



I am finally in my own office and have a phone! After six months of camping outside Rick's office I finally have my own little piece of Greenland real estate. For those of you who don't know where my little corner is, I am now located at the high school between the library and the EAST lab and my phone extension is 368. Don't start thinking that I didn't have anything better to do, quite the contrary, I needed more space to work and besides Rick said my rent was up. Although I have a permanent office space I plan to spend time at each building getting to know the teachers and staff better.



## Technology Tip



a collection of 1,300+ apps for education

<http://appitic.com/>

This website is a great way to filter through the thousands of apps out there for all types of mobile devices. Appitic has a collection of over **1300** educational apps all categorized by varying topics. Some topics include the obvious such as grade and subject. Other topics include the six levels of **Bloom's Taxonomy**, the different **Multiple Intelligences** and creativity.

This website also includes videos of students using the apps and the impact that it had in real classrooms with real students. You really need to check it out!

Any apps that you see would benefit your classroom contact me or Rick and we'll see if we can purchase the app for our iPads.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS!

I have to give a huge shout out to Ms. Edwards and all the kids at the Christmas Sing-Along Program on December 20<sup>th</sup>. It was my first program to attend at Greenland and I totally enjoyed it. This is not really technology news but I did have to set up the projector so I thought it narrowly qualified for the newsletter. Ms. Edwards needs a huge pat on the back for her hard work and enthusiasm for teaching. You can clearly see it when you attend her program. Mr. Barton did a great job directing the "12 Days of Christmas."

## TECHNOLOGY DEPT. NEWS!

The Middle and High Schools will be getting a brand new wifi technology called Aerohive

Network Solutions. The "iEverything" mobility explosion and other technology advances are forcing many enterprises, such as schools, to reevaluate their network's access architecture. Aerohive's Network solutions address these technologies and help to enhance enterprise productivity, while at the same time reduce the cost and complexity of today's networks. In other words, the wifi connectivity at the Middle School and High School is going to dramatically improve by the end of this semester! No more "limited or no connectivity!" This technology will also help Greenland handle more mobile devices as they are added to the district.



## **FORGET YOUTUBE!** CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES

<http://watchknowlearn.org> → WatchKnowLearn has indexed over **20,000** educational videos, placing them into a directory of over 3,000 categories. The videos are available without any registration or fees to teachers in the classroom and to students at home 24/7. **[AWESOME WEBSITE]**

Users can dive into our innovative directory or search for videos by subject and age level. Video titles, descriptions, age level information, and ratings are all edited for usefulness. Their Web site invites broad participation in a new kind of wiki system, guided by teachers. They have had a tremendously positive response from educators to the website.

<http://www.nbclearn.com> → For more than 80 years, **NBC NEWS** has been documenting the people, places, and events that shape our world. NBC Learn, the educational arm of NBC News, is dedicated to making these historic stories, images and primary source documents available on-demand to teachers, students, and parents.

NBC Learn has already digitized more than **12,000** stories from the NBC News archives — one of the largest news archives in the world, dating back to the 1920s. In addition, collections are updated with current events every day, Monday through Friday, with stories from such celebrated programs as NBC Nightly News, the TODAY show, Meet the Press, Dateline NBC, as well as the networks of MSNBC, CNBC, and Telemundo.

<http://www.kideos.com/> → **Primarily Elementary Ages!** Kideos is the premier destination for kids to safely watch videos online. Each video on Kideos has been screened by our Video Advisory Council before it makes it onto their site. Their goal is to empower parents to feel comfortable allowing their child to spend time on Kideos, while also making sure children have a thoroughly entertaining experience.

**Kideos** was created by Earlier Media, a company dedicated to providing a trustworthy destination for children of all ages to learn, watch videos and play games online. You can read more about Earlier Media on our website at [www.EarlierMedia.com](http://www.EarlierMedia.com).

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/> → I have put the Teaching Channel in the Newsletter before but it is definitely worth mentioning twice.

**Teaching Channel** is committed to showcasing effective and inspiring teaching in public schools across America. Their mission is to revolutionize how teachers learn, connect, and inspire each other to improve the outcomes for all students in America. In order to accomplish this mission, they have three simple goals: (1) Build teacher-driven professional learning (2) Deepen and improve opportunities for teacher learning (3) Elevate and celebrate teachers in our society.

Teaching Channel has been in the works since spring of 2010. A nonprofit, it has received seed funding from the [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#) and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.



### **Apps U Need to GET!**



#### **ACCELERATED READER**

**FREE APP!** Accelerated Reader (AR) is the most popular and successful reading product of all time. This app is for Schools with a licensed Accelerated Reader subscription. Students and teachers can view a student quiz history, reading progress and goals. This app features an advanced book search using title, author, or quiz number. It makes essential reading practice more effective for every student.



#### **SHOWME INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD**

**FREE APP!** Turn your iPad into your personal interactive whiteboard! ShowMe allows you to record voice-over whiteboard tutorials and share them online. It's a radically intuitive app that anyone from any age will find extremely easy to use. To see great example of what ShowMe can do to make your classroom entertaining, fun and inspirational, check out [www.ShowMe.com](http://www.ShowMe.com)