Technology for Teachers – May 2015
Apps for 2015 and some others
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Apps are powerful creative tools, interactive textbooks, and a universe of content that make for endless learning possibilities and uses. The world we live in is surrounded by endless amounts of information and as educators we have a duty to help our students master technology as well as subjects, as it applies to school and the future. Technology will be used in every aspect of our professional lives. There are many web sites that help you look at apps by category, uses, platform, dates, etc.

Two portal-type websites that will reap an incredible number of extremely useful apps and website are *Apps in Education* and *Edudemic*. Be sure to check them out regularly for new apps and uses.

appsineducation.blogspot.com is a site that lists and categorizes apps by subject and for teachers. It is a great site for ipads.

edudemic.com is a site with a variety of useful information. The most popular apps we found and useful for the majority of people and educators are *wordle, stanza, quordy, goodreads, wolfram alpha* and *bento*. Some of these are free and some have a minimal cost.

Wordle: used to create word clouds http://www.wordle.net/
Stanza: a reader for ebooks and publications http://stanza-desktop.en.softonic.com/
Quordy: a word game https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/quordy/id284572328?mt=8
Goodreads: get books to read by creating an account http://www.goodreads.com/
Wolfram alpha: a search engine.http://www.wolframalpha.com/
News Bento: a newsreader http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-us/app/news-bento/7d008fc1-8f63-4283-8297-33471fc2b882

Other apps that both teachers and students will find exciting to use include:

Socrative http://www.socrative.com/ lets teachers engage and assess their students with educational activities on tablets, laptops and smartphones. Through the use of real time questioning, instant result aggregation and visualization, teachers can gauge the whole class' current level of understanding. Socrative saves teachers time so the class can further collaborate, discuss, extend and grow as a community of learners.

Educlipper https://educlipper.net/ is a learning community that is all about exploring, learning, creating, and sharing your best work!

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Tackk https://tackk.com/ is a place to connect with friends, be creative, and have fun conversations. Tackk makes it easy to create pages for everything in your life. Customize your Tackk to make it unique, and add fun content like Instagram pics, Vines and more. Tackk about your weekend, a birthday party invite, travel plans, or whatever you want.

Edpuzzle allows you to make any video your lesson. Edit a video by cropping it, adding your voice or embedding questions. Then, track your students with powerful hassle-free analytics. https://edpuzzle.com/

Explee is the application that allows you to create powerful and efficient animated video. Captivate your audience going straight to the point. https://explee.com/

PowToon is a brand new presentation tool that allows you to create animated presentations and cartoon style videos just by dragging and dropping. http://www.powtoon.com/

Pixlr Editor is a free online photo editor with a professional touch. Fix, adjust and filter your images. Manage your images in your browser, no registration required. Just jump right in! http://apps.pixlr.com/express/

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These are a few apps that can be used for personal as well as educational uses. Many new apps come out daily. There are multiple platform apps and some free and some with a fee. All of tend to learn better from multiple venues. Find the one that is right for you and your audience.