DIGITAL LEARNING & INNOVATION NEWSLETTER

REGISTER NOW ›

Teachers across the district have started attending the hands-on, digital learning workshops hosted at the Center for Innovation. These sessions highlight digital learning tools and strategies to streamline learning. It is not too late to join! Register today.

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CODING

Don't forget that next week, Dec. 7th, is Hour of Code! It has become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities that show learners that coding is fun and creative - so why not get your students started by organizing an Hour of Code event in your classroom or at your school? Review last month's newsletter for planning documents.

EBSCO eBook Collections provide many resources for coding and programming in the classroom. The recording for the eBooks for Students & Professionals sessions can be found here and there is still time to register for upcoming sessions: bit.ly/FALL22EBBRIT

Coding and Programming eBooks

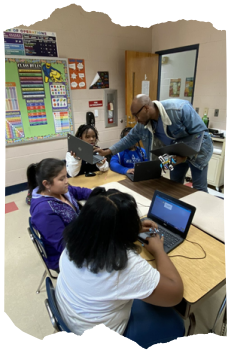
(You will be prompted to login if not already logged into NCEdCloud.)

K-8

Highschool

Educators

Additional resources for supporting STEM programs in your school and district can be found in the **STEM section of the Toolkit.**



ROBOVANCE

We are so excited to share that RoboVance is off to a great start! Schools have begun to host club meetings and the students are beyond excited to learn about coding. Lessons focus on building teamwork and overcoming challenges. These teams have the opportunity to be creative, curious and innovative. School teams will compete in the inaugural RoboVance competition this upcoming Spring. School teams are as follows:

ELEMENTARY TEAMS

Aycock - 6 teams
Carver - 3 teams
Clarke - 2 teams
Dabney - 4 teams
EM Rollins - 5 teams
EO Young - 5 teams
LB Yancey - 2 teams
Pinkston - 4 teams
Zeb Vance - 3 teams
V3A - 1 team

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS

VCMS - 3 teams
STEM - 6 teams
V3A - 1 team

A big shout out and thank you to all the amazing coaches helping to bring this wonderful opportunity to our students! Stephanie Sewell-Brown, Jill Coleman, Tracey Fontanet, Jordan Wilder, Blair Brantley, Trish Burroughs, Terisa Tribble, Sonya Randall, Joy Herndon, Deborah Harris, Claudel Richards, Katie Tielking, Cheyanne Kimble, Ebony Watkins, Alexandra White, Amber Baker, Sharita Jones, Loletta Davidson, Kiara Burwell, Jhaneille Downer, Ayana Lewis, Grant Hairston, Cynthia Schlessinger, Ginger Glover, Nicholas Barrett, Sheneika Campbell-Thomas, Dwayanna Ramsay-Morgan, Milton Lima, Christian Salinas, Quentillia Crutchfield

S.T.E.A.M. STARS

Excellence in education is found in every school in Vance County. We are so proud to see all the classes that are working hard to include S.T.E.A.M. into their classroom. This month we want to recognize educators that are going above and beyond to bring new opportunities to their students.

Mr. Milton Lima @StemEarly has been recently accepted into the inaugural class of the Limitless Space Institutes Limitless Educator Program. He not only is providing opportunities in space science but continues to deliver hands-on lessons that engage students in STEM experiences. His classes are currently working with budgets and materials to build water filters using the least amount of money. Trial and error is key to the learning process and design improveme

MILTON LIMA - STEM EHS

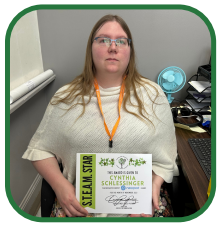
Students in Ms. Welch's class at E.O.Young collaborated in efforts to learn more and support our troops for Veterans day. Students participated online lessons about veterans. The class participated in writing and mailing letters to troop members, designing pinwheels, and making poppies.

CHRISTI WELCH - EO YOUNG ELEM.

Nearpod allows teachers to streamline lessons and provide personalized learning. The session reports are a great tool to scaffold learning needs. This month we would like to recognize ***Vance Virtual Village*** as our top school user. Our top two educator users are ***Launtia Dallas from Clarke Elementary*** and ***Cynthia Schlessinger from V3.*** Nearpod's Poll acitivity is still among the top favorite activities. We would love for you to continue using Nearpod and share your success with us @VCSCFI.

Vance Virtual

Launtia Dallas



Cynthia Schlessinger

TECH RECS

Google Tips: Chrome Tab Groups and Tab Search

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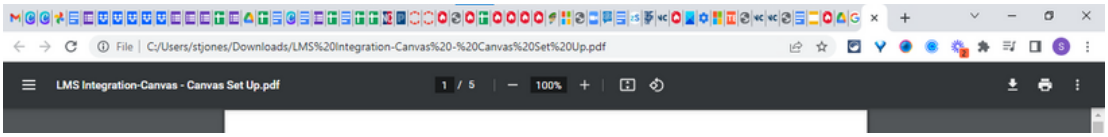
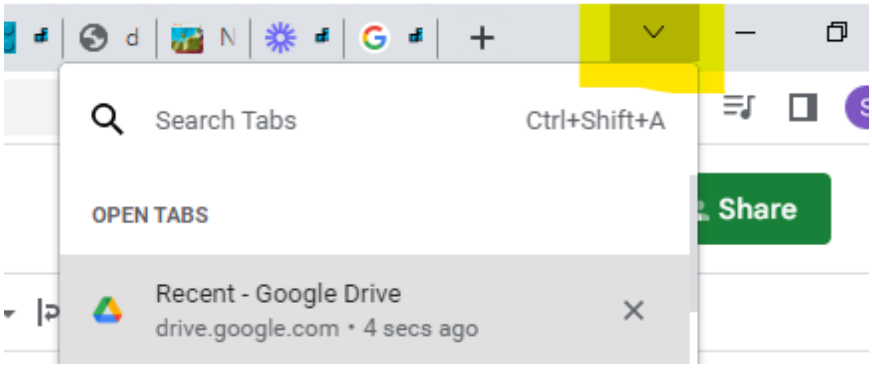


Do you get frustrated looking for that one tab you need right now? Try using the Tab Groups feature! Tab groups will let you combine sets of tabs into a named group. Each group can be color coded and minimized to clean up your tab nightmare, then reopened so you can quickly find the tab you need. Watch this video to learn how it works: **How To Create Tab Groups in Chrome**

If you don't want to use Tab Groups, you can also **search** your tabs. Click the menu arrow at the top of your browser window on the right, or click Ctrl+Shift+A:



Now type in the **Search Tabs** box to find your tab! Note that search looks through the tabs in ***all*** your browser windows that you have open under that Google account, including recently closed tabs.

Need Help?

Click to schedule a meeting with a DLIS.

JOIN NOW

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