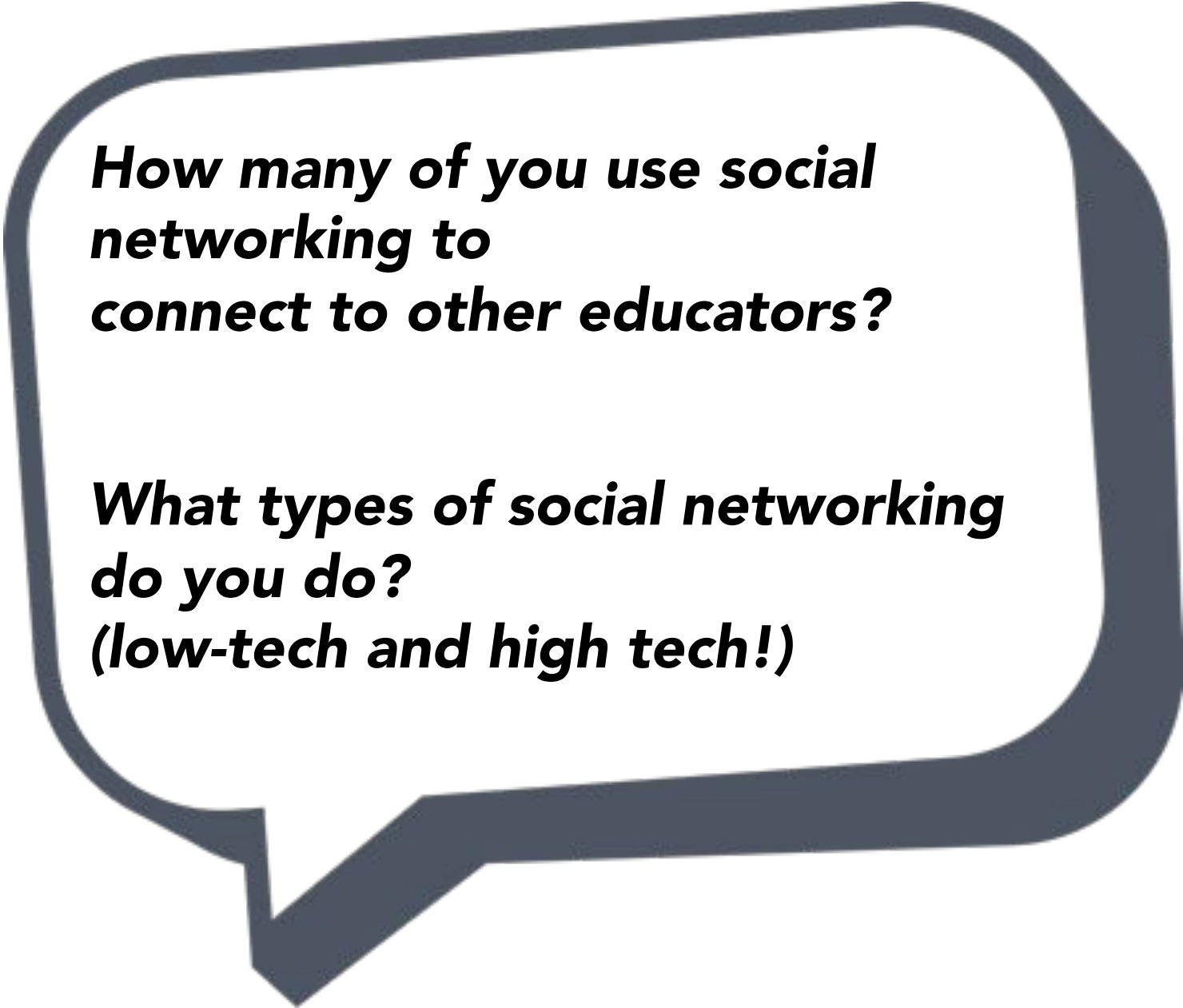


## **Develop your own learning community:** ***Personal Learning Networks***

Andrea Prupas, Coordinator  
ALDI Initiative  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Heritage Regional High School, RSB

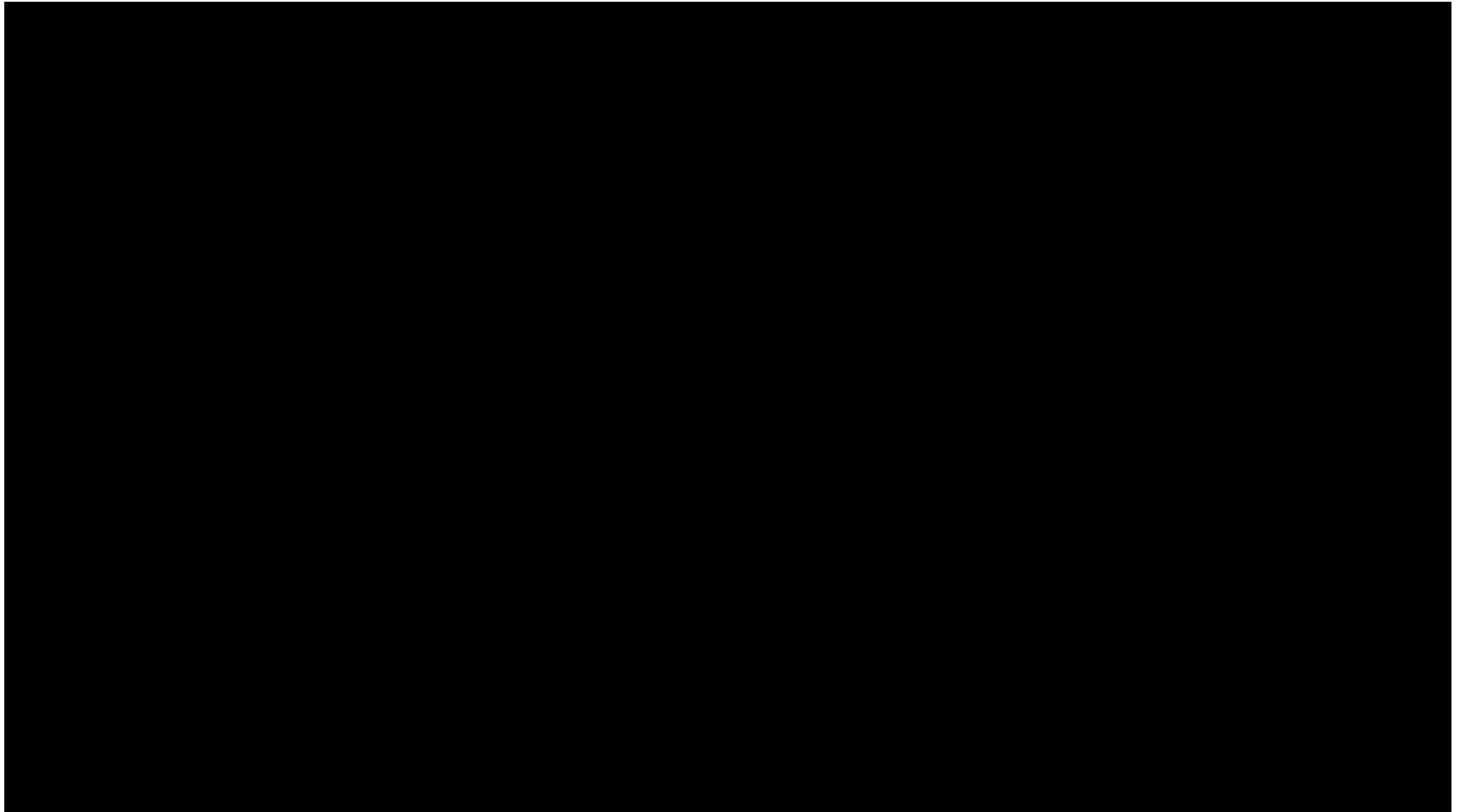
# Our discussion today

- What is a PLN?
- The importance of being “networked”
- Leveraging technology and social networks to build your PLN
- 3 great (and free!) technology tools to build your PLN



***How many of you use social  
networking to  
connect to other educators?***

***What types of social networking  
do you do?  
(low-tech and high tech!)***



# What is a PLN?

- A personalized learning network is a tool that uses social media and technology to collect, communicate, collaborate and create with connected colleagues anywhere at any time.

# Components of a PLN

- Making connections and building personal relationships
- Using different media and tools
- Sharing ideas and resources, collaboration, and learning
- Developing a local and global learning network

(Edublogs teacher challenges)

[illegible]

A GROWTH  
MINDSET

*Means that you believe*  
**INTELLIGENCE**  
*can be*  
**DEVELOPED**

*And you have a*  
**PASSION**  
*to*  
**LEARN**  
*which means you*

Embrace  
challenge

**LEARN**  
*from criticism*

**KEEP GOING**  
**WHEN THINGS GET**  
**TOUGH**

Are  
INSPIRED  
by the  
GREATNESS  
in others

**AND**

SEE  
*effort*  
AS THE PATH TO  
*mastery*



# What does a growth mindset school look like?

- **Administrators** support teachers' learning, and learn from their teachers. **Teachers** collaborate with their colleagues and instructional leaders. They strive to strengthen their own practice.

# Why is it important to be “networked”?

Informal learning is a significant aspect of our learning experience. Learning now occurs in a variety of ways – through communities of practice, personal networks, and through completion of work-related tasks.

(Siemans, G. Connectivism: A Learning Theory for the Digital Age)



***How do you learn?***

***Does your learning occur  
in different ways?***





# Your PLN

“The world’s largest staff room”

# Change comes with our own learning

“I really believed that if I was going to talk about moving things forward, I needed to do it myself. The impact that my own learning has had not only on the way I do things, but also the passion I have about kids and learning, has forever changed for the better. We are seeing a system change where I am at because we are seeing so many educators immerse themselves in their own learning first. That has been by far the biggest shift in our division's mindset; we all need to be learners first.”

(George Couros, in reply to Will Richardson, October 2011, [willrichardson.com](http://willrichardson.com))

“I can have an educator in Australia answer my question in 5 minutes. How amazing is that?”

“I’ve learned more on Twitter in one year than I have learned in my 5 year teacher training program.”

## **What educators are saying...**

Education doesn’t stop when you get your teaching degree. You can become a lifelong learner through your PLN.”

“The key is to surround yourself with passionate educators from a multitude of different backgrounds.”



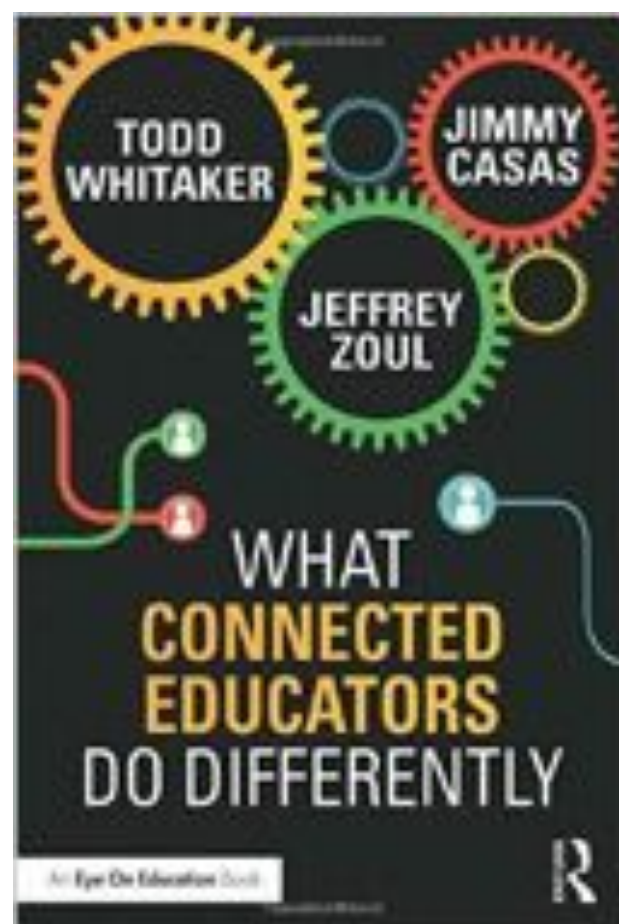
# Where do I begin?



# Let's talk about...

- How to leverage social networks and technology tools for your own learning





“Educators, like any other professionals, need peer-to peer interaction and reciprocal investments in order to grow and develop.

Our profession has been silent and isolated for too long.”

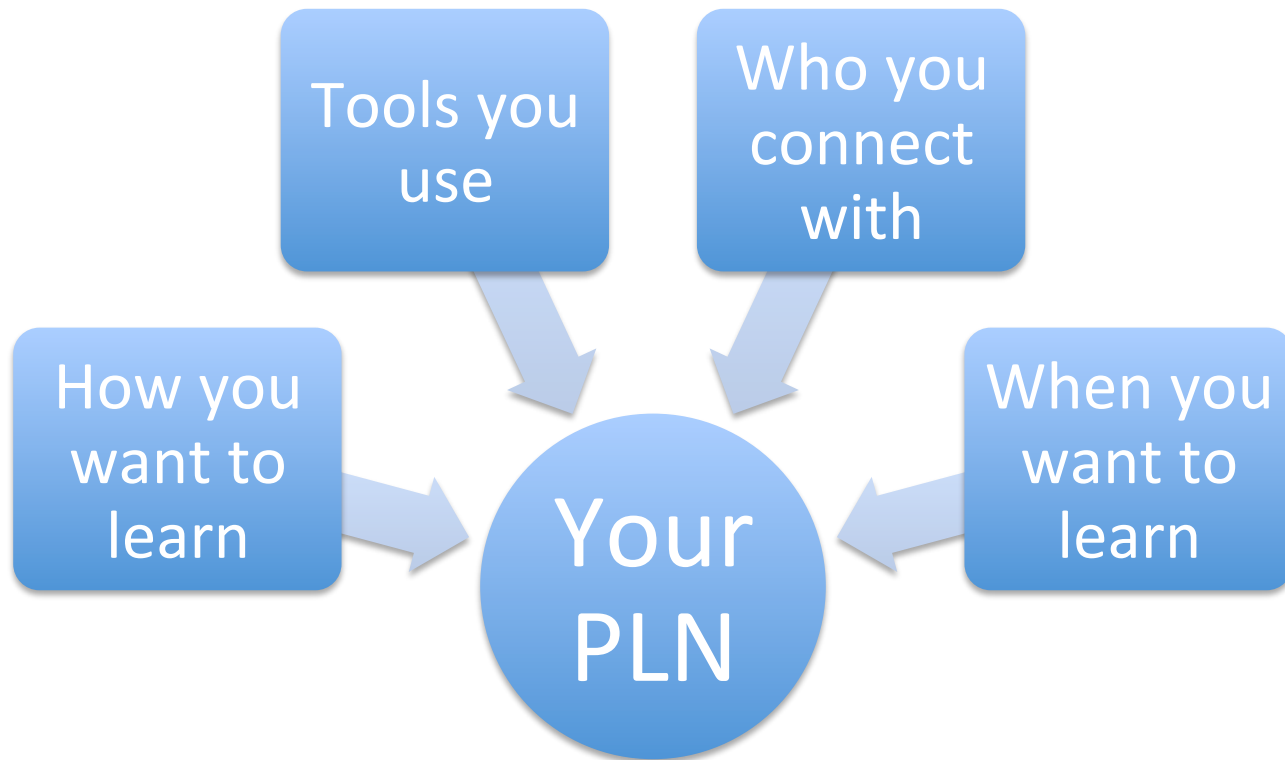
(Whitaker, Zoul, and Casas, 2015)

# Power up your PLN with technology

- Connect
- Collaborate
- Converse
- Contribute
- Request

(gettingsmart.com)

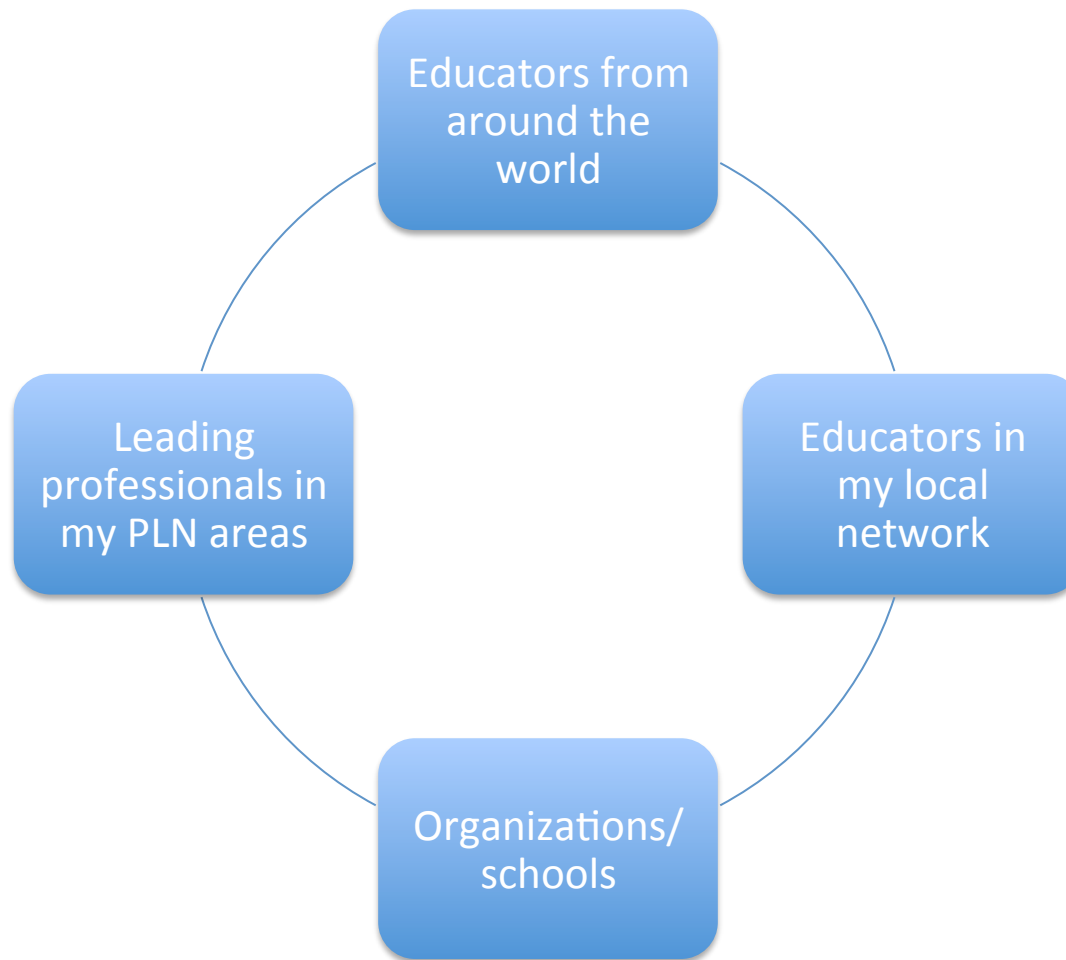
# Make it personal...



# My PLN interests

- Assistive, educational technology
- Professional development for teachers
- Educational leadership
- Pedagogy for students with special needs
- Universal design for learning
- 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and school improvement

# Who I connect with





# How and when I learn

- Through reading blogs that are relevant to my interests
- Through online training opportunities (webinars)
- Through live and archived chats on Twitter
- Through ongoing content curation
- Through social learning platforms
- Whenever I have 10 minutes to spare!



## 8 Characteristics of the Innovative Leader

[12 Replies](#)

*"Why are we okay that management hasn't seen innovation in a 100 or 50 years, but we demand innovation in every other aspect of our lives?" Jamie Notter*

As we continue to look at teachers, students, and learning becoming more "innovative", it is important that leadership changes. As administrators often set the tone for their district or their building, if they are saying the same, it is not likely that things are going to change in the classroom. Leadership needs to not only "think" different, but they need to "act" different.

For leaders to be effective in changing a school or an organization, they need to change themselves first. It is way too easy to go a leadership conference and get ideas of things that you are going to do with your staff. What is important is changing your own practice first. So along the

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### ABOUT ME



I am the Division Principal for Parkland School Division and an Innovative Teaching, Learning, and Leadership consultant. I believe we need to inspire our kids to follow their passions, while letting them



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## Redefining the writing process with new mobile technologies

by Andrea Prupas

I just read an interesting article in edudemic that changed my perspective of the writing process with new technologies.

"Five myths about writing with mobile devices" discusses the fact that many educators feel that mobile devices are not an effective tool for writing (in the traditional sense). The article looks at our definition of "writing" and reevaluates what is it to write in a 21st century learning environment on a mobile device. Below are three myths that really challenge our assumptions as educators, and are also extremely relevant for our students with special needs.



### 1. Writing=word processing

The author makes an important point: we have no idea what platform and tools students will be using when they enter the workforce, many years from now. The tool is irrelevant-what's important is the process of writing, and we need to think beyond Microsoft Word.

"For example, Drive allows for collaborative writing, while AudioNote (iPad or Android) syncs recorded audio with typed or written words, and Evernote makes written content available on any device."

## Upcoming Events

The Web from a Social Model Perspective-  
5th Annual Rathlyn Lecture on Disabilities  
Studies @ McGill University  
October 29 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Joyful Learning: Using Active and  
Collaborative Structures to Support  
Differentiated Instruction with Paula  
Kluth

## Follow me on Twitter



**ALDI**  
@ALDIQuebec

34 Oct

A great day spent with WQSB teachers getting into IUDL implementation. Check out our wall of resources at [bit.ly/WQSBUDL](http://bit.ly/WQSBUDL).

Show Summary



**ALDI**  
@ALDIQuebec

21 Oct

How Twitter "feeds your brain" [bit.ly/Twh0003](http://bit.ly/Twh0003)  
@PLN #edtech

Show Summary

# Tools I use

- Content curation



- Microblogging



- Social learning platforms



# Building your PLN with content curation

- Content curation is sorting through a large amount of web content to find the best, most meaningful parts and presenting these in an organized, valuable way.

(Buffersocial)

# What does it look like?

Padlet example:

[bit.ly/WQSBUDL](https://bit.ly/WQSBUDL)



# UDL resources

All things UDL. A resource to accompany presentation to WQSB RTN on October 22nd, 2014.

## Tech tool: Google Read and Write

Google Chrome app that supports student with text to speech, pdf annotation and picture dictionaries. Free teacher account. Supports multiple means of representation and expression.



## UDL strategy: Why use audio in the classroom?

A great guide by Ed Tech teacher on why and how to use audio to support multiple means of representation and expression.



## Tech tool: Padlet

What we're using right now! A virtual "wall" to post resources visually. Start one for your classroom, have students gather resources for a project online, or use it as a tool to organize projects and homework.



## UDL strategy: Supporting students in the classroom with working memory difficulties-CanLearn Society

Defines working memory and suggests strategies for multiple means of representation.



## Tech tool: Using Mac's Preview application to annotate PDF's

Preview is Mac's application for reading PDFs. Amazing tool to take advantage of if your students have Macs. Free! Students can annotate, markup, draw, highlight text as they read.



## Tech tool: Natural Reader

Free text to speech tool. Supports multiple means of representation.



## Tech tool: Libreoffice

Free office suite to create accessible PDFs. Allows students to annotate documents.



## Tech tool: Goodreader

PDF annotation on an iPad. Allows students to markup, annotate, draw on text for notetaking and for reading. Supports multiple means of expression.

## Tech tool: how to enable dictation (speech recognition) on a mac (free)

For students who need alternate methods of writing. Supports multiple means of expression and action.



## UDL strategy: Active learning spaces in K-12

Resource on why designing your

## UDL strategy: Learning Spaces



## UDL strategy: Brain Frames

Visual organizers for teaching and learning.



# A resource for you...

[bit.ly/heritagePLN](http://bit.ly/heritagePLN)

- Add information, links, video to make this a collaborative resource!

## The connected teacher

A collection of resources on building a PLN.

### What Connected Educators Do Differently



### RESOURCE: Marc-Andre Lalonde's video: What is a PLN?



### EDMODO: Getting started with Edmodo

The ins and outs of Edmodo.



### RESOURCE: Edublogs: How to start personal blogging

How to start a personal blog-step by step.



### EDMODO: 15 things you can do with Edmodo

From Free Tech for Teachers, ideas for teachers as a PLN and for use in the classroom with students.



### LIVEBINDERS

A virtual 3 ring binder to collect information for content curation.



### RESOURCE: Start your teaching blog: Resources, Advice and Examples

Links and advice on how to start a blog.



### TWITTER: A list of all educational chats and times-span class: "GingerNoCheckEnd"



### RESOURCE: Kathy Schrock's guide to PLN's

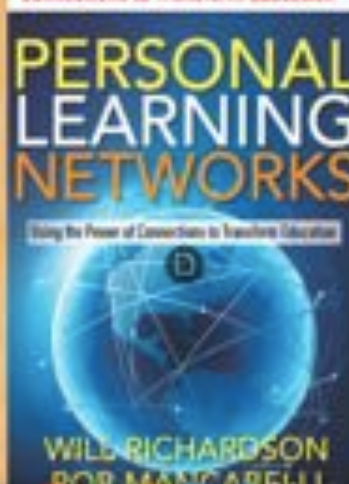
A comprehensive page of resources from leaders in ed tech and connected learning.

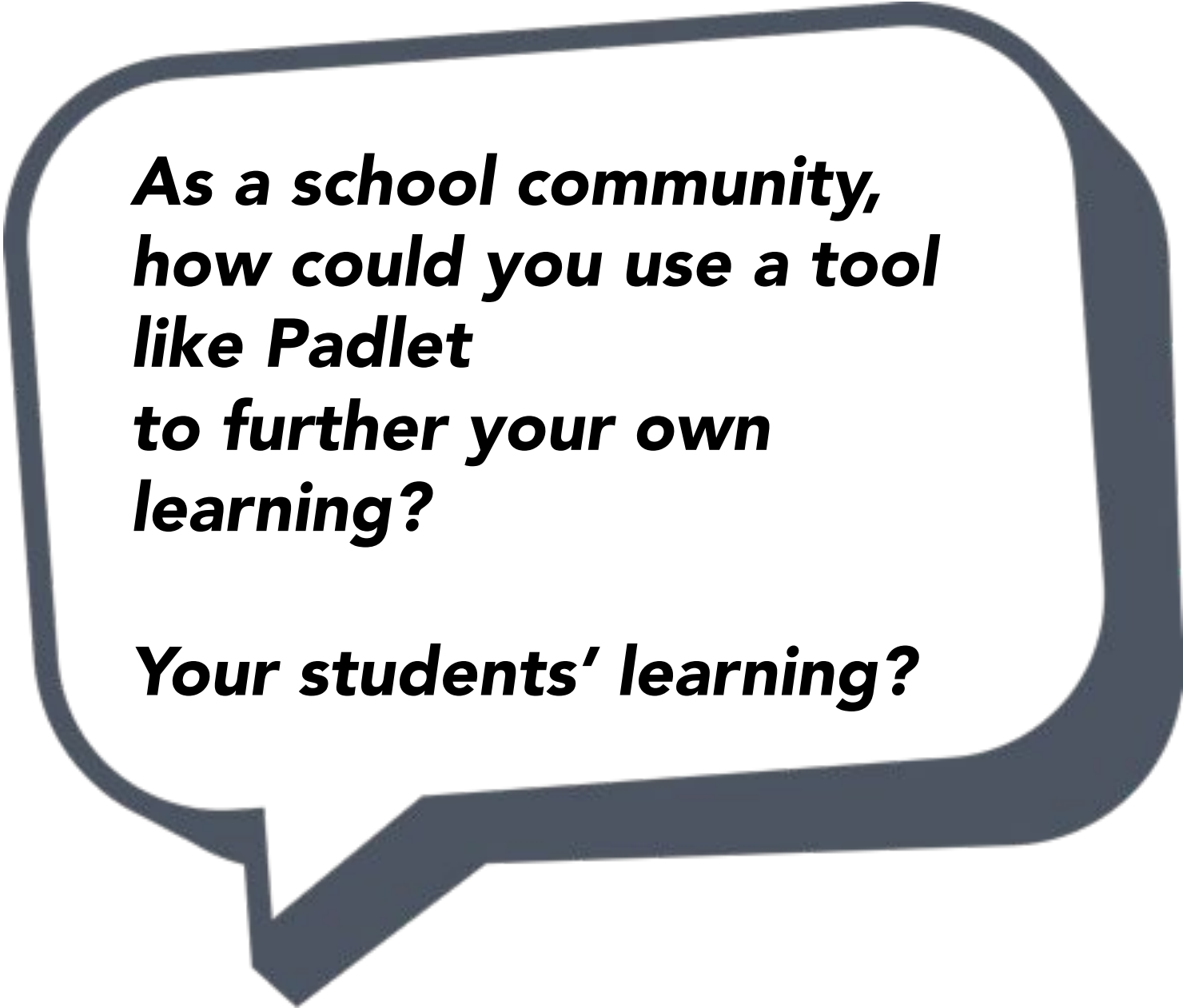


### RESOURCE: 25 Brilliant Teacher Blogs Worth Following



### RESOURCE: Personal Learning Networks: Using the Power of Connections to Transform Education

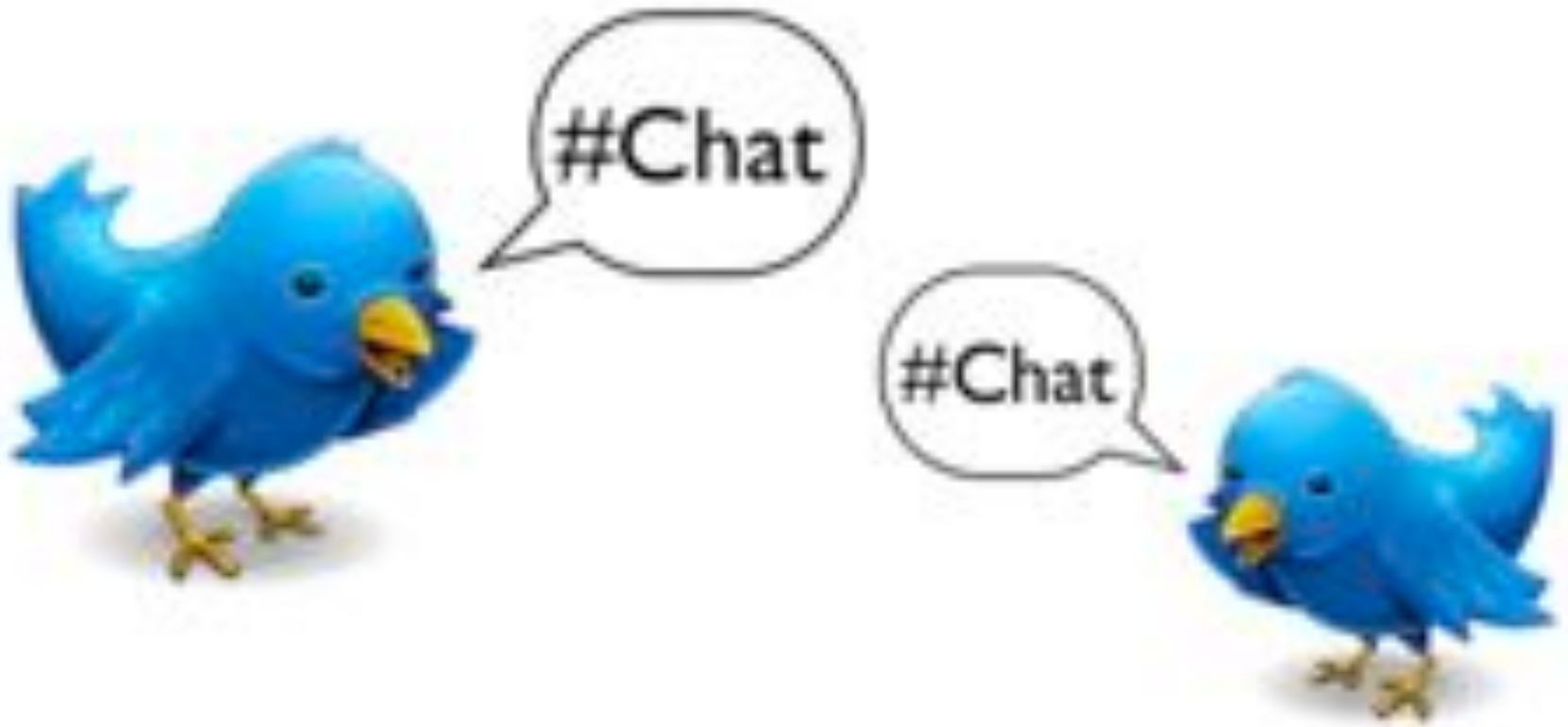




***As a school community,  
how could you use a tool  
like Padlet  
to further your own  
learning?***

***Your students' learning?***

# Building your PLN via Twitter (microblogging)



# Twitter as a river...

- The river keeps flowing but sometimes you might just walk past and have a quick look, sometimes you might hang around and dip your toes in, other times you might spend hours swimming around.

(Sheryl-Nussbaum-Beach)



# Step 1-your account

The screenshot shows the Twitter profile of ALDI (@ALDIQuebec). The header includes navigation links for Home, Notifications, Messages, and Discover, along with a search bar and a 'Tweet' button. The profile banner features the 'aldi' logo. Below the banner, statistics are listed: 311 Tweets, 504 Following, 212 Followers, 37 Favorites, and 1 Lists. The 'Edit profile' button is visible. The bio states: 'ALDI @ALDIQuebec: Quebec English School Boards project dedicated to the development of a professional learning community surrounding Universal Design for Learning.' Location is 'Montreal, Canada' and the website is 'aldi.lesmquebec.ca'. The 'Tweets' tab is selected, showing three tweets. The first tweet promotes 'Free edtech webinars!' with a link to 'edtechteacher.org/webinars'. The second tweet asks 'Is grit the key to success?' with a link to 'n.pr/1yxwzWn'. The third tweet mentions 'Thurs @MsPan100 for the visit to your classroom @BeurlingAcademy yesterday!'. The right sidebar shows 'Who to follow' with accounts like 'Klaxson', 'Office of Ed Tech', and 'Paul Rombough', and a 'Trends' section with hashtags like '#StopFastTrack' and '#SSOE'.

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**aldi**

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Montreal, Canada  
aldi.lesmquebec.ca

**Tweets** Tweets & replies

**ALDI** @ALDIQuebec · 4h  
**Free edtech webinars!**  
 **EdTechTeacher** @EdTechTeacher21  
If you missed yesterday's webinar or want to join us again next week: [edtechteacher.org/webinars](http://edtechteacher.org/webinars) #edtech #edchatna

**ALDI** @ALDIQuebec · 20h  
**Is grit the key to success?** [n.pr/1yxwzWn](http://n.pr/1yxwzWn) #edchat [View summary](#)

**ALDI** @ALDIQuebec · Apr 14  
**Thurs @MsPan100 for the visit to your classroom @BeurlingAcademy yesterday! Wonderful to see such engaged learners!**

**Who to follow** · Refresh · View all

- Klaxson** @KlaxsonFR Follow Promoted
- Office of Ed Tech** @OfficeEdTech Follow
- Paul Rombough** @SOOSCL Follow  
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**Trends** · Change

- #StopFastTrack
- Title II
- #SSOE
- #edsonf15
- #SolanTEL
- Aaron Hernandez
- #RightFor15
- Peter Chianelli
- Faurens

# Step 2-Follow!

- <http://www.teachthought.com/social-media/50-educator-twitter-accounts-worth-following/>



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24.6K

FOLLOWERS

75.7K

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George Couros

@gcouros

Division Principal of Innovative Teaching and Learning for #PSQVSD. Speaker. Consultant. Dog-Lover. Legacy is not defined in what you have, but what you give.

Edmonton

georgecouros.ca

Joined December 2008

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George Couros

@gcouros · 30m

To help others move, it's important to be able to identify their strengths. People are more like to move forward when they feel valued.

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George Couros

@gcouros · 3h

8 Things to Look For in Today's Classroom

#sd36learn georgecouros.ca/blog/archives/...

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George Couros

@gcouros · 3h

Teacher Advice to Students On Social Media Use

theinnovativeeducator.blogspot.com/2015/04/teache...

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Aaron Hernandez

2015-04-16

Andrea Prupas, ALDI 2015

**Eric Sheninger**  
@E\_Sheninger

Senior Fellow at [@RigorRelevance](#) - Principal, Learner, Google Certified Teacher, Adobe Education Leader, Author, Speaker, [#digilead](#) | Thoughts are my own

📍 Staten Island, NY  
🌐 [ericsheninger.com](#)  
🕒 Joined March 2009

[Tweet to Eric Sheninger](#)

👤 104 Followers you know

TWEETS 36.2K FOLLOWING 672 FOLLOWERS 71.2K FAVORITES 187 LISTS 3

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**Eric Sheninger** @E\_Sheninger · 29m  
RT [@kylepace](#): Connected Educators: Building Communities in Schools [blog.remind.com/connected-educ...](#) via [@msclaragalan](#)

**Eric Sheninger** @E\_Sheninger · 3h  
Looking for great examples of schools in UT or NV that have integrated blended learning. Anyone?

**Eric Sheninger** @E\_Sheninger · 6h  
RT [@Primary\\_Ed](#): How Minecraft Actually Helps Kids Learn to Read: [edut.to/1C1LFTU](#).



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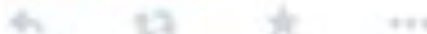
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**Alec Couros** @courosa · 2h

I set up a Tagboard for tomorrow's #cohere2014 conference in Regina [tagboard.com/cohere2014/195...](http://tagboard.com/cohere2014/195...) #yqr #blendedlearning #onlinelearning #pedagogy



**Alec Couros** @courosa · 16h

"What is the ultimate purpose in life? Starting giving. See the joy in giving" [bit.ly/1uXRGgB](http://bit.ly/1uXRGgB)



YouTube

## Alec Couros

@courosa · FOLLOWING YOU

Professor of #edtech & #media,  
#education researcher, #consultant,  
#connected educator, keynote #speaker  
& #open scholar - Faculty of Ed.,  
University of Regina.

📍 Regina, Canada

🌐 [couros.ca](http://couros.ca)

🕒 Joined January 2007

🔗 Tweet to

💬 Message



# Be Awesome Today!



**Steven W. Anderson**

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Educator, Speaker, Blogger, #Edchat Co-Creator, Author, Learning Evangelist, Dad, Edublogs Twitterer Of The Year, ASCD Emerging Leader, Top 50 Innovators in Edu

Winston-Salem, NC

[blog.web20classroom.org](http://blog.web20classroom.org)

Joined February 2009

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**Steven W. Anderson** @web20classroom · Jun 6

Technology itself isn't amazing. Its what it allows you to do that you couldn't do before that holds value that is amazing. #edcampusa

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**Electric Book Works** @ElectricBookWorks

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**Jndawson** @Jndawson

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**ASCD**

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ASCD is a global community dedicated to excellence in learning, teaching, and leading. ASCD's innovative solutions promote the success of each child.

📍 Alexandria, VA (D.C. area)

🌐 ascd.org

🕒 Joined August 2008

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ASCD @ASCD · Mar 22

Blaze a trail for other educators to follow. We've got your back the entire way. #ASCD15



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CTQ @teachingquality

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NBPTS @NBPTS

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Paul Rombough @PROMBOUGH

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**Alice Keeler**

@alicekeeler

are not failures. Google Certified  
her, NMCK12 Ambassador, MS  
ch, adjunct prof CSUFresno,  
fication, innovation, super nerd  
eeEDU @profchat

fresno, CA

[aakeeler.com](http://aakeeler.com)

joined October 2010

 Tweet to Alice Keeler

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**Alice Keeler**

@alicekeeler · Aug 28

Good Ts can't be replaced by tech. What tech  
does is allow Ts to spend more time focusing  
on their learners & building those  
relationships.



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**Alice Keeler**

@alicekeeler · 12m

@benachubny1 @google There is not enough PD in the world to get you  
what you need. You HAVE to do some on your own.

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@TED\_ED

TED-Ed, TED's education initiative, is an online library of short, captivating videos that engage inquisitive learners all over the world.

[ed.ted.com](http://ed.ted.com)

Joined March 2011

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 TED-Ed @TED\_ED · 1h

In celebration of Leonardo da Vinci's birthday, the math and philosophy behind his iconic Vitruvian Man: [ow.ly/LBSxb](http://ow.ly/LBSxb)

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 TED-Ed @TED\_ED · 18h

Students! Educators! If you've participated in [#TEDEdChat](https://twitter.com/TEDEdChat), you can co-host. Email [tetedclubs@ted.com](mailto:tetedclubs@ted.com) if you're interested.

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 TED-Ed @TED\_ED · 19h

Thanks to [@kgopenwee](https://twitter.com/kgopenwee) for co-hosting! Keep the [#TEDEdChat](https://twitter.com/TEDEdChat) conversation going at the TED-Ed Community!

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Followed by [Lester B. Pears](#)...

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Karen Cator @kator

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Guy Rix @guyrix

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**Follow these**

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**Awesome people**



# Step 3: Lurk!

- Lurking is learning!



# Step 4: Build your voice

- Reply, retweet...
- Share resources via links
- Favorite a tweet



# What's a hashtag?



#IDontGetIt





**Avi Spector** @a\_spector · Oct 9

Anyone at #aldi2014 using Spritz to support students w/ reading difficulties? Pls share! #UDL [spritzinc.com](http://spritzinc.com) [pic.twitter.com/ls3ADktA3D](https://pic.twitter.com/ls3ADktA3D)



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**Chris Colley** @chriscolleydog · Oct 9

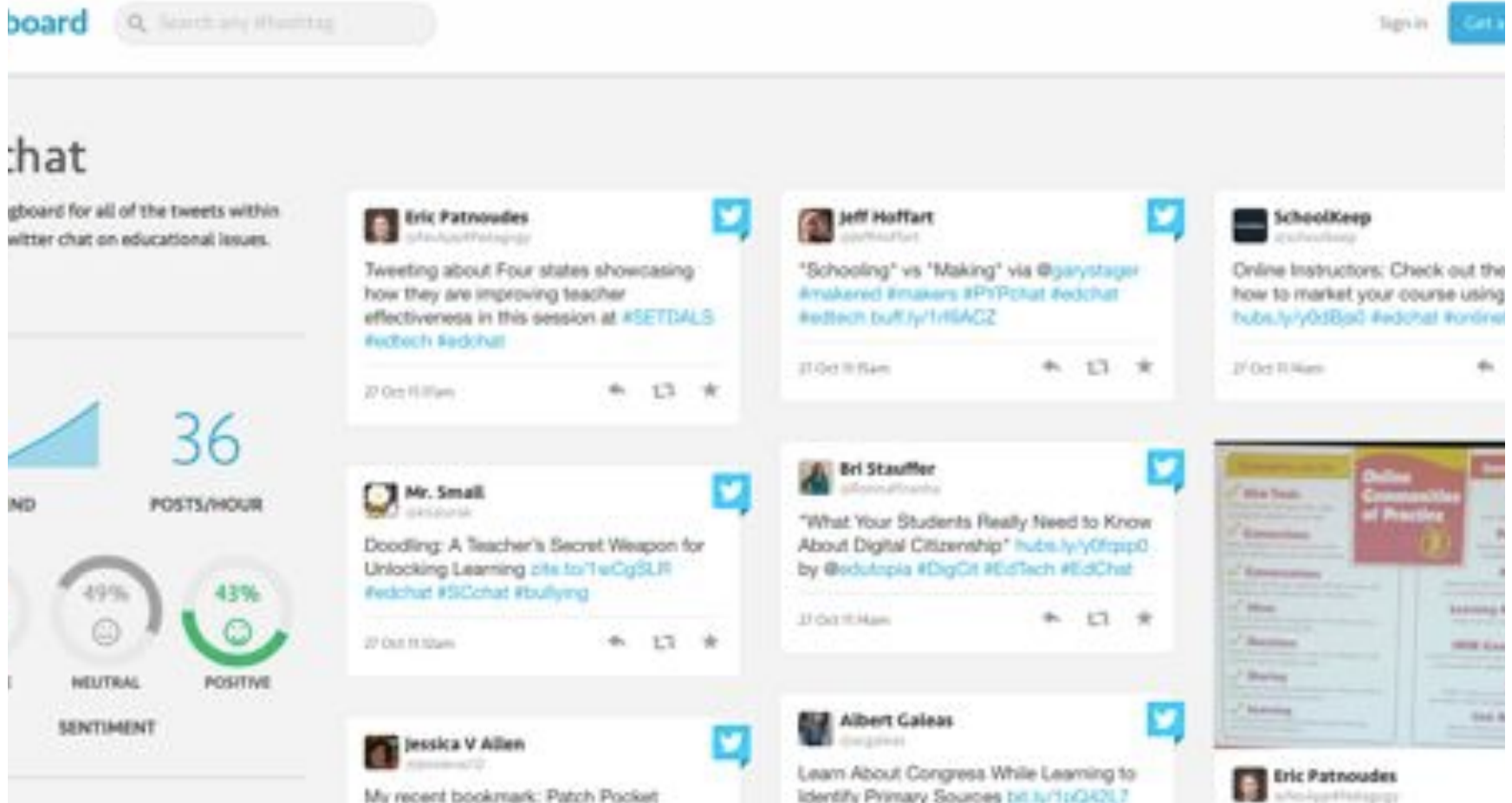
Transition planning in full prep. #aldi2014 don't miss them at 2:30



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Andrea Prupas, ALDI 2015

# Organizing hashtags



# Step 5: Chat!

- Education Twitter chats take place when a group of educators "meet" on Twitter at an agreed upon time, using an agreed upon hashtag, to discuss topics of interest in education.



**Lea Lamoureux, M.Ed** @LeaLamoureux · 12h

#Northern #Educators let's share! Using #iteachnorth can help us #connect! #cdnedchat #FNMIEd #saskedchat #Quebec #Manitoba #iteachnorth

Details



**iTunes U** @iTunesU · Oct 21

Learn how Apple Distinguished Educators use iPad to transform their lessons. Join #ADEchat today at 5pm PT/8pm ET.

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Canadian EdChat retweeted



**Dana Ariss** @DanaAriss · Mar 23

Q1: Where do you begin when planning learning activities to ensure relevancy to student's lives? Where do you draw inspiration? #cdnedchat

← ↻ 6 ★ ...



# Great chats...

- #edchat
- #canedchat
- #edtechchat
- #satchat
- #cpchat
- #mathchat

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MST  
PST

Today   Tuesday, April 21 ▾

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**J. GUSTAF:** [JGUSTAF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JGUSTAF@GMAIL.COM), GROUP LEAD (LAWRENCE BERKELEY LAB) / UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY / LAWRENCE BERKELEY LAB

6:30am #BFC530: The Breakfast Club

7:30am [#BFC530: The Breakfast Club](#)

12:00pm #edchat: Education Chat

2:00pm #edchatDE: Germany edchat in German & English

6:00pm #makerED: Maker Ed (K12 classrooms built around Maker / DIY principles)

7:00pm #edchat: Education Chat

7:00pm #reflectiveteacher: Reflective Teacher chat by @TeachThought

7:00pm #WeAreWayne: Wayne Township Indiana

8:00pm #5thchat: 5th grade Teachers Chat

8:00pm #busedu: Business Educators (first and third Tuesday of the month)

8:00pm [Wedtech: Ed Tech Chat](#)

8:00pm #ELAchat : ELA Chat (first and last Tuesday of the month)

8:00pm #fidscode: Programming in Education

8:00pm #LAedchat: Louisiana's EdChat - details: <https://bit.ly/2XUW331>

8:00pm #mdedchat: Maryland Ed Chat

8:00pm [#ined: North Carolina Educators \(biweekly\)](#)

8:00pm #pbchat: Project Based Learning Chat

8:00pm #PISDedchat: An Ed chat for all content levels and disciplines. New themes each week.

8:00pm #profchat: Professors Chat (Higher Ed)

8:00pm #vasichat: Virginia School Librarian Chat

8:30pm #NJed: New Jersey Educators Chat - Archive at h...

8:30pm #RuralEdChat: Rural Education Chat

9:00pm #123grinchat: Chat focused on insights/concerns of 1st...

9:00pm #ADEchat: Apple Distinguished Educators (ADEs) cha...

9:00pm #edchatma: Massachusetts Educator Chat (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

9:00pm #elmused: Elementary Music Ed Chat - hosted by @jca...

9:00pm #galechat: Chat centered around Google Apps for Edu...

9:00pm #jeedchat: Jefferson City Public Schools (MO) teach...

9:00pm [#ReggioPLC: Reggio Chat \(every other Tuesday\)](#)

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# Building your PLN with social learning networks

- Social learning networks designed for educational purposes (like Edmodo) are invitation-only.
- The teacher (or moderator) has control over who enters the group.
- Can be used to share resources, start discussions, complete collaborative work.

**Social Integration Services**  
for Adults with Special  
Needs


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### Latest Posts



**Ms. Dugas to Language Arts**


Does anyone have any good strategies or technology strategies that work well with Reviewing according to Marzano???


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**Ms. Grim to Language Arts**

In this Certified Playlist, students will read informational texts and identify the what, when, where, who, how, and why of each story.



Reading Comprehension for informational Texts | RI.2.6, RI.2.7, RI.2.8  
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**Ms. Grim to Math**

Over many days, use videos and interactive online programs to show students how to apply their

# Edmodo

The screenshot shows the Edmodo interface for a group named "Schools in AAction". The top navigation bar includes a search bar and icons for home, messages, and profile. The left sidebar contains the group's name, a "Group Code" field, a "Join URL" button, a "LOCKED" status indicator, and links to "Posts", "Folders", and "Members" (showing 14 joined). A "1 Join Request" is also visible. The main content area features a "Note" tab, a text input field, and a "Group Posts" section. The first post is from the group, dated August 26, 2014, and includes a link to "ALDI professional development resources" at [blogs.learnquebec.ca](http://blogs.learnquebec.ca). Below it, a reply from "Ms. Viel" dated August 28, 2014, thanks the group and shares another link: <http://teachinglearnerswithmultipleneeds.blog...>

Posts

Folders

Members 14 joined

This group is for FQA educators would like to network with Edmodo in order to share best practices and resources.

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Mr. Spector to Social Integration Services for Adults with Special Needs

Hi everyone, just wanted to share an "augmented reality" app named Aurasma for iPad and Android tablets. I learned about it in a "special needs" webinar I attended a while back. The basic idea behind the app is that you can set anything in real life (like a sign on the wall or object in the classroom) as a virtual hotspot so that if the student points the Aurasma enabled iPad at it, a video or image will play. The way it was presented to me was to demonstrate life skills. So if you a "hotspot" over an pre-prepared image on the classroom wall of...

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Augmented Reality in Education: Shaw Wood Primary School uses Aurasma

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Feb 4, 2014



Matthew Kennedy said Feb 10, 2014

That looks very cool, Avil Thanks for sharing. I could totally see it working in the classroom. I'll experiment with it, and let you know how it works for us!

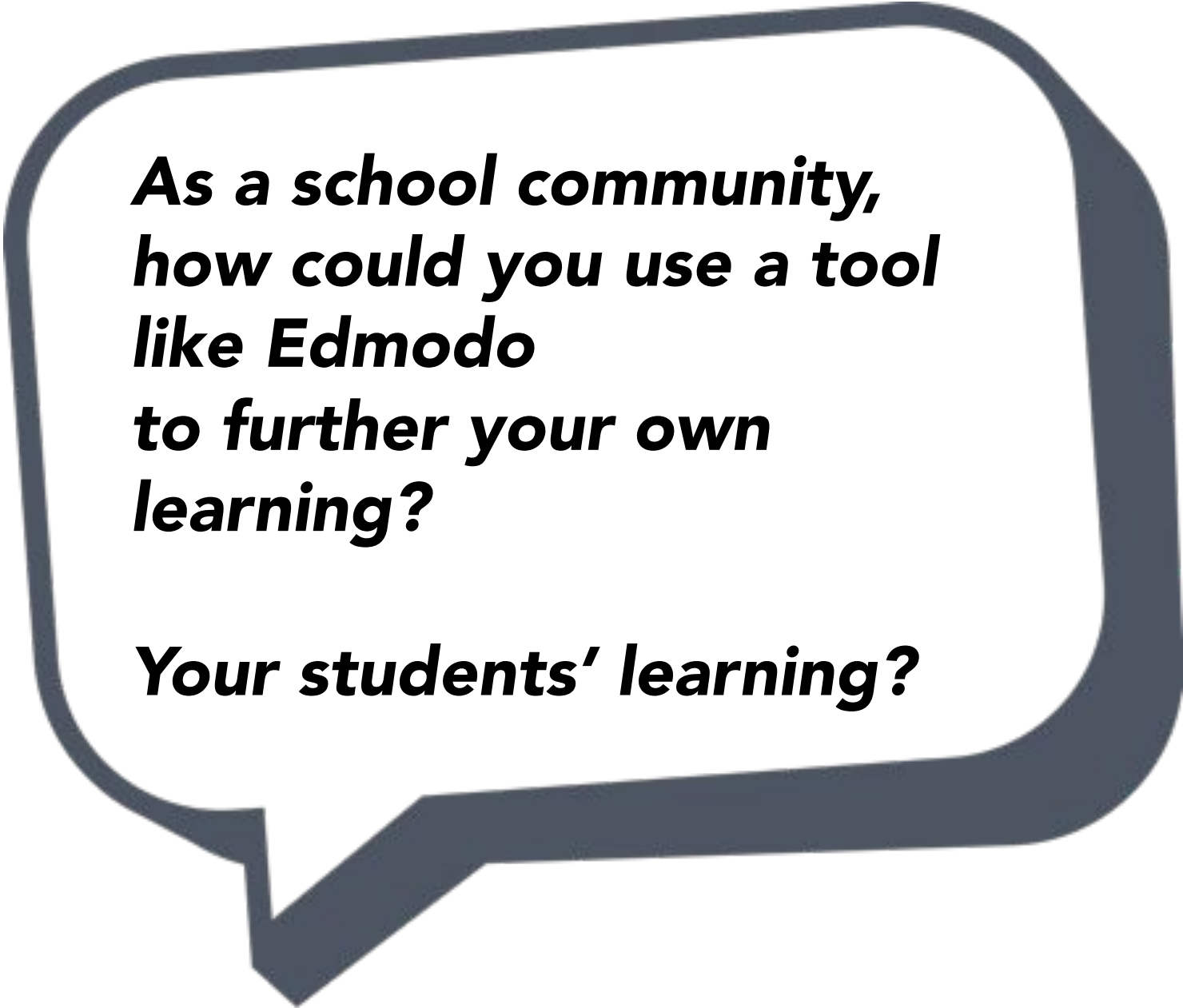


Mr. Bisk said Apr 4, 2014

This might be a great tool for a scavenger hunt OR for an automated workspace. Thanks for sharing.

2015-04-16

Andrea Prupas, ALDI 2015



***As a school community,  
how could you use a tool  
like Edmodo  
to further your own  
learning?***

***Your students' learning?***

# What I've learned from my PLN in just 20 minutes...

- Watched a video clip of a TED Talk on developing resilience.
- Followed a math conference hashtag on Twitter, researched the concept and application of a “number talk.”
- Asked a question to Nova Scotia teacher about UDL implementation in her district.
- Watched a 3 minute video on saving Office files in Google doc format.
- Skimmed an article on blended learning, added it to my Padlet for further reading later.



# How relevant is the PD I've just received?

- Hyper-targeted PD
- Customized for me!

# Connected Learning Manifesto

*a collaborative statement on teaching & learning in the digital age*

We believe in **messy learning** within a **culture of collaboration**. Through non-linear, non-directed, self-initiated learning, collectively we find and **solve problems** within our networks, classrooms, communities, and the world.

Be a  
**learner first**,  
educator  
second.  
**Never stop**  
learning.

It's all about asking hard  
questions and then  
listening deeply.

It's a synergy that  
creates something greater  
than its individual  
parts and fertilizes  
your thinking.

Embrace failure as a learning strategy.

You are teaching when you are **transparently sharing**. You are leveraging your passion to help others understand.

**Community** is  
built through the  
co-construction of  
knowledge.

Pacing  
guides and  
scripted  
curricula  
should

**die**.

Experts  
are at your  
fingertips.  
**You are never alone.**

Connecting makes our thoughts  
and actions **stronger**.

Connections increase **serendipitous** learnings.

Bring your  
passion.  
Selflessly  
**share**  
what you  
know.

Want to  
learn the  
most? Bring  
people not  
like you  
into your  
network.

Cell phones ARE  
learning tools.  
Relationships  
CAN be built 140  
characters at a time.

**Learn**  
first, lead  
second.

I believe  
that the  
collective

**WE**  
is always  
smarter  
than  
**ME.**

Connected learning is  
**wide open learning**.

**Honor the gifts and talents** each  
learner brings to  
collaborations.

**Be collaborative.**  
Own it. Share with others.

There's nothing powerful  
about mere technology.

Real power rests in the hearts and  
minds of those I learn with online.

To question is the answer.

**Connections enhance individual reflection.**

Connected learning is entrenched in  
a culture of action research and  
evaluation. **Fail Forward!**

Connected  
learners  
are never  
lonely.

**Think, share, and then act collectively.**

# I pledge to be a “networked” educator...

## Take the pledge to become “*networked*”



# Take the plunge!

## In a month, ask yourself...

- How has your network grown?
- Have you begun to see yourself as a networked learner?
- What were your “a-ha” learning moments?

(Connected Educator Starter kit)

# Thoughts? Questions? Comments?





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