

# EDTECH TIMES

*Our mission is to improve teaching and learning through the use of appropriate technologies, supporting students in their progress toward college-, career-, and citizenship-readiness.*

## Technology Grants

Technology can be very expensive. If you have an idea for your classroom, but need some assistance funding your project, applying for a grant is a possible solution. The Ed Techs are keeping our eyes and ears open to find available funding sources for projects in our District.

On the EdTech website, [ProLearning](#), our Grant Team has listed active grants (15) and due dates for submissions. The site also provides links to the grants and tips for getting your grant founded.

Having the support of your principal can be a great help when starting any grant proposal, so we encourage you to seek their input. Stand out by personally contacting the organization awarding the grant to introduce yourself and above all, be sure you are clear and specific about your intentions for the materials you are requesting.

If you learn of a grant we have not listed, please let [Katie Dewey](#) know and it will be added.

## New Website

### Parent Connections

[Parent Connections](#), a website designed by Canyons School District to be a technology resource for parents. This website will provide resources that will address academics, communication, safety, and available technology in Canyons District. Please check in frequently for updates and strategies to help supplement student classroom/school experiences.



## Applications Due Friday for Educational Technology Endorsement

The Education Technology Department is excited to announce that [applications](#) are now being accepted for the Educational [Technology Endorsement Program](#) that will begin January 7, 2014. This year-long program is designed to help teachers, administrators and Achievement Coaches in the Canyons School District become educational technology leaders in their schools.

Applications will be accepted through November 15, 2013, and notifications of whether or not you were accepted to the program will be sent via email by December 6, 2013.

To learn more about the Education Technology Department and how you can better incorporate technology into your curriculum, visit our website at: <http://prolearning.canyonsdistrict.org/>

## Google Tool of the Month "Doctopus"

As we stated last month, every Kindergarten through 12th grader has a csddocs.org Google account. Google Docs are excellent tools for students and teachers to collaborate with each other and for students to submit their work electronically.

Using Google Docs in the classroom helps engage students and allows students to collaborate with others. Google Docs also allows the teacher and student to share assignments. The caveat from a teacher stand point is dispersing of documents.

Doctopus allows the teacher to distribute, share, and manage documents (templates) easily to each student. This will help increase differentiated learning and communication with the students.



[Click here for How to Videos](#)

## App of the Month

**Evernote** is digital notebook that allows you to take notes, clip web pages, upload images and files, and much more. It is ideal for note taking, organization, and storage because it syncs between computer, smartphone, and tablets making your information available everywhere. Evernote's tagline is "Remember Everything."

Evernote is a great tool for educators to become familiar with and use for classroom organization, management, and file saving purposes. Teachers are getting excited about the ability to begin going paperless and are finding many uses for Evernote in their classrooms.

To find out ways to use Evernote in your classroom [click here](#) (Shared Evernote) and [sign-up](#).



## iOS 7's 5 Features Educators Need to Know

While iOS brought many new features, and a large learning curve, here are the top 5 features for education.

**1. Control Center-** Swipe up from the bottom of the screen to reveal a toolbox of useful tools. Apple states, "Do what you need to do. Quick." For educators this is a quick way to connect to Airplay.



**2. Airdrop-** This feature allows you to share a photo or document to another iOS device wirelessly without using email. Found in the Control Center. (FYI Does not work with OS X Airdrop)

**3. Smarter multitasking-** Apps can stay up-to date in the background making sure you get the messages you need and you no longer have to "update" your apps, its automatically done for you!

**4. iCloud-** Saving and accessing your content has never been easier. Documents will sync with all of your Apple devices. In addition iLife and iWork updates have added missing features to the iPad.



**5. Keynote, Pages, Numbers, iPhoto, and iMovie** are All FREE with any new iOS device.

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