

# TUESDAY TIPS

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## TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

### Artsonia

*Artsonia* is the world's largest online student art museum that showcases millions of pieces of art by students. This app enables teachers to take photos of their student artwork and upload it to their online art gallery on [Artsonia.com](http://Artsonia.com). Teachers can also view and update their student roster and school exhibits. This is a free educational service, and teachers must visit [Artsonia.com](http://Artsonia.com) to first create an account to login and build their school gallery. Parents can also archive their child's art online.

*Artsonia* publishes the art with the

student's first name and students then become eligible for art competitions. Parents can purchase items from this website with their



child's art on it. 20% of the purchase price is given back to the school.

There are hundreds of art lessons available through *Artsonia*. Whether you're an art teacher or a teacher with artist student projects, check out *Artsonia* today!

[www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com)

### iWork

*iWork* is installed on every teacher laptop. If you haven't looked for it, you'll find it in your Applications folder. *iWork* contains Pages, Numbers, and Keynote. Documents or projects created with these *iWork* applications can be saved in iCloud which you can access through your iPad. You will have to make sure that you're working through iCloud when you work on these documents through multiple devices. When we go to Mavricks this summer, your laptop and iPad will be on the same operating system. If you want *iWork* on your iPad, please contact your Tech Director for App store codes.

## Photon, A Flash

### Substitute

Oracle stopped developing **Flash** for iOS and Android devices in 2012. In an app world, this is really not a problem. However, if you want some of your websites to work on your iPad through Safari, you will be disappointed when the websites tells you to install **Flash** and you can't. It doesn't exist for iOS.

Don't despair. Other developers have been working on **Flash**-like apps that will power those **Flash**-hungry websites on your iPad. One such app is **Photon**. **Photon** costs \$4.99, but if you are desperate to use those special websites, it is well worth the cost.

Users will need to click the "Lightning Bolt" button to enter the streaming mode to view **Flash** sites. Otherwise you'll see the standard message that **Flash** needs to be installed or upgraded. **Photon** can also be used as a browser, but it doesn't perform as well as Safari.



## WHAT'S NEW AT NEWSBANK?

The North Judson-San Pierre Libraries subscribe to various databases so that teachers and students can find and use authoritative, reliable information. One such database is **NewsBank**.

*Access World News*, a large resource within **NewsBank** has undergone some changes to aid in ease of use. The new features include:

- new navigators on the left side
- the navigators can be used before or after entering search terms
- search fields remain at the top of the page to easily edit or refine searches
- new icons for newspapers, videos, etc.
- a blue bar at the top gives specific options such as **Add to My**

**Collection, Print, Email, Export Link,** and **Cite**

•patrons can create personal accounts within **NewsBank** and *Access World News* to create a collection while researching

•an improved citation generator allows patrons to view multiple citation formats at the same time

•click-on-calendars allow access to articles from specific days of the year

**NewsBank**, accessible on the NJSP website via the Research button on the High School and Middle School pages, is available to all NJSP teachers and students. You and your students can find primary source materials from all over the world in English and in Spanish. The *Access World News* articles are also Lexiled.