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Best Technology Practices

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Professional Development
Hello!

I am Jodee Lund

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“Technology can’t replace teachers...but teachers who embrace technology will replace those who don’t.”
But really...why change?

Because we care.
3 Technology Practices That Will Impact Your Career the Most:

1. Personal Learning Networks
2. Thoughtful Implementation
3. Formative Assessments
Technology means we don’t have to reinvent the wheel!
Practice #1: PLN
Are you a connected educator?

● Get connected by developing your own personal learning network (PLN).

● What is it?
  ○ It is building connections and relationships with all sorts of people in your profession.

● Why get connected?
  ○ to answer or assist you with problem solving, sharing resources, and developing ideas.
  ○ to collaborate-- it is essential in the world of education
  ○ to get global perspectives
I am convinced that knowledge is power— to overcome the past, to change our situation, to fight new obstacles, to make better decisions.

-Ben Carson
Some of my favorites

1. **Twitter**
   a. [Beginner’s Guide to Using Twitter for Professional Development](#)

2. **Simple K12**

3. **We Are Teachers**

4. **RCampus**

5. **Google+ - Connected Classrooms**

6. **Pinterest**

7. **THE Journal**

8. **Edutopia**

9. **2015 Honor Roll: EdTech’s Must-Read K-12 IT Blogs**

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Practice #2: Thoughtful Implementation
“US teachers each devote over 1,000 hours per year to teaching, which represents more hours per year than in almost any other country in the world.”

Quote from Blended: Using disruptive innovations to change schools (2015)
“In a 2013 survey...student motivation ranked as the top challenge for teachers.”

“If America is working so hard to dish up learning, why are so many students not fully partaking in what’s being served?”

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What Students Want

- Real-world Application + Relevance
- Interactive Technology
- Teachers + Mentors
- Innovation
- Choice

Google asked students for their thoughts on school technology and the future.

“If you were the teacher what would you do differently?”
What does thoughtful implementation look like?

**SAMR Model**

- **Substitution**: Tech acts as a direct tool substitute, with no functional change. (cup of coffee)
- **Augmentation**: Tech acts as a direct tool substitute, with functional improvement. (latte)
- **Modification**: Tech allows for significant task redesign. (caramel macchiato)
- **Redefinition**: Tech allows for the creation of new tasks, previously inconceivable. (pumpkin spice)

**4 C’s – Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, & Critical Thinking**
International Society For Technology In Education (ISTE)

- Utilize the ISTE website for great resources on thoughtful implementation.

- Here you can find the international technology standards that many schools have adopted.

- Not only does this source provide you with standards, but they also provide you with grade level profiles. These profiles are examples of how different grade levels can meet these standards in classrooms.
Helpful Tips!

★ Begin with a favorite lesson or unit.
★ Focus on the process and not always the product.
  ○ assess what and how they know
★ Utilize to build critical thinking skills
★ Be consistent
★ Get connected!

Practice #3: Assessments
Why assessments?
Where to start: Assessments

- Why assessments?
  - instant feedback for both you and students
  - aligned with best educational practices and how the brain learns
    - “Several recent studies have shown that testing not only enhances learning, it also reduces the rate at which information is forgotten”.
    - “Self-testing is one of the strongest study techniques there is.”
    - “…self-examination improves retention and comprehension far more than an equal amount of review time.”
    - several possibilities + immediate feedback = strongest self-quiz

Assessments

● Not just assessments, but AUTHENTIC assessments
  ○ What does that mean?
    ■ “...is an evaluation process that involves multiple forms of performance measurement, reflecting student’s learning, achievement, motivation, and attitudes...” (Doyle, 2011)
  ○ Examples:
    ■ Portfolio
    ■ Debate
    ■ Lab report
    ■ Concept map
    ■ Digital notebook
    ■ Peer and self-evaluations
Formative Assessment is a Process

- Assessments should also be thoughtful:
  - Assessments should require students to use critical thinking skills.
  - Assessments should represent a variety of levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy
  - Teachers need to be prepared to adjust instruction strategies according to feedback.
My Favorites

- Nearpod
- Seesaw
- Socrative
- GoFormative
- Realtimeboard for Education
- Edpuzzle
- Google Forms using the script Flubaroo
Thank you!

Any questions?

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