



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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# EACS Technology Newsletter October 15, 2021

1. **For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the 2nd quarter of the school year are to create assignments and/or have Discussions in your course(s), as well as to place student resources, such as links, files, videos, into Pages/Modules/Studio; please talk with your Tech Coach if you don't yet know how to utilize Pages/Modules/Studio, or how to upload files or videos..



2. **For all staff:** [Fall into Digital Citizenship Week!](#) The IDOE's INLearning Partnership is bringing educators a full week of events to celebrate Digital Citizenship week beginning next Monday, October 18. [This flyer](#) shares all of the learning opportunities, including a live summit, a webinar with Common Sense Education, a podcast release, keynote event, and more. Contact [Diana Gill](#) of the IDOE with any additional questions.



3. **For All Staff:** [Google Certified Educator Level 1 training](#) is available, and is a wonderful professional development resource. In the training, you will be reading, watching videos, and doing activities; you'll learn how to integrate Google in your classroom. You can start and stop lessons at any time; Google will track your progress through the course. At the end of the course, you'll be ready to take the exam to become a Google Certified Educator Level 1. **PLEASE NOTE:** The exam is 180 minutes long (no pauses) and there is a \$10 exam fee, which is the **teacher's** responsibility. When the Google Certified Educator Exam is completed, approximately 15 hours of effort will be invested, so 15 Professional Growth Points should be issued to the teacher via the principal. The certificate is valid for 36 months.



4. **For all teachers and administrators interested in signing up for the AceLink newsletter:**

The Allen County Education Network (ACENet/ACELink) is a county-wide school broadband and distance learning consortium established in 2005. ACENet/ACELink is a collaboration between Bishop Dwenger High School, EACS, FWCS, NACS, and SACS. Any EACS teacher may request funding for video conferencing programs so long as funds are available (please check with your principal). If you would like to sign up to receive the monthly ACELink newsletter throughout the school year, please complete the short [form on the ACELink site here](#).



**Fun technology fact:** Ahh, those crazy, inventive Europeans... If you need to charge your phone while you're waiting for a flight at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, or while sitting at the train station in Lyon, France, you can get a little exercise at the same time. The waiting areas are filled with WeBikes, stationary bikes that power gadgets and a Wi-Fi connection as you pedal. It takes 30 minutes of pedaling to fully charge an iPhone, the same amount of time as if plugged into the wall. "It also happens to be the same number of minutes of exercise that the government prescribes for health," says Katarina Verhaegen, the engineer who developed the bike. [Brainchild](#) of a Flemish government minister, Patricia Ceysens, who was working long hours and couldn't find time to work out, Patricia hacked together a cycling desk for herself, and then realized that the bikes could also be used to generate power. As more people asked her for a version of her desk, she eventually decided to start a company, [WeWatt](#), to produce them. How much, you ask? A SALTY price tag of \$13,000 USD.

