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PRISM Teacher of the Month

Chad Musselwhite
Edgewood High School
Ellettsville, Indiana

My name is Chad Musselwhite and am in my 17th year teaching Math at Edgewood High School in Ellettsville IN. I have taught all levels of Math including Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus and Finite. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Indiana State in 2002 in Mathematics Education and got my Master's Degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2010 in Administration. I have always been interested in technology integration and have been advocating for the use of a LMS across the corporation. I have an 8 year old daughter and a 6 year old son.

I have been using PRISM since probably 2008. This has helped not only streamline my class, but allowed students to keep up with work when they are absent. I use various functions daily as do my students. Students log on daily where they find a summary of what we have done plus the assignment in the calendar. I upload assignments and use the upload websites feature to put video lessons online that students can access when they have missed class or for a better understanding. I use the quiz function for both quizzes and for exit tickets to check for understanding. This allows students to have immediate feedback as well as give me immediate data on what they are or are not understanding. I also like that I can see when students log on and check for how long they were logged in for. In addition, I use that in the quiz feature to see how long they spent on the test. This data is incredibly useful. Moodle also allows me to assign work on our e-Learning days and because students already are used to checking in daily, there is no confusion as to what they are supposed to be doing.

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Our students have been 1:1 for 7 or 8 years and use many different LMS options. They are comfortable using the Moodle LMS on the PRISM website, as it is very user friendly and easy to understand. I like that they can access information both at school and at home, I can put all of my notes on there and assignments. In addition, I can track students time in my class, do quick formative assessments that give immediate feedback to both myself and students and have all of my information housed in one spot and change things easily like the order of units.

Chad Musselwhite has been a leader at Edgewood High School in bringing other teachers onboard to using PRISM's Moodle LMS for their classes. He is definitely online everyday using the Moodle LMS. He also is a support person at Edgewood High School for teachers using the LMS. With his help, support and promoting of PRISM's Moodle, there are a good number of the Richland Bean-Blossom Community Schools' teachers using the platform. He does this on a voluntary basis; however, he truly values PRISM's resources to Indiana teachers.
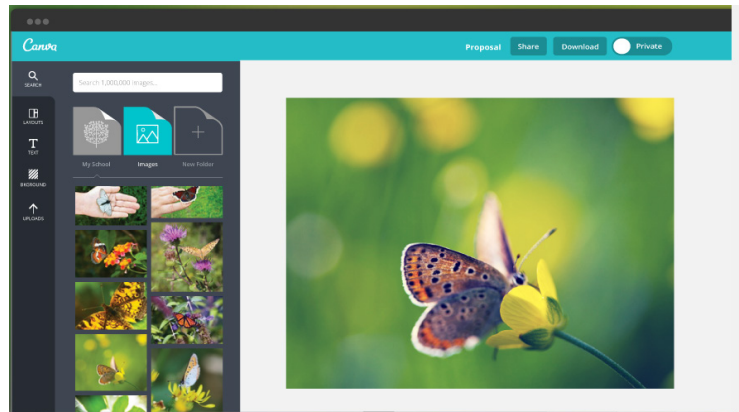
Canva
Design anything. Publish anywhere.

Canva is an online design tool that offers users the opportunity to create professional-looking posters. Canva can be used to create a variety of images, including event flyers, resumes, cards, certificates, and infographics for classroom presentations. The tool allows students to design posters to showcase their knowledge in a visual way.

Canva provides teachers and students with a simple new way to design. Its drag and drop functionality enables them to create presentations, posters, one-page documents, and social media posts. Students can create designs to be shared with the entire class. They can provide view-only access or give classmates or their teacher an opportunity to collaborate on the same design.

Canva has seamless integration with Google Apps. Teachers can get students working with Canva integration with class lessons quickly and efficiently without having to worry about maintaining additional student logins.

For more information: https://www.canva.com/

nearpod

Interactive Learning Experiences Students Love

Get 100% participation from students with fun, interactive activities delivered synchronously on all devices. Students can draw, highlight, type and add pictures using an interactive whiteboard. Prep time can be saved by easily importing lessons that a teacher presently has in files. Teachers can create virtual field trips, 3D objects, graphs, charts, diagrams (interactive), quizzes, polls and online assessments.

Lesson can be launched instantly to students. Feedback can be provided to students instantly. Teachers can view student answers individually or as a class and generate post-session reports with one click.

Teachers can increase students' access to information, ideas, and interactions with nearpod. Students can be enabled to take more ownership of their learning by using nearpod.

For more information: https://nearpod.com/

Mystery Science
Hands-on, Inquiry-based

Mystery Science has 200+ lessons with instructions, videos, assessments, and discussion questions. Over 50,000 elementary schools are now integrating Mystery Science in classrooms.

Teachers can choose from over 200 online lessons that are organized by unit, grade level and by standards. Every lesson begins with a mystery that is used to hook students. Students will watch online videos or simulations that will lead up to hands-on lessons. It is a curriculum that actually engages students. Most of the lessons require low-cost, readily available supplies.

For more information: Mystery Science.

Professional Development Opportunities
(PRISM will have a session at each of these conferences)

South Shore eLearning Conference 2019
June 5 – June 6
Morton High School
6915 Grand Avenue
Hammond, Indiana 46323

Ken Shelton – Keynote – June 5

Ken currently holds an M.A. in Education with a specialization in Educational Technology as well as New Media Design and Production. He has worked as an Educator for over 14 years and most recently taught technology at the Middle School level.

As a part of his active involvement within the Educational Technology community, Ken is an:

- Apple Distinguished Educator
- Google Certified Innovator
- Named to the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction's Education Technology Task Force

Ken is the ISTE Digital Equity PLN 2018 Excellence Award winner. Ken is currently the Global Keynote Specialist and Educational Technology Strategist, for EdTechTeam.

Professional Development Opportunities

George Couros – Keynote June 6

George Couros is currently an "Innovative Teaching, Learning, and Leadership Consultant", as well as the author of "The Innovator's Mindset". Formerly, the Division Principal of Innovative Teaching and Learning with Parkland School Division, located in Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada. He has over 17 years of experience as an educator, in a myriad of roles in K-12education. George is passionate about distributed leadership within his division, and believe that creating a collaborative environment with all stakeholders, will help to ensure that we meet the best needs of all children.

"I believe in the power of students, and that all of the children we can teach can be leaders if we help them find their passion. It is important to me that we always work to get do "what is best for kids", and I appreciate discussion when talking about meeting the needs of students with all stakeholders."

For more information: [South Shore eLearn](#)

PowerED Up
Inspiring Teachers. Empowering Students.
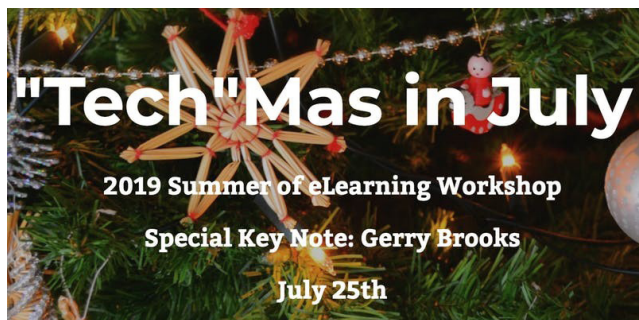
June 4, 2019
Registration - $25.00

Featuring:

- Keynote Speaker Buddy Berry, Superintendent of Eminence Independent Schools
- Door Prizes
- Participants receive 6 CEUs
- Breakout sessions related to bring: Bringing delight and joy into learning, Instruction Redesign, Sessions for parents-Social Media Safety

Breakfast catered by Guillaume's General Store
Lunch catered by Fiesta Grande

For more information: [PowerED Up](#)

"Tech" Mas in July
2019 Summer of eLearning Workshop

Madison Consolidated School Corporation with Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation is proud to host " Tech-mas" in July as part of the IDOE Summer of eLearning Conferences with Keynote speaker Gerry Brooks.

We invite all educators to join us for a day of technology-rich integration PD focused on authentic student-centered learning.

Come and cool off from the summer to our winter wonderland! Don't forget your festive or ugly Christmas sweater! (Prize for the ugliest/creative).

Conference Location:
Madison Consolidated Junior High School
801 7th Street
Madison, IN 47250

For more information: https://sites.google.com/madison.k12.in.us/mcs/home

What PRISM Can Do For You!

- Easily find the perfect teaching and learning resources from our library of over 5,000.

- Save a list of your favorite resources for quick retrieval.

- Create and share lesson plans that teach your subjects utilizing your favorite resources.

- Develop online classrooms with interactive assignments, lessons, quizzes and more!

- Store your classroom materials online so that they are available to you from any computer.

- Reach your students more effectively by using web media for the digital age.

- Earn PGP points by completing PRISM led online Moodle course – either Beginning Moodle or Intermediate Moodle courses are available to you at no cost several times throughout the year.

- Select from free learning resources that emphasize visualization, rich context, staged-problem solving, and electronically enabled collaboration / communication.

- Augment your own dynamic presence in the classroom with teaching tools that mirror the skills needed for success in higher education and the 21st Century workplace.

*Through our strong support from the **Lilly Endowment** and others, we are constantly growing and improving. Check our site regularly to see what new resources you can use in your classroom.*

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