TUESDAY TIPS

TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

Password Change

We don't change passwords at NJSP as often as some enterprises (every three to six months); however, it is time for us to change our passwords to protect our network security. When you pick up your laptop after summer service, be prepared for this big change in your life. Yes, indeed, our passwords are changing!
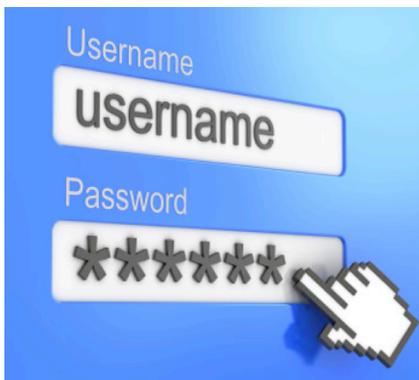
Kahoot

Kahoot is a slick service for creating and delivering quizzes to your students' tablets, iPads, and laptops. You create a quiz or survey that your students respond to through any device that has a web browser (iPad, Android device, Chromebook). Your *Kahoot* questions can include pictures and videos. As the teacher you can control the pace of the *Kahoot* quiz or survey by imposing a time limit for each question. As students answer questions they are awarded points for correct answers and the timeliness of their answers. A scoreboard is displayed on the teacher's screen.

Recently, *Kahoot* added a couple of handy new options for teachers. You can now duplicate quizzes that you have made or duplicate any quiz that has been publicly shared by another teacher. The other new feature in *Kahoot* is an option to embed YouTube videos into the "waiting" room that students see while waiting for you to start an activity.

No student *Kahoot* accounts are needed. They simply have to visit Kahoot.it then enter the PIN code that you give to them to join the activity.

Google Research

Almost all of us use Google to search for information. Here are a few tips that will help you find the information you need more quickly and easily.

GOOGLE
— like a boss —

Everybody knows how to "Google", but not everyone knows how to be a true genius of it.

Here are simple yet effective ways of maximizing your Google search... like a boss!

Quotation Marks
Use quotes to search for an exact word or set of words. This is useful for searching quotes and song lyrics.

"To be or not to be"

Dashes
Put a dash before a word that you want to exclude in your search.

jaguar -animal

Tilde
Use a tilde before a term to include results with its synonyms

Christmas ~desserts

site:query
Use site: to search within a specific website

site:nytimes.com

link:query
Use link: to search for sites that link to the specified site url

link:creattica.com

Two Periods
Use two periods between two numbers to express range of things like date, measurements and prices.

movies 1950..1970

related:query
Use related: to find sites that are related to the specified site

related:appstorm.net

— Reference —
www.google.com/insidesearch/tipstricks

Be smart about your Google research. It will save time!

Sporcle

Sporcle is a trivia quiz website on which users have a set time limit to name all the items within a given subject, such as presidents of the USA or the countries in Europe.

Many games on *Sporcle* require the user to name all of the items within a given subject — such as presidents of the USA, Best Picture Oscar-winning movies, or countries whose names are also legal words in Scrabble. Items can be named in any order and the user has a preset time limit. In some games each answer corresponds to a specific question or hint from a list, and in many such cases they must be answered in order unless the user explicitly skips to a different question. In other games, questions are not revealed until previous ones have been answered, and there are other variations as well. Quiz times can range from 30 seconds to 20 minutes. After 17 seconds, the words, "give up?" appear under the timer. The player can then click it and all the answers will be revealed, but the quiz ends.

In most quizzes, wrong answers are ignored for scoring purposes but must be deleted by the user from the answer box before another answer can be typed, whereas a correct answer clears the box automatically. Two alternative formats were introduced in April 2011, suitable for questions or quizzes with a limited range of answers (e.g. US states, multiple-choice questions). A wrong answer to a specific question can prevent a second try, or any wrong answer can end the quiz.