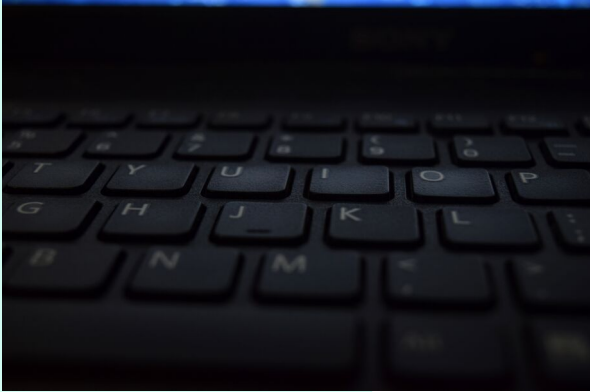# THIS MONTH IN TECH

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY- SOMETHING TO TRY

Engage your students in Twitter-Style Exit/Summary Tickets to assess what they have learned in 140 characters or less. Watch the video to see how one teacher uses this strategy.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN EDUCATION - CHECK OUT THESE AMAZING EDUCATORS FOR INSPIRATION AND INNOVATION

All too often, the world of an educator gets confined within the four walls of a classroom. When there is so much out there to learn and so many others to learn from, this should not be the case. Here's a list of must follows for general and technology education:

- Edutopia - Hosted by the George Lucas Educational Foundation, Edutopia has plenty of well-indexed information on how technology can be used in classrooms.
- Cycles of Learning - Ramsay Musallam recognized how useful hacks could be in classrooms, so he set up Cycles of Learning to share practical education tech hacks to make teachers' lives just a bit easier. Who doesn't like easier?!
- Participate Learning- Check out all that Participate Learning has to offer educators.
- Learning in Hand - is an educator's resource for mobile and digital learning created by Tony Vincent.
- TeachThought - full of articles for education
- Ditch That Textbook - Matt Miller equips teachers to thrive in this new era of education and think differently about the craft of teaching.
- Kasey Bell - Shake Up Learning

TECH TIP # 1

Lets Get Organized

A new school year brings about many demands on your time so taking the time now to get organized will help you in the long run. Here are a few things to consider:

- **Parent Communication:** *Positive communication between parents and teachers helps improve academic performance. You may want to consider using either of the following:*
    - **Class Dojo**
    - **Bloomz** *Join us every end of the week!*
- **Learning Mangament System:** *LMS is a software or web-based technology used for creating, managing, distrubuting and evaluating learning. Try to incorporate* **Google Classroom** *this school year!*
- **Google Forms:** *Google Forms is a great way to gather and organize beginning of the year data. Here are a few ideas...*
    - *Open House Parent Sign-In*
    - *Student Survey - Getting to Know You*
    - *Pre-Assessments/quizzes/exit tickets*
    - *Electronic Reading Records*
    - *Parent Conference Sign-up*

Free Online Workshop: Oct 5th

Google Classroom Basics

GOOGLE FORMS: SELF GRADING QUIZZES

TAKE A LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING HOW TO VIDEO