CURRICULUM CONNECTION

A Newsletter from the CSD Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Bolivar County Spelling Bee Champion

Reehan Reza

Our word is: Congratulations. C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S!

The Bolivar County Spelling Bee took place Tuesday, February 2 at the CCHS auditorium. During this momentous event, 13 of the county's top spellers competed for the title of Bolivar County Spelling Bee Champion.

Students kept the audience in suspenseful awe as they spelled words such as disconsolate, syndicate, tamarisk, and finally the championship word "salubrious", spelled by Reehan Reza.

Reehan, 3rd grade student at Hays Cooper Center, is the 2021 Bolivar County Spelling Bee Champion. He will represent both Bolivar County and Cleveland School District in the state spelling bee in March.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee carries a rich tradition of recognizing the hard work of students across the nation. We are proud of all of the participants whose performances are a shining example of the great things coming from the Cleveland School District.

You have made the Wolfpack P-R-O-U-D, proud!

TECH TOOLS: JAMBOARD

The world of remote teaching has required educators to embrace the use of technology like never before. Technology and software vendors have rushed to fill any void we may have been experiencing in this arena. Whether you have received numerous sales pitches about the latest tech tool to enhance distance learning or you've heard a colleague rave about a product you're convinced you must have, and all of your remote learning problems will be solved. Realistically, knowing how to effectively use a few select tools or apps is all you need. Especially, if those tools can be used in a multitude of ways to provide instruction, effective feedback, and assess student learning. Jamboard is a tool presented in January's Distance Learning PD that is proven to not only provide high leverage but also simple to learn and use. Check out the resources below to learn how to incorporate this tech tool into your virtual classroom.

20 Ways Jamboard can be used in the classroom.

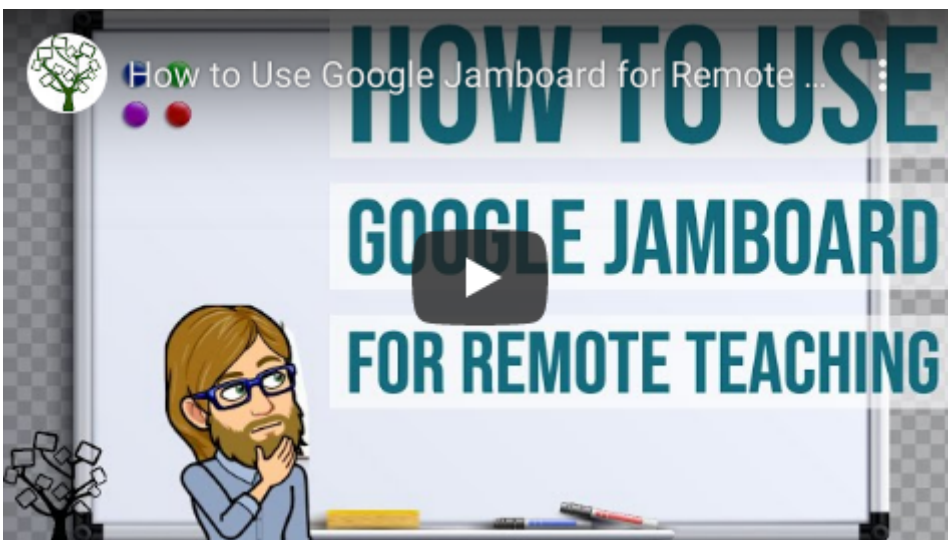Google Jamboard training resources from the Google Teacher Center

10 Jamboard templates for distance learning (with Kris Szajner)

Google Teacher Podcast Ep. 96: Using Jamboard for Digital Thinking

The Suite Talk: An overview of Jamboard with Tom Mullaney

Bring Collaboration to the Next LEvel with the Google Jamboard App (with Tom Mullaney)

Google Jamboard in a Virtual Learning Environment (by Maria Arfanakis Galanis)
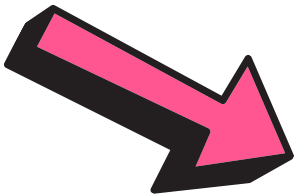

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Making Connections in Informational Texts: Effective Questioning

Questions can do more than measure what students know. Appropriately challenging, engaging, and effective questions stimulate peer discussion and encourage students to explore and refine their understanding of key concepts. Coaches discussed the importance of using effective questioning during January's elementary ELA content session. Participants received one-on-one training on strategies to create effective questions through the use of question stems that can be paired with informational texts. Scan the QR codes to view resources. Don't see your grade level? Use the Google Search Engine. Type "Common Core State Standards Question Stems Bank" and your grade level in the search bar to generate resources.

CSD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

PHET MATH AND SCIENCE INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS