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can't believe the first semester is already almost over! This job makes me feel like a first year teacher again, so much to do with so little time. I'm sure many of you can relate. I hope your school year is going well and we all can make it through the slowest part of the school year; January, February, and March.

Merry Christmas

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Tip



QR CODES

Simply, put it is a 3D barcode. It's a much more sophisticated version of the barcode on your bag of Lays Potato Chips. QR Codes are popping up everywhere and are gaining in popularity in education.

QR codes are a great way to share information like websites and contact info. They can be scanned using your camera equipped device and a proper QR code processing app (For Android, use the Barcode Scanner App, and on iPhone I use QR Reader for iPhone.) Once the code is scanned and processed, it takes you directly to the URL on your device, or shows you whatever else was encoded in the QR code. I love the ease ability of QR codes, just a quick scan, and the content is on your device. This is super handy if your reading an article with a QR code, and need to take it on the go.

Anyone can make a QR code! Just Google "QR code generator" and use one of many of the websites.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS!

On Thursday December 8, Mrs. Page's Career Orientation classes and a few others who were interested were able to talk and ask questions of Football Hall of Famer, Elvin Bethea who played for the Houston Oilers in the late 60s and 70s. It was a great session with great connectivity! Mr. Bethea was gracious and very interesting. He talked about how good character and lots of **hard work** helped him succeed. Pictured to the bottom right are some of the lucky students who were able to meet Elvin Bethea, Professional Football Hall of Famer.

This program was FREE from the Professional Football Hall of Fame and I found this program on the www.cilc.org website. This is a great way to make

your lessons "real world" relevant which is exactly what Common Core is all about. If you are interested in a program you find on the website contact me and I'll set up and take care of all the technology.

TECH. DEPT. NEWS

Well it's almost here! On January 16, 2012 we all will be saying farewell to our old Groupwise e-mail accounts and hello to your new greenlandsd.com Gmail accounts. I am so excited to show you all what wonderful

things that Google Apps can bring to our school district!



TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION: IDEAS FOR ANY GRADE

[HTTP://ILOVETHATTEACHINGIDEA.COM](http://ILOVETHATTEACHINGIDEA.COM) → I Love That Teaching Idea! was founded in 1998 by two elementary school teachers. The company was originally named The Teachers Toolbox. Both names represent the vision of the founders, which is to provide elementary school teachers creative, practical and effective ideas and techniques to enhance their enjoyment and performance in the classroom. They inspire teachers with practical, teacher-created ideas and resources that you can **use in your classroom immediately.**

Their first product, Tunes That Teach, was a self-published book and audio cassette that helps teachers put key concepts to music. The book is now published by Instructional Fair - T.S. Denison, Imprint of McGraw-Hill Children's Publishing. From there, more eBooks and workshops have been developed. Everything developed by I Love That Teaching Idea! is designed around our goal of providing practical, ready-to-implement ideas for the busy educator.

[HTTP://WWW.LONGWOOD.K12.NY.US/LONGSMART.HTML](http://www.longwood.k12.ny.us/longsmart.html)

→ **Hundreds of ready-made SMARTBoard** lesson plans create by teachers at the Longwood School District in New York. All lesson plans are sorted into categories by building levels. **[GREAT WEBSITE!]** This is a great website for the “parking lot” teacher who has nothing for the day prepared. Or for the teacher who needs some inspiration or technology help for a lesson. I encourage to just **check it out.** Why reinvent the wheel when a lesson could already be out there made?

[HTTP://NRICH.MATHS.ORG/PUBLIC/](http://nrich.maths.org/public/) → NRIC is a team of qualified teachers who are also practitioners in RICH mathematical thinking. This unique blend means that NRIC is ideally placed to offer advice and support to both teachers and learners of mathematics.

NRICH aims to:

- Enrich the experience of the mathematics curriculum for all learners
- Offer challenging and engaging activities
- Develop mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Show rich mathematics in meaningful contexts
- Work in partnership with teachers, schools and other educational settings

For teachers of mathematics:

- Offer FREE enrichment material (Problems, Articles and Games) at all Key Stages that really can help to inspire and engage learners and embed RICH tasks into everyday practice
- Help to promote RICH thinking in classrooms by offering on-line and face-to-face support at **Primary and Secondary level.**



Apps U Need to Know About!



iMovie

For **\$4.99** you can make beautiful HD movies anywhere with iMovie, the fast and fun moviemaking app for the iPhone, iPod touch and iPad. Browse and play projects in the Marquee view. Make a movie in minutes with your fingertips! This app is great for Project Based Learning and Digital Storytelling! Come to the training to learn more about this App that will soon be on all the iPad carts!



Evernote

Evernote turns the iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad into an extension of your brain, helping you remember anything and everything that happens in your life.

Key Features:

- Create text, photo and audio notes
- Auto-synchronize your notes to your Mac, PC and Web
- Magically makes text within snapshots searchable
- File Synchronization: add, sync, access and share files (PDF, Word, Excel, PPT and more)
- **It's FREE too!**