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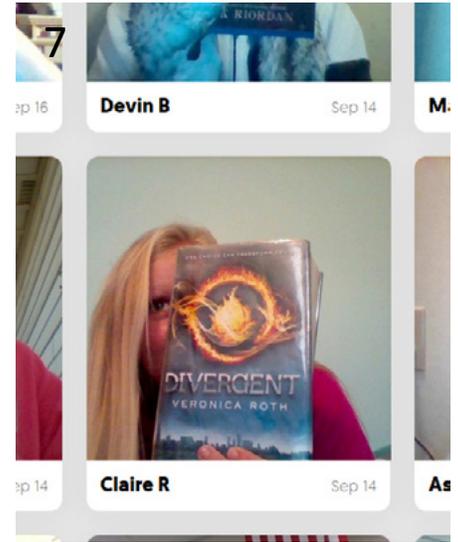
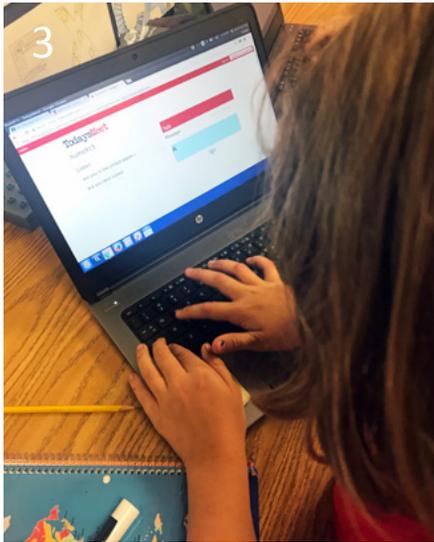
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Welcome to our first edition of Technology and Integration for Mishawaka Schools! Every month, this magazine will share stories taking place in your neighborhood schools that are changing the world of education through the use of technology. Our hope is to take the intimidation out of technology by spotlighting our very own students and teachers and the amazing learning happening in Mishawaka classrooms each and every day.

It is my honor to help transform the teaching process for educators and the learning experience for students as your curriculum integration specialist. Our goal is that through collaboration with families and the Mishawaka community at large we can connect and grow together.

I hope you enjoy this first issue and look forward to your feedback. We appreciate your continued support of our Mishawaka Schools.

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Mystery Skype

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FOLLOW MR. MITCHELL'S CLASS



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Skype in the Classroom is an online community that enables thousands of teachers to inspire the next generation of global citizens through transformative learning over Skype.

Last year we Skyped with classrooms in 28 states, 6 countries, and 3 continents by playing Mystery Skype and Mystery Number, going on virtual field trips, and connecting with other students to learn about their experiences after a hurricane. My students were able to collaborate with other students from around the world while improving their communication and critical thinking skills. We have already connected with two states this year, and we cannot wait to learn with more students in other classrooms by using Skype in our classroom.

We traveled over 45,000 Skype miles.

“Participating in Mystery Skype was fun, but we also learned during the process. It taught us stuff about temperatures, climates, cultures, and geography. We would learn interesting facts about the other students and places. We even learned new languages!”

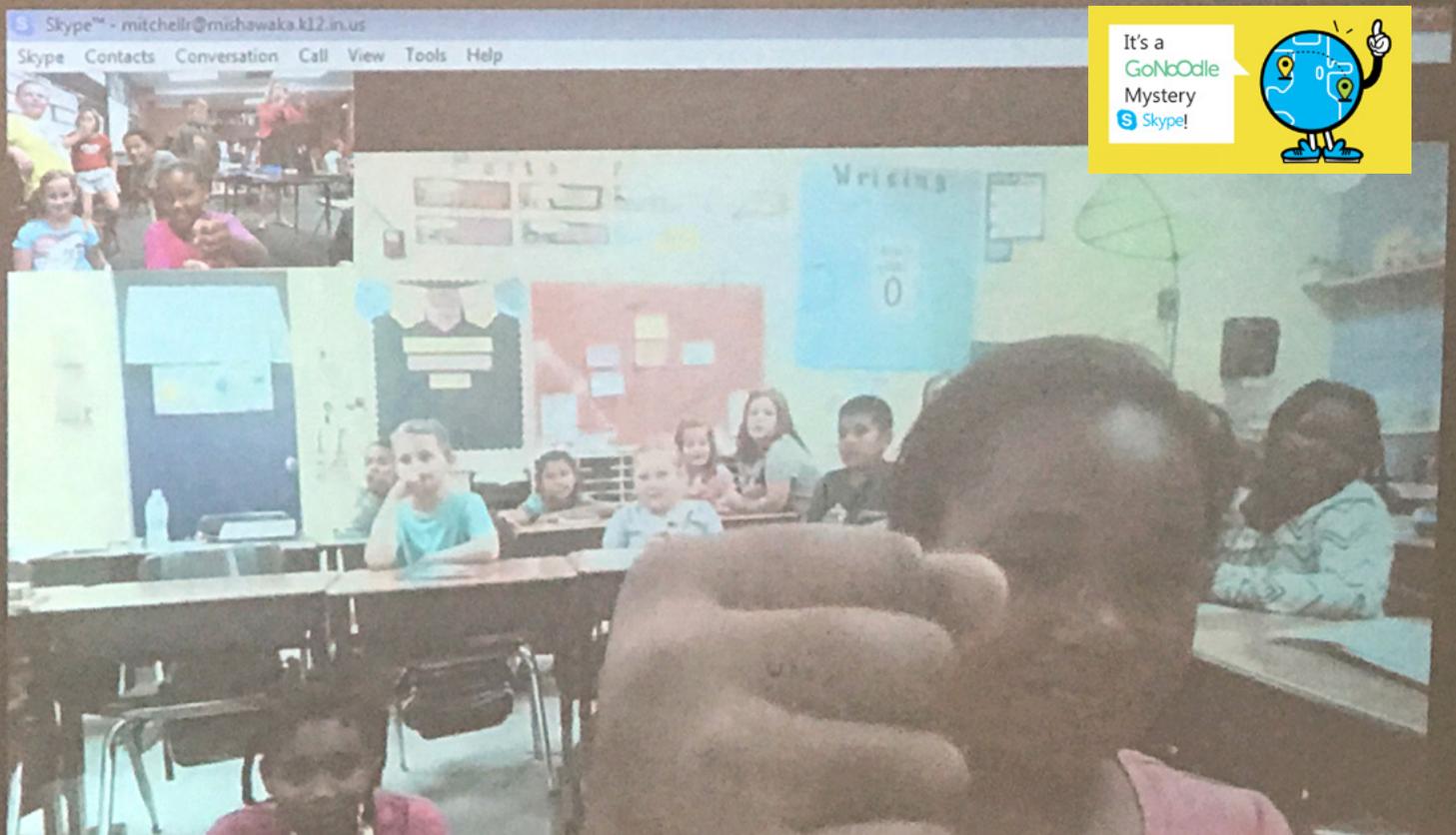
Kahlan, 5th Grade Hums Elementary

“What we really learned was we may be different from the kids across the world, but we are also the same in many ways.”

Ty, 5th Grade Hums Elementary

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Partners-in-Tech

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Each school campus has a group of teacher leaders called, Partners-in-Tech. Partners-in-Tech are supporting colleagues at their school with technology integration and leading in a variety of ways. Partners-in-Tech engage in professional learning once a month with Sarah Hickle (Director of Student Learning and Innovation), Caity Stockstell (Curriculum Integration Specialist), and Five Star Technology Solutions. These teacher leaders not only model best practice of tech integration for their school, but impact direction of tech integration district wide. We are growing leaders in a culture of excellence.



School City of Mishawaka
Creating a Culture of Excellence

PARTNERS-IN-TECH

We are proud to introduce your school community's

PARTNERS-IN-TECH

These remarkable leaders are committed to supporting technology integration in their school and district community.

Our Partners-in-Tech:

- Commit** to impacting the direction of tech integration for SCM.
- Dedicate** and **volunteer** time to developing expertise and planning tech integration PLCs.
- Support** tech integration by **leading** at their building.

Please note NOT all Partners-in-Tech are in this picture.

According to Faber and Mazlish,
what immediate effect does sarcasm
have on young students?

- A: encouragement
- B: anger
- C: shame
- D: confusion

Students Graph

Reveal Answer

Sort By: Card number

1	Samantha B.	2	Kara M B.	3	Brooklyn N.B.
4	Madison A.G.	5	Katherine...G.	6	Allison N.H.
7	Alexandri...L.	8	Karlye S.L.	9	Brandy N.V.
10	Ashton T.Z.				



Plickers

A Powerfully Simple Tool

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“Students don’t like to be bored, so I need to know what they know so I can pace my lessons to stimulate learning. Plickers will give me quick feedback about student learning, and take away grading time. This maximizes the time I have available to create lesson plans that keep kids engaged.”

Plickers is a powerfully simple tool that lets teachers collect real-time formative assessment data without the need for student devices.

Tailor instruction with instant feedback. Use Plickers for quick checks for understanding to know whether your students are understanding big concepts and mastering key skills.

Engage ALL students in critical thinking. Give all students the chance to participate and engage in learning without feeling self-conscious.

Focus more on teaching, less on set-up. No waiting for

students to log-in on a computer or even open the right app. Plickers integrates seamlessly into the way you already teach.

Thoughts from students in the Cadet Teaching Class at Mishawaka High School:

“People learn differently. Plickers makes learning more interactive. Plickers is better than taking a test.”

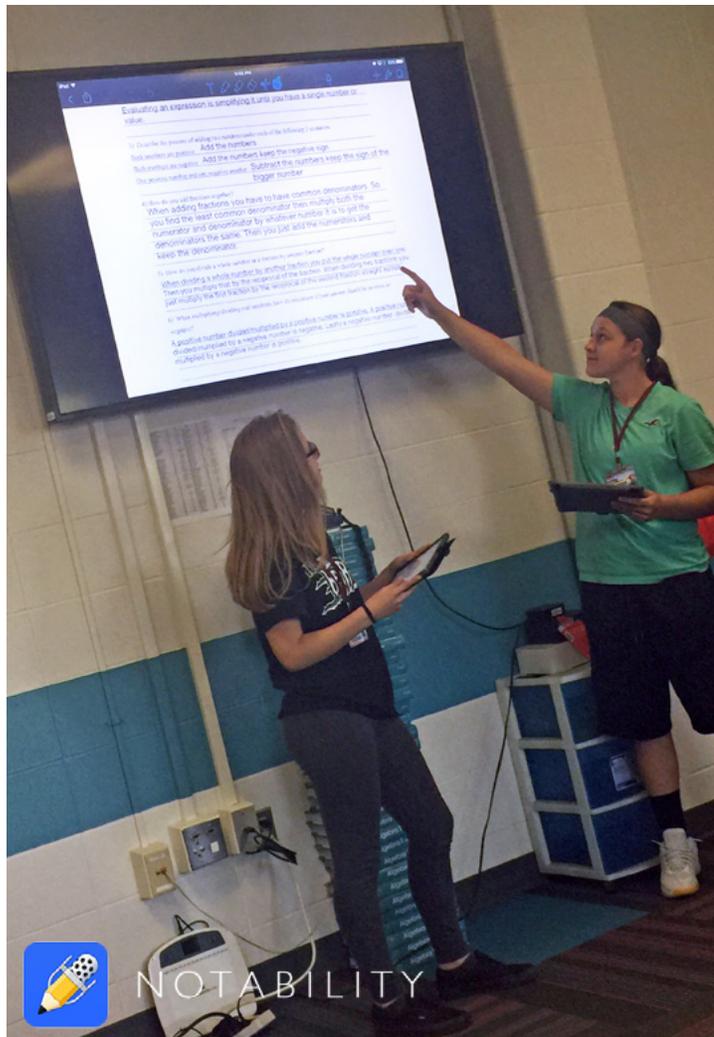
“Not every student needs a phone or computer. A teacher just needs an iPad or phone.”

“It takes a village to help us learn. Plickers lets us come together and see it is ok if we have different opinions. By looking at the graphs, it can also show that others may agree with me.”

“Using Plickers can help students become more well rounded and have a better understanding of their own processing. Like we can discuss why we picked an answer and clarify our thinking.”

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Notability

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Mathematics Teacher

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Notability allows me to push the guided notes out to the students with one touch. Students are then writing on the guided notes and using different colors and highlighting options to make their notes both personalized and meaningful. Absent students can easily get the notes from their peers with one touch also. The dividers and subject tabs also help our students keep their class materials organized in Notability.

Capture Your Thoughts: Combine handwriting, photos and typing in a single note to bring your projects to life. Use a wide range of note-taking and sketching tools to capture every detail. You can even add and annotate PDFs in Notability. It's the perfect place to create and organize work, school, and life's information!

Explore Ideas: Experiment with different tools to create beautiful, hand-crafted notes and sketches. Continue to scale, rotate, and recolor your ideas and sketches until your notes are just how you want

them. Once you're done, organize your notes with ease so you always know where to find what matters most.

Finalize the Details: Zoom in on the specifics, or explore the big picture by combining sketches, outlines, and type. Now you are ready to share your notes with colleagues or study partners through Google Drive, AirDrop, Email and Dropbox.

“Notability helps us stay organized with folders. It took a little while to get used to, but now it's part of our learning day. Plus it has made our backpacks lighter!”

Kammy, 9th Grade MHS

“It is easy to erase and show our thinking on Notability. Using Notability helps us focus on what matters most.”

Andrew, 9th Grade MHS

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Flipgrid

LEARNING LOVES COMMUNITY

Flipgrid is the leading video discussion platform used by millions of PreK to PhD educators, students and families around the world.

“We used Flipgrid in English class to enhance independent reading.” stated Annette Ashburn, 7th Grade ELA Teacher at John Young Middle School. “Students introduced their books with a hook--attention-getting opener. Then they analyzed the book’s theme and read a short passage from the book. Students were able to watch their 300 hall teammates presentations.”

Flipgrid is simple. Create a Grid for your classroom or community. Add a Topic to spark the discussion. Students respond with short videos and ALL of your students engage. It’s your community so it’s your control. You can moderate videos, provide custom feedback, set the privacy rules, and much more.

Clare Roggeman, 3rd Grade Teacher at LaSalle Elementary School noted, “I used Flipgrid as a formative assessment to check my students’ understanding of their Journeys story of the week. It is a fun and relaxed way to see if students are comprehending the story. They get Dojo points if they use one (or more) or their vocabulary words in it! Students LOVE to use the Flipgrid filters and love to see their video pop up on the big screen. It is also great for students to watch their videos of their peers!”

From a parent perspective, Jennifer Addison stated, “I love the Book Talks on Flipgrid! My daughter was not as nervous! I can see a bit of her personality in the video that I might not see if she was in front of 30 classmates.”

Students are excited to learn new ways to learn. “At first it was new to me to learn Flipgrid, but now I get how to use it. I like that I could watch other students’ videos. It helped me learn how to do mine. It’s cool to see what everyone else is

reading. I’m ready to do this again!” stated John Young Middle School 7th grade student Cayden.

You can follow classrooms currently using Flipgrid:

Book Talk 1

Annette Ashburn
7th Grade ELA Teacher
John Young Middle School

Students Helping Students

Charlene McKay
3rd Grade Teacher
Battell Elementary School

Destiny’s Gift

Clare Roggeman
3rd Grade Teacher
LaSalle Elementary School

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common sense¹

Common Sense is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Family Tip Sheets are designed for families with children in elementary school and information for those with children in middle and/or high school.

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