



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. **For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the first quarter of the school year are to build the class(es), add students, and begin posting weekly lesson plans/newsletters. Teachers should learn to utilize the eLearning module process for the virtual classes. The module process is more efficient for students, parents, and teachers; please talk with your Tech Coach if you don't yet know how to utilize the eLearning module in Canvas.



2. **For all teachers and administrators: For all teachers:** AceLink provides video conferencing opportunities for K12 students in Allen County, offering a dedicated manager, Brittany Igusky, at iguskyb@pfw.edu promoting and coordinating programs for K-12 students to learn, share and collaborate. It is a partnership between Purdue Fort Wayne Division of Continuing Studies and EACS. How does it work? Here is the [directory of available programs](#) and complete the ACELink request form online. Complete and submit the [ACELink request form](#) and the form is sent electronically to ACELink. The program will be booked and a confirmation email is sent to the teacher. However, **each EACS school has a budget limit of \$1,000**, so PLEASE check with your building principal on purchasing programs.



3. **For All Staff who want updates on Google for Education:** Google for Education newsletter is free and FILLED with great tips, tricks, training, and upcoming tools for teachers, students, and Google Tools users in general. If you want to receive the Google for Education Newsletter, please sign up with your [EACS account here](#). I like this newsletter for many reasons, the biggest being that Google does NOT spam your inbox. THE ONLY item you receive is the newsletter.



4. **For all Staff:** Did you know that you can add closed captioning to your Google Slides? When you open up the Slide in Present Mode, click the CC button in the lower left corner of the screen. If you have a microphone close by or are using a laptop with a microphone, your mic will pick up everything you say and add it as closed captioning at the bottom of your presentation.



Fun technology fact: Wind power is one of the cheapest, [most efficient](#) forms of renewable energy. 80% of the world's offshore wind blows in deep waters, where it's difficult to build wind farms. A new design for a radically different kind of wind turbine could begin to change that. Norway-based [Wind Catching Systems](#) is developing a floating, multi-turbine technology for wind farms that could generate five times the annual energy of the world's largest, single wind turbine. Unlike traditional wind turbines, which consist of one pole and three gargantuan blades, the Wind Catcher is articulated in a square grid with over 100 small blades. At 1,000 feet high, the system is over three times as tall as an average wind turbine, and it stands on a floating platform that's anchored to the ocean floor; a planned prototype will be built next year. [Read more of the article here.](#)

