

Welcome to the First Technology Newsletter

Working in technology I always come across some great tools or apps that I love to share with families, students and teachers. Below are some great apps that I found recently that I thought parents could share with kids and teachers could use in the classroom. While they are educational they are also fun to use.

Animoto

A free [Animoto](#) account lets students create 30-second videos, which can be challenging!

Cooperative learning idea: Have students explain something in 30 seconds through music and images. Above is an example of a water cycle video.

Boggle

How many letters can you chain together to form a word?

Point value: 3 or 4 letters = 1 point, 5 = 2 points, 6 = 3 pts, 7 = 5 points, 8 or more = 11 points.

Goal: Try to form as many words as you can before time runs out! Visit [Teacher Led](#) for a free letter generator!

Cooperative learning idea: Have students work in teams to create words. Then as a math project, they can create fractions (words created / how many times they rolled the dice) or graphs (compare/contrast the number of words created).



Voice to Text

Parents, here is a link to a quick youtube video that shows you how to turn on the voice to speech function in your google doc. This can be very helpful for students who dislike typing or have a disability and find the speech to text much easier. Again you must use chrome as your browser for this to work. Any inexpensive microphone will work!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQueGjqeDB0>

What's new in the Technology department.



Currently we are looking for used technology equipment



that we can recycle for students in need.

Anyone in the community can leave a laptop, desktop computer or tablet at the high school. We will utilize our student workers to repair this equipment which will benefit other

students.

Coming Up; Last year we hosted technology for seniors. We're hoping to do that again this year as well. If you know someone that is interested, please let us know. The intent of this program is to bring our community seniors and our students here at Griswold High School together. Our students can help with technology needs that the seniors may have; including the ins-and-outs of cell

phone, use tablets; including iPads and Android devices, maybe using Facebook to connect with friends and loved ones, email account and any other needs that they may have.

For more information please call 860-376-7660 or email

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Did you get a tablet or a piece of technology for Christmas you need help with?