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Techie Tuesday

Make an online survey or self-correcting quiz

There was a Techie Tuesday scheduled for March 1, but that was a bit too crazy a time to have it, so I'm rescheduling it to the March 22. In addition to holding it after school, I'm in talks with BOE to see about extending it to the last hour of each block, so that you may come in during your planning (if you attend during planning, you will NOT get paid though).

The topic this month will be creating online surveys and self-correcting quizzes using Google forms. The surveys are just like the ones I've been sending throughout the year and now you can learn how to make them too! They can be used to collect responses from students, check for understanding, check student progress, or as a final test.



A Self-Checking Quiz for Library Orientation.
See it online at: bit.ly/behslibquiz

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I hope you can join me for Techie
Tuesday on March 22!



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Website Monthly Pick



Big Huge Labs (www.bighugelabs.com)

Big Huge Labs is a website full of fun photo tools. While many of the tools are just for fun, a few could certainly help spruce up your presentations/websites or grab student attention. My favorite tools on the site are the Motivator, Magazine Cover, Movie Poster, and Map Maker. Each of them give you a photo file that you can download for free.

Motivator

Make your own inspirational, funny, parody, sports or other motivational poster for any occasion.

Magazine Cover

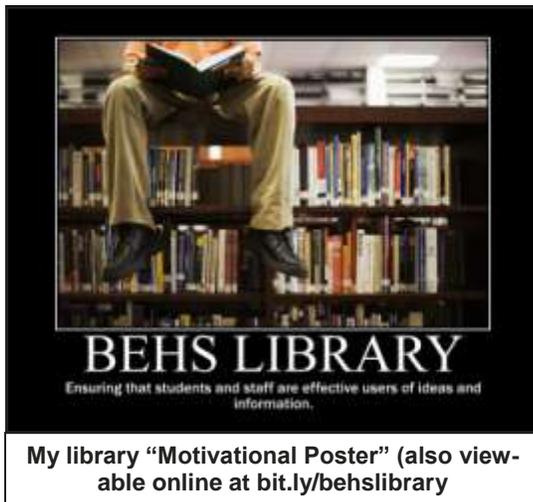
Make your own magazine cover! Could be used for historical, fictional, or significant persons.

Movie Poster

Make your own customized movie poster. You choose the photo, titles, and credits.

Map Maker

Make a map of where you've been or where you're going.



The site is free to use and has a new "educator" function which allows you to pre-register your students so they can sign in without requiring an email address (which protects their personal information). To find out more go to bighugelabs.com/education.php and see me for help getting started.

This Month's Q&A Technology Tips

Q: What are those black & white things I am starting to see pop-up everywhere?

A: It is a QR code or Quick Response Code. It is basically a sophisticated 3D barcode. They are showing up in the pages of magazines, websites, the sides of buildings, business cards, and are starting to find their way into education. The easiest way to use them is with a smartphone (eg an iPhone, Android, etc). You need to download a free app for your phone (just search for QR). Once you have that app, you run the app, point your phone's camera at the code and once it is



A QR code for the video mentioned in this tip.

scanned it will take you to whatever content its creator intended. They can link you to a website, an email address, a phone number, etc.

Here's a 3 minute Youtube video that explains what the codes are and how a school has started using them in the library, in world language classes, for science labs, and in just about every subject! <http://bit.ly/aNXU5E>

If you are interested in learning how to use or make QR codes, please get in touch with me. For instance, there is already a QR code generator built into

finalsite for our webpages!

African American Read-In



Thanks to everyone who participated in this years' African-American Read-In. Over 550 students attended and there were over 100 readings throughout the day.

The students were fantastic and loved the opportunity to read to their peers. One of the highlights of the day was when a student read the lyrics to "Lean on Me" and the jazz combo joined in and many students started to sing along!

Readings included works by: Tupac Shakur, Kanye West, Nikki Giovanni, Langston Hughes, Lucille Clifton, Maya Angelou, Bill Withers, Paul Dunbar, Rita Dove, Georgia Johnson, Claude McKay, Nikki Grimes, Sojourner Truth, Common, Sharon Flake, Georgia Johnson, Alice Walker, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Bob Marley, Stevie Wonder, Straihorn, and Seven Dust.

A big thank you to Mr. Antonucci and his Jazz Combo students for providing fantastic musical entertainment throughout the day.

Additional thanks to the following teachers for submitting to our program: Mrs. Krupnikoff, Mr. Stillwell, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. Young, Mrs. Walker, Ms. Gintoff, Mrs. Carrington, and Mrs. Fortin.