Media Matters

LMC Facts and Figures
Sept-Nov 2013

Classes brought to the LMC
232

Independent Student Use
12570

Books Circulated
1270

Ave. Students per day (including classes)
210

Emails received about scheduling classes
158

Online scheduling requests:
29

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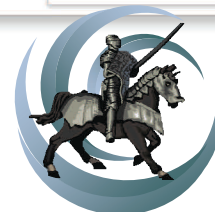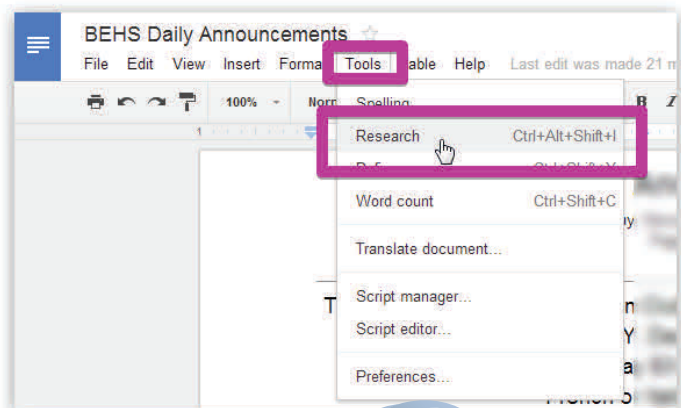**860-584-7876 x152**

Long time, no newsletter !

Apologies for the lack of newsletters! Between the Hunger Games, rolling out Google, NEASC, and a national librarian conference in Hartford, we've had our hands full! Please remember, we are always just a phone call or email away!

.   Thanks, -*Janet Kenney*

Google Docs "Research Pane"

A cool feature of Google Docs (in Google Drive) is the research pane that you can open up as you work. If you go to the Tools tap and then select Research, you'll open up a "pane" (window) from which you can "google" things, search for images, videos, etc. You can highlight text in the document and use the pane to look up the definition or a picture of it. When image searching, you can limit yourself to copyright free images! It's a fun and easy to use feature of Google! Give it a try. *One caveat: the "cite" tool creates footnotes which do not follow MLA or APA guidelines.*

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Twitter for Teachers

What is Twitter?

Twitter is a real-time social network that helps users share, follow and interact with stories, opinions, links, pictures and videos in 140-character messages.

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How to Get Started

Tweet

At the heart of Twitter are small bursts of information called tweets. Each tweet is 140 characters long — but don't let the small size fool you; you can discover a lot in a little space! You can see photos, videos and conversations from tweets to get the whole story at a glance — and all in one place!

Who is on Twitter?

Twitter is filled with teachers, administrators, educational technology experts, students, parents and education companies. Start connecting by following them or @replying to them.

#Hashtag?

The # symbol, also called a hashtag, is used to categorize tweets for reference and to facilitate conversations on specific subjects.

Twitter Handle

A user's Twitter handle is the username they have selected and the accompanying URL, like so: www.twitter.com/username

@Reply

An @reply is a method of publicly responding to another Twitter user. By placing @ before the person's username, your message will be publicly directed to that person.

Twitter Applications

There are many ways you can send tweets. Some popular applications include:

- Twitter (Official Application)
- TweetDeck
- HootSuite
- Echofon

Twitter and Education

Teach with Twitter

Use Twitter to make announcements, give and receive instant feedback, ask and answer questions, and much more. Click here to learn more about using Twitter while teaching.

Education Policy

Looking to use Twitter to stay up on education policy? Follow these Twitter handles to get started, then do some research to find your local news sources:

@DianeRavitch @M_Rhee
@EducationWeek @USEdGov
@HuffPostEdu @EducationNext
@Edutopia @TeachDotCom

#EdChat

#EdChat is a Twitter conversation that takes place on Tuesdays at noon and 7 P.M. EST. It covers all subjects related to K-12 education, and specific topics are polled each week. Follow these members of the #EdChat team:

@Web20Classroom @TomWhitby
@ShellTerrell @RLIBerni @MBTeach
@KylePace @Cybraryman1 @BlairTeach
@JSwiatek @EdtechSteve

Popular Hashtags

Want to discuss a specific aspect of education? Use hashtags to connect with the particular group having that discussion! A few popular hashtags include:

#ElemChat #ArtsEd #GTChat (gifted talented)
#CPChat (connected principals) #HigherEd
#NTChat (new teacher) #EdReform

Education Chats

Looking to use Twitter to connect with fellow teachers, administrators and organizations? Education chats allow you to gain insight through collaboration with educators around the world! Check out these chats to start:

#EdChat #LrnChat #SSChat (social studies)
#ELTChat (English language teachers)
#PTChat (parent-teacher chat) #EngChat

#EdTech

Interested in connecting with the experts and companies leading the future of educational technology? Get involved in these conversations:

#EdTech #ELearning #EdApp
#VitalCPD (professional development)

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Library Users (September-November)

Berube	Burdelski	Cirillo
Dauphinas	Dilernia	Doub
Feshazion	Fleischman	Fleming
Greger	Griffin	Grunerud
Hazelton	Hickey	Higgins
Lavoie	LeCara	McDaniel
McElwee	Miller	Paquette
Peluso	Philippon	Rajotte
Roberts	Rocco	S. Archangelo
Saleski	Stavens	Steinfeld
Toomey	Young	Zimmerman

Hunger Games Thanks

A big thanks to each of the teachers who helped out with our Hunger Games. Our winner was Katie Kelly from 11th grade. She is pictured with runner up Malaika Ashby (grade 12). The students had a lot of fun and I couldn't have done it without the support of y'all!

The contest reinvigorated interest in the book series and I'm happy to report that all copies of the first book are checked out and many of the second two books are checked out. If you saw Catching Fire and the cliff-hanger ending was too much to bear, check out the final book, *Mockingjay*, over the break!

AWESOME! Coming Soon

An "Awesome" box. The BEHS library will be joining the ranks of the Harvard and Cambridge libraries by installing an "Awesome" box. It is a project started by Harvard Library Innovation Lab and Awesome Box is a proposed additional returns box that would offer library users the ability to promote any item. If a library user enjoys an item from the collection for any reason, they simply return it to the Awesome Box instead of the normal returns box. We'll scan the book and it'll go into a webpage of "awesome" items.   More details to follow and we'd love to collaborate for ideas on what the box should look like. One public library made theirs look like a TARDIS from Dr. Who.   More information on the project available in this slideshow: http://bit.ly/1i46oRs