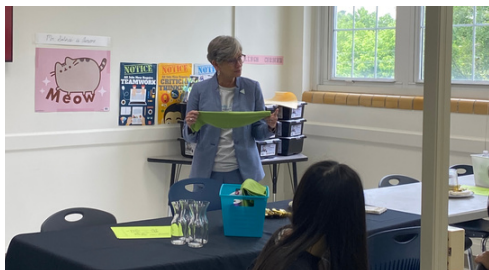


● DIGITAL LEARNING & INNOVATION NEWSLETTER ●



The Inaugural Young Women's Empowerment Conference for Vance County Schools was held on April 28 at The Center for Innovation. This is a highly-engaging event had 250 guests from Vance County Schools and our community. The event is designed to *inspire* and *empower* middle and high school students to be their best selves and to prepare for their journey into young womanhood. We are grateful to our presenters and sponsors, as well as our attendees for making this event so successful.

[Click here to view our 2023 YWE Digital Archive](#)



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Various Pathways To Success

Hear the personal journeys of these successful women who represent a variety of career fields and who all have ties to our community



MAY 2023



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ROBOVANCE COMPETITION

On Saturday, May 6th, Vance County Schools is holding our inaugural RoboVANCE robotics competition! Our students have been working hard to code and engineer their robots to complete various challenges. Come out to Vance County Middle School to support them and celebrate their hard work and ingenuity.

The K-2 and Middle school competitions start at 9:30AM.

The 3-5 competition will start at 12:30PM.



RoboVANCE Robotics Competition

**Saturday, May 6th, at
Vance County Middle School**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Come and support your elementary
and middle school teams!

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Concessions are available

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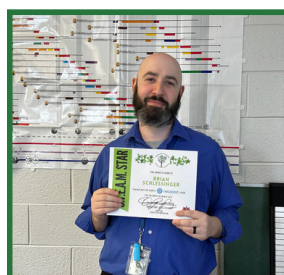
It's an a-MAY-zing time of year! Nearpod is celebrating teacher appreciation month by offering you a chance to win prizes. Enter to win [here!](#) They also have many opportunities to celebrate several national holidays in May and want to help you prepare for the end of the year. Check out all the resources on this [one-pager](#).



**We are so excited to recognize this month's top Nearpod educators.
Congratulations and keep up the great work!**



Yackesha Samuda-Green



Brian Schlessinger



Lori-Ann Lewis





The Tried and True Resource for End of Grade Testing

Tips and tricks to get the most out of Schoolnet:

1. When creating a test, use the "manual" test option. This option allows you to hand pick the exact questions you want to use. The "manual" test option is different in this way, as the "express test" selects test items for you, but ALWAYS selects them in the same order. Therefore, you will get the same questions each time for that standard.
2. The only "publisher" that you should choose questions from is NCDPI_Classroom. You will select this publisher before finding the questions you want.
3. You will sometimes get more than 10,000 questions to choose from, depending on your grade and subject. It is important to "drill" down to get as specific as possible to the standards you want to see questions from, in order to lessen the number of questions.



Spotlight



Grant Hairston



CFI is seeking student interns for the summer!

\$15 per hour, June through September. *Do you know a VCS 9-12th grader interested in applying?* Application and more information found [here](#).

VCS is hiring interns for multiple departments.

All of the resources to help you with Schoolnet (navigating, creating tests, upload guide for Blooket and Quizizz) can be found on the VCS Teacher's Google Classroom. If you have not already joined, the code is

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TECH RECS

Apple Learning Coach Program

Join the Apple team to learn more about Apple Learning Coach, a free professional learning program. This session includes how to select the best candidates from your school or district, how Apple Learning Coaches help you build in-house capacity with Apple technology, and the value of differentiated coaching for your educators. Tara Cahill, Executive Director of Technology, Integration, and Information Services at Grand Prairie ISD will join the session to share how the Apple Learning Coach program transformed teaching and learning in her district.

Register now for today's session on May 3, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. EDT or 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. EDT.

You can contact them at applelearningcoach@apple.com if you have any questions.



**I HELP
YOU?**

Sign Up Here!

TECH WORKSHOPS

For the **month of May, every Thursday from 3:45-5:00 pm, DLIS will be in room 312 at The Center for Innovation** to support teachers in Schoolnet. Teachers are able to have small group (by subject or grade level), or one-on-one sessions with the Digital Learning and Innovation Specialists.

This is a "recap" of previous offerings we have done. However, since we are at the test prep time of year, this is the best resource and assistance we can offer educators.



Need Digital Learning Help?

Click to schedule a meeting with a Digital Learning & Innovation Specialist

