

Hi Learning Lounge Readers,

We're back with more great contributions from educators using technology in extraordinary ways. They never cease to amaze us, and we hope you'll gather some inspiration from their stories.

Another good way to collect fresh ideas is by attending webinars or trade shows. TechSmith is participating in several upcoming events that focus on using technology to improve learning, and we'd love to have you join us.

- Check out our three-part May webinar series on top ways to use video in education, from quick wins in the classroom to improving student retention. Register today!
- <u>ISTE 2015</u> is coming up soon, and we have some amazing educators lined up for our in-booth presentations.
- We're also working with NJ educators on a live webinar: Reach Them ALL in STEM with engaging visual content. <u>Join NJSBA-TEC</u> <u>Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 p.m. to learn how.</u>

We hope to see you around soon. Until then, enjoy this edition of the Learning Lounge!

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PD with Pictures: Using Screencasting to Save Your Sanity!

Nothing confounds a teacher more than having 5 consecutive students ask the same question, "Miss, what are we supposed to be doing?" It's one of those questions that could induce even the most seasoned among us to throw their hands up and say nevermind-back to worksheets! It's one of those moments when, despite careful preparations and very clear instructions, you feel like your chosen profession is actually a telephone operator instead of educator.

Read the full story



Manic May - Tools for Survival!

Oh boy, I can feel it...May is here! Manic May! Hold on people, saddle up, I've got my big girl pants on, do you?! Actually my "big girl pants" translate to sassy shoes and big earrings. I'm not sure why, but they just seem to help this time of year. If you're an educator, you know ALL that May holds. Oh May. As I take a quick glance at my calendar I see the following events jumping out at me: 6th grade camp, Family Fun Night "Fiesta Familiar", Teacher Appreciation Week...



Using Students as Tech Support

They go by many names, Student Help Desk, Genius Squad, Crewsuaders, Gurus and Tech Sherpas. But they all mean the same thing, students teaching others about technology and learning in the process. We may never have enough technology support in education but one of the most overlooked resources is our students! Sometimes it takes examples of the student's capabilities to win over educators and that's where the community comes in.

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