Noodletools.com to get started. Use provided simple tutorials, or ask Lisa Risch for individual assistance.







LEARN SOMETHING NEW IN 2022

LESSONS FROM LASSO

Learn a New Language

Memrise.com ~ Duolingo.com ~ FluentU.com Cooking

thekitchn.com ~ SeriousEats.com

Educational Technology

freetech4teachers.com

Stretch Your Brain with Coding

CodeAcademy.com ~ Code.org ~ PluralSight.com

Play Guitar

JustinGuitar.com/users/sign_up

Free Piano Lessons

pianonanny.com

Writing ~ Gardening ~ Design Tips ~ Sports

learn.masterclass.com/masterclasslive

Learning Just About ANYTHING

coursera.org ~ ocw.mit.edu ~ edx.org openculture.com/freeonlinecourses

Ted Lasso is football coach hired to coach a professional soccer team in England, but he knows nothing about soccer. Watch on Apple TV or stream from Roku. You'll likely laugh and learn!

"I want you to know I value your opinion, even when you're wrong."

"Be curious, not judgmental."

Ted Lasso













BE READY FOR AN EMERGENCY - CHECK YOUR PHONE SETTINGS

Most cell phones have the ability to set up emergency contacts, health conditions, and other information that people can access without your security credentials. You can also manage what disaster warnings and alerts that you receive. Check your settings to see what your cell phone can do to help you when seconds count!

ADD THE GOOGLE ARTS & CULTURE EXTENSION, AND WATCH THE MAGIC AS YOU OPEN A NEW TAB!









PERSONALIZED GIFT IDEAS USING YOUR TECH SKILLS



Make a Meme: clideo.com/meme-maker

Turn a Photo into Cool Art: popartstudio.nl

Create a movie of memories: WeVideo.com

Personalize a greeting card: Canva.com

Share your voice: online-voice-recorder.com

Remove the photo background: remove.bg

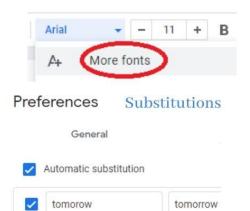












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🧈 3 COOL GOOGLE DOC TRICKS 🤻

- 1. Be creative! CLICK: MORE FONTS
- 2. Type **(2)** to insert all kids of goodies. Try today's date, files, images, graphs - even tag people!
- 3. Change 1/2 to ½ or fix your common spelling mistakes by creating your own shortcuts under Tools>Preferences>Automatic Substitutions.



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN



Learning in the Loo



Let's be honest - passwords are a pain, but a good one is SO important for confidentiality and security. Tips?

- 1. Don't use the word Holmen.
- 2. Try 3 random words with a number or character.
- 3. Capitalize or exchange a letter for a number.

Example: Sunbik3puppy! 🨓





Phishing is a cyber attack that tricks you into sharing private information. You may see attacks via emails, phone calls/text messages or through social media. The general rule: Does it look suspicious? Don't click on any unknown links or files, and delete the message immediately.



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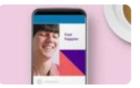
Learn v

Canva is an incredible, easy tool for designing online content.

Check out the wide array of templates, and connect a variety of accounts through the MORE menu option. Students and educators can sign up for a free pro account with your school email at: canva.com/edu-signup













Itinerary Planners

Social Media
Instagram Stories
Instagram Posts
Facebook Posts
Facebook Covers
YouTube Channel Art

LinkedIn Banners

Personal
Invitations
Cards
Resumes
Postcards
Weekly Schedule Pla
T-Shirts

Business	
Presentations	
Websites	
Logos	
Business Cards	
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Marketing
Posters
Flyers
Infographics
Brochures
Newsletters
Proposals

Education	Trending
Classroom Decor Kits	Canvas Prints
Lesson Plans	Videos
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SO MANY COOL TEMPLATES!



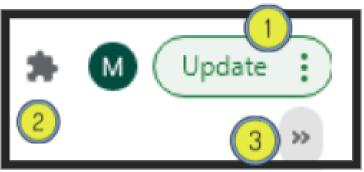


WHICH CHROME USER ARE YOU?

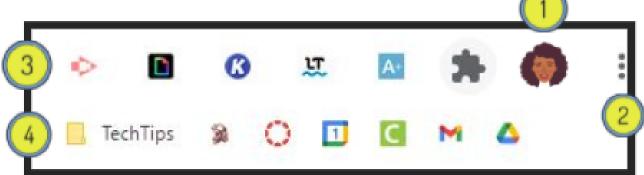


Newbie M or Expert Edna?





- M should click on UPDATE to get the latest version of Chrome.
- M should click on the puzzle piece to pin helpful extensions.
- 3. M might have too many bookmarks.

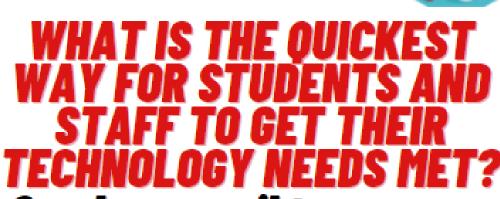


- 1. Edna has a cool Google Profile pic.
- Edna likely needs no Chrome update.
- Edna has pinned her favorite extensions to save time.
- 4. Edna has a bookmark folder and icons to save space in bookmarks.









Send an email to: ithelpdesk@holmen.k12.wi.us

Please include your school and room number, if applicable. Screenshots are also helpful! We want to meet your needs in a timely manner.





Send an email to Lisa Risch: rislis@holmen.k12.wi.us





Google Keep: Add this app to your phone, or add as an extension to your Chrome account.
Great for taking notes and storing images or collaborating with others.







Thanks to Peg Zurflugh for making us laugh!

Why did the toilet paper run down the hill?









Why couldn't the toilet paper cross the road?

It was stuck in a crack.

It wanted to get to the bottom.

Find loads of fun fonts (and other amazing tools) at Flippity.net



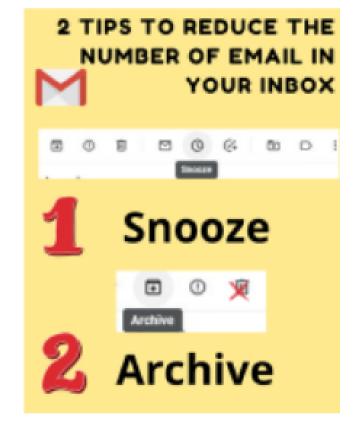
W GOOGLE EARTH

Not only can you use this amazing 3D tool to "fly" to any location on the globe, you can also learn about decades of planetary change through Timelapse in imagery at g.co/TimelapseVideos.

Plan your summer vacation using Google Earth



- Create a project that contains landmarks, lodging, restaurants or personalized slides you create with images, links, reservations, etc. You can share this project just like you share a Google doc, allowing others to help with planning! In presentation mode, it's like you're flying to all the placemarks you've added.
- No travel plans? Use the Voyager Feature to take your own virtual field trip to explore or learn about the natural wonders of our planet.



Worried you might need an email later and now your inbox is out of control? Click snooze to get it out of your inbox and choose the date you would like it to return. Or try Archive instead of the garbage can to get out of your inbox, then use any word in the search bar

to find it when you need it!



CONTROL YOUR CLASSROOM NOISE LEVELS

Use the microphone on your computer and project this website for your students to see how their volume impacts the bouncy Credit to Stacy Clark for sharing! balls, emojis or eyeball visuals.





LEARNING







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Find fun fonts like these at textgiraffe.com or bit.ly/fancyfont



ROYALTY FREE MUSIC



EXTENSIONS



It's important that we follow copyright guidelines for music we add to presentations, videos and lessons. While you may know how to rip a MP3 from a YouTube video, it's not legal to do so. It also puts your device at risk for virus and other spamware. Check out this awesome source for free music, where you can search by genre, mood or artist and even listen through iTunes & Spotify. Download options are available, though you may have to credit the performer with the citation provided. Try importing your clip into WeVideo as background music.

audiolibrary.com.co



- QR Code Extension Clicking it creates a QR code of the current website you're on. Easy to copy and paste that image to share with others.
- GIPHY for Chrome Everybody loves a good GIF now and then. Simply drag vour favorite GIFs into emails, docs and Canvas posts.
- · Extensity Too many extensions can affect overall performance of your device. This helps by allowing you to turn extensions on and off as needed.
- Google Keep One of the best notetaking tools around. This extension offers a quick way to save websites, images, etc. Try adding a collaborator to your note, recording a voice memo. or pulling text from images.

CHECK YOUR BOOKMARK SKILLS:

- I can right click a bookmark to delete it or create a folder of related bookmarks.
- I can right click a bookmark to edit the title or even erase it because I know the icon. This saves space on my bookmark bar. Which icons do you recognize below?



holmen.k12.wi.us bookmarks



















COOL ONLINE PHOTO EDITOR: LUNAPIC.COM

Crop, resize, or make transparent backgrounds. Add borders, filters, art, animation & more! This image is using the cell phone picture border and Renoir Art Effect.





RELIABLE SOURCES



AllSides.com exposes people to information and ideas from all sides of the political spectrum. It offers balanced news coverage, media bias ratings, civil dialogue opportunities and more. Teachers may want to explore classroom activities to examine bias. lesson plans on topics such as climate change, race, elections and health care.

Check out the MisMatch Link, where you 3. Chromebook Reset for Troubleshooting can connect with other people across the country to discuss these important topics. Be intelligently informed!

MAGICAL TECH TRICKS



- 1. Clear your Cache Weekly
 - a.CTRL + SHIFT + DELETE on PC
 - b.CTRL + SHIFT + BACKSPACE on Chromebooks
- 2. 🖈 Restart vour phone/ipad/chromebook/desktop at least once a week! 🏫
- - a. Hold the refresh button and the power button at the same time for 3-4 seconds.

GOOGLE LENS



Wow. This is powerful. Add this app to your phone and you have the ability to:

- translate text
- have text read back to you
- scan and call a phone number
- see what's popular on a menu
- get step-by-step homework help
- explore landmarks
- identify plants and animals

lens.google.com

PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN

Is your phone in your hand right now? Put it down - not because it's gross - but because it can be one time when you disengage! 😉 Try using this time to take 4 deep breaths to bring some calm to your life. Or give yourself a one sentence pep talk like, "I am a great human being!" or "Why am I worried about what they think?" Find more ideas at:

thoughtcatalog.com.

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The Pee In PD



FAVORITE SITES ONLINE FOR STUDENTS WITH STUDY HALL FREE TIME

BeanBeanCom-Trivia for Charity
GeoGuessr.com-Guess locations using hints & inferences
Keybr.com-Practice your typing skills
Code.org-Teach yourself the valuable skill of coding
aGoogleaDay.com-Find hidden info using Search Skills
DuoLingo.com-Learn another language on your own!
bit.ly/BLOODTYPE-Practice science skills by examining a
scene and determining a patient's blood type
bit.ly/dollarstreet-See how 264 families really live!
educationalgames.nobelprize.org-Play to learn about

blood types, ECGs, cells, DNA and international trade. **Placespotting.com**-Find an exact spot on the earth - or create your own puzzle

bit.ly/pixarbox-By Khan Academy, a behind the scenes look at how Pixar artists do their jobs. Fascinating!

CONNECT YOUR STUDENTS TO THE WORLD WITH A VIDEO CALL



Matt Miller's favorite places to find connections: SkypeInTheClassroom.com or on Twitter by searching hashtags: #SkypeMT #Skype2learn #mysteryskype #DitchBook. First time? Lisa Risch is happy to help!

Use this extension to draw on any website.



Page Marker

Offered by: Zam

Hemingway Editor

Thanks to Elementary ESL for sharing!

Copy & paste student work in hemingwayapp.com to check grammar, sentence structure, or word counts.

It will also calculate readability and grade level.

Hemingway 1

Readability

Grade 9

Reading time: 00:01:21 Letters: 1696 Characters: 2096

Words: 341
Sentences: 25
Paragraphs: 8
Show Less 4

- 6 adverbs. Aim for 3 or fewer.
- uses of passive voice, meeting the goal of 5 or fewer.
- 2 phrases have simpler alternatives.
- 5 of 25 sentences are hard to

2 of 25 sentences are very hard to read.

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The Pee In PD



THINKING ON THE FLY BRAIN BREAK

Students partner up and are given one minute to generate a list of as many items that fit within a certain category, alternating responses.
Categories can range from "Things Found In Winter" to "candy" to something more aligned with curricular topics like "character types found in a fantasy novel" or "elements in the Periodic Table."



GAME SHOW

Put kids into teams of 3 or 4. Use a game show template from Flippity.net. Then, students use mini dry erase boards, paper or a device to post their answers. The key here is making sure students are discussing their answers before posting them. Award bonus points as you see fit for groups falling behind or pick a random question as the "Double Jeopardy" questions for more points. This is a great way to review a unit and adds some competition and collaboration into the classroom.

3-WORD STORIES



Student partners take turns telling a story using 3 words at a time, but one has to get the other to say a particular secret word. Have the partners face each other with one of them with a back to screen where secret word is shown for a few seconds. Feel free to tie the "secret word" into any themes or units you might be reviewing and sit back and watch the hilarity ensue!



MORE FROM CARL

For a spreadsheet of ideas from Carl Hooker for Improv games, brain breaks, ice breakers and design challenges, visit:



bit.ly/HolmenPD

Categories included are Large group, small team, pairs or triads, ways to form groups/teams and incorporating tech.