



Web 2.0 Dos and Don'ts

Even if you don't use Web 2.0 tools or don't even know what a wiki, widget or blog is, they are here to stay and we need to become more aware of what they are and how to utilize them in our classrooms! This technology can enhance creativity, collaboration, and communication for our students as well as our teachers and administrators. This month's newsletter is dedicated to sharing free, yes free, sites that are easy to use in your classroom. Because the sites are easy to use, and easy to misuse, I am sharing some dos and don'ts I found in Discovery Education to guide you as you utilize the tools.

Do: create slide shows or videos from

pictures of your class and share them on sites like Flickr.

Don't: Plagiarize work of other people. If you use a picture, clip or video online be sure you site the source.

Do: Turn an oral presentation into a podcast.

Don't: Post offensive, hurtful or inaccurate information.

Do: Take pictures of class projects, field trips, sporting events, etc. and share them.

Don't: Distribute risque, inappropriate or irrelevant content. Share with only a secure audience.

Do: Collaborate with others using online projects. You may even be able to interact with classrooms in other

cities, states or even countries.

Don't: Disrespect others' contributions or comments. Be civil in your online communications.

Do: Protect your work and your life with privacy filters, encryption and other security measures to keep people from accessing personal information or altering your content.

Don't: Let anyone have your password, not even your closest friend. If someone posts something inappropriate delete it or notify the person who can.

Do: HAVE FUN AND EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES!!!

Free Web Tools to Make any Teacher's Job Easier

COSKETCH

<http://www.cosketch.com/>

Cosketch is a multi-user online whiteboard designed to give you the ability to quickly visualize and share your ideas as images.

POLL EVERYWHERE

<http://www.pollerywhere.com/>

This online polling site allows teachers to poll their students without costly student response equipment.

IMAGINATIONCUBED

<http://www.imaginationcubed.com/>

This site is a multi-user drawing tool

WETOKU

<http://wetoku.com/>

This online tools allows for you to interview people anywhere, easy and safe!

JING

<http://help.jingproject.com/>

Create your own screen captures to share with your students or parents.

WORDLE

<http://www.wordle.net/>

Using this site you can generate word clouds, fun, interactive and creative!

FLICKR

<http://www.flickr.com/>

Free photo sharing site

DELICIOUS

<http://delicious.com/>

Social bookmarking site



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Collaboration Sites

Google Doc's have awesome opportunities for collaboration among your students or students in other schools. If you are unfamiliar with google doc's check them out! <http://www.google.com/google-d-s/intl/en/tour1.html>

EtherPad is an online word processor - another great site that will help you incorporate collaboration in your classroom. <http://etherpad.com/>

CL1P is an Internet clipboard. You can use this site to share information between users. <http://www.cl1p.net>

Check out **Primary Access**. This site offers a suite of free online tools. <http://www.primaryaccess.org/>

The Monster Exchange

<http://www.monsterexchange.org>

Funding Opportunities

A database of a variety of grant offerings for all areas of your school.

<http://www.cpsb.org/Scripts/abshire/grants.asp>

An excellent site for a variety of education grants for classroom and larger school and technology grants is available at: <http://www1.center.k12.mo.us/edtech/resources/grants1.htm>

This is a site that has many different educational technology grants: <http://technologygrantnews.com/grant-index-by-type/educational-technology-grants.html>



Technology Integration

Research has proven that using real time data and online collaboration projects enhance learning for students. Below are some of my favorite sites for these types of opportunities:

CIESE sponsors and designs a K-12 curriculum with real time data and collaborative projects - awesome site!

<http://www.ciese.org/currichome.html>

Jason Science

<http://www.jason.org/public/whatis/start.aspx>

Journey North engages students in a global study of wildlife migration and seasonal change.

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth>

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Professional Development

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Be sure to go to the OCE PD site for upcoming opportunities!

- Three week SMART make and take sessions at St. Gregory's.

To register and check out the details for all the OCE Professional Development opportunities go to our site at:

<http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/register/>

Cleveland State - GCEDC Professional Development

www.csuohio.edu/cehs/gcedc

Clermont County Educational Services - eLearning

http://www.ccesc.org/ccesc2010/technology/technology_online_courses.htm



Resources

OCE Ed Tech Page

http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/teachers/teacher_resources.shtml

Knowledge Adventure

<http://www.knowledgeadventure.com>

Braingle

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