

Virtual Connections

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Twitter Issue!

How do you use Twitter as an educator? Need some ideas? Try checking out some of the Tweeters below!

Twitter by Department:

SPECIAL EDUCATION People to Follow:

@disabilitygov Disability.gov is the official site for getting more information on everything from disability policies to programs and useful services across the country aimed at helping disabled individuals.
 @DrMerylAin - Dr. Meryl Ain is an education expert and advocate. She has a doctorate in education and over 35 years of experience as a school teacher and administrator.
 @MemSpan – High Performance cognitive skills training.

MATH People to Follow:

@maxmathforum – Max Ray from the Drexel Math Forum.
 @NCTM – NCTM posts a daily math challenge.
 @mathalicious –real world lesson ideas for math class.

SOCIAL STUDIES People to Follow:

@ClassicPics- historical imagery Twitter account at its finest!
 @RealTimeWWII- ‘live tweet’ World War 2 as though it’s breaking news.
 @ AtlasObscura- the world’s hidden wonders

READING/ WRITING People to Follow:

@Longreads- hand-picked selection of some of the best storytelling on the Web
 @cristama- Passionate educator and busy Twitter user Crista Anderson is a K-12 instructional coach in Montana. At almost 20,000 tweets and 4,500 followers, Anderson offers links to articles, conference information and updates, interesting studies, research, photos, reminders, advice, and resources.
 @webenglishteach- lessons, ideas, articles
 @ncte -NCTE: improving literacy teaching and learning

SCIENCE People to Follow:

@NASA- NASA needs NO introduction. If you have even a passing interest in space exploration, NASA should be on your follow list.
 @SETI Institute- We believe we are conducting the most profound search in human history — to know our beginnings and our place among the stars.

Other Resources for Twitter:

[101 steps for teachers to get started on Twitter](#)

Who did I miss? Let’s start a chat by visiting [the coaching spot!](#) Stop by and let me know who you like to follow on Twitter and why!

Teach Like a Champion Schedule

October 13, 2014	#25 Wait Time	#26 Everybody Writes	Amy Nichols Tammy Dodson
October 27, 2014	#26 Everybody Writes	#27 Vegas	Kristen Rhoton Caryn Ellison

Hoosier Spotlight!



My name is Ashkea Simone and I teach third grade. I am originally from the small town of North Webster, Indiana. Growing up in this area meant that you had to love the lake. I grew up spending my time swimming, boating, and turtle hunting. If you were to ask any of my neighbor’s, they would still know who the “Sechrist Lake Turtle Queen” was/is. I still love to spend as much time at the lake in the summer as I can. I graduated from Wawasee High school in 1995. From there I went to Ball State University and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. After graduating, I moved to Indianapolis and took my first teaching job with Indianapolis Public schools. I taught at Stephen Foster Elementary (School 67) for 14 years, all in traditional third grade. My school had a k-6 traditional program and a k-8 Montessori program. During my time at IPS, I earned my Master’s Degree in Elementary Reading and Literacy.

My family and I live in Noblesville, Indiana. My husband, Mike, and I have two little boys and a cat named Domino. Our older son, Rylan, is six years old. He just started kindergarten in August and loves his teacher. Our younger son, Jenner, is 15 months old. They are both so much fun, and they are my everything! Here is a fun fact about our older son...Aimee Campbell (4th grade) watched him from the time he was 4 months old until he was 4 years old!

Tweet, Tweet, Tweet! Some Educator's to follow on Twitter...

@[robertjmarzano](#)- translates research and theory into practice

@[teachlikeachamp](#)- TLAC principles and teaching guide

@[grantwiggins](#) - *Understanding By Design* author

@[RickWormeli](#) - author of *Fair Isn't Always Equal*

@[danbowdoin](#) - Dan posts a daily article on tech integration

@[coolcatteacher](#) - Co-founder of Flat Classroom Project

@[kevin_corbett](#) - learning potential of games and social media

@[gatesfoundation](#) - works to help people live better, healthier lives.

@[arneduncan](#) - Secretary of Education's twitter account

@[dylanwilliam](#) - education researcher; links to educational studies

@[INeLearn](#) - Indiana DOE

@[DianeRavitch](#) - Education historian and friend of public education

@[redtalks](#) - highlights one inspiration TED talk each day

@[TheJLV](#) - diversity in education; recent book, *This is Not A Test: A New Narrative on Race, Class, and the Future of Education*.

@[usedgov](#) - The United States Department of Education typically discuss current events and issues happening within the American education system, as well as advice and issues concerning teachers.

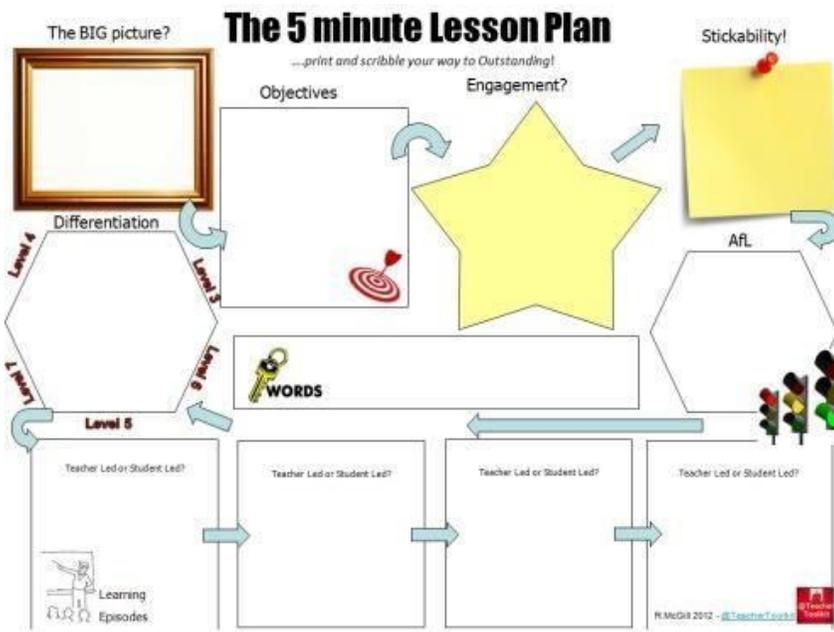
Looking for more? Check this out... [More Educators to Follow](#)

Hoosier Spotlight! (cont'd)

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In my spare time (which isn't much), I like to do anything outside and anything with my family. We love to spend time at the pool and the lake. We also LOVE to go Geocaching. Let's just say...we are addicted to Geocaching. We also like to spend lots of time with my parents (they are super fun and cool grandparents)!

I am excited to be a part of Hoosier Academy, and I am learning so much! Transitioning from 14 years at a brick and mortar school to a virtual school has been exciting and challenging. However, I love it and I do not miss the two hour round trip commute!



How will you challenge yourself to use more rigor and differentiation in the classroom?

Consider to plan your upcoming lessons with help from this lesson plan organizer shown above... (I will put this on the website as well if you would like a hard copy)



Have anything that you would like to add to the newsletter or would like to see? Please let Lindsay Krieger know by email! Thanks and enjoy! ☺

Did you Know???



All educators in the state of Indiana are invited to join the conversation. Participants will have the opportunity to receive up to 12 PGPs. Visit the [eLearning Book Club Blog](#) to get more information and join in the conversation. Several PD scholarships of \$1000 are awarded with each book study. The fall book is [Crash Course: The Life Lessons My Students Taught Me](#) by Kim Bearden. Preview the book via [Amazon](#).

Do you have students struggling with math and science content on their own? Struggling to find time for all the 1:1 requests? Suggest the [Homework Help Line](#)! It's free! Tutors are Rose-Hulman college students who are trained to help with math and science homework. Great resource to share with content students AND homeroom students! Download a free flier to post/kmail [HERE](#)! 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. (ET) | Sunday – Thursday | Sept. – May



Shout Outs!

...to Erin Rollen for pushing me out of my comfort zone in order to better meet student needs. –Jill Landers

...to Bailey Doyle for taking the lead in writing this week when my computer screen broke. She was a lifesaver! –Samantha Bandy

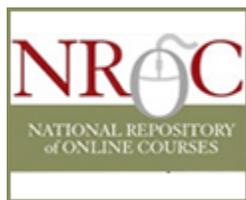
... to James Simon, Julie Fregien, Jerry Woodbridge-Cornell, Joan Hutchinson, Jess Hartman, and Nicole Shade! These fine teachers and academic team leader joined me at the Title III Conference in West Lafayette. They represented Hoosier Academy with integrity and professionalism! It was so exciting to see so many teachers interested in learning more about our exceptional learners from Hoosier. Even the woman who organized the whole things was impressed with how many representatives of Hoosier we had in attendance. They were amazing!!! So many exclamation points!!! –Amanda Case

...to my 5th grade team!! We work so well together and keep each other going!!! Shout out to Amy Nichols for being such a great leader!!! Shout out to Lindsay Krieger for creating the teacher website!! It looks awesome!! ☺ –Kristen Rhoton

...to Samantha Bandy for the opportunity to go to the EL conference in Lafayette. I appreciate her enthusiasm for working with EL students in our school. –Jerry Woodbridge Cornell

...to all teachers! I have seen such professionalism and growth when observing class connect sessions. You all are doing great!

–Lindsay Krieger



The National Repository of Online Courses is a non-profit effort to

provide media to personalize education. The Office of eLearning joined the consortia in 2012, giving Indiana educators access to their library of modular course content. Browse their offerings with the My Big Campus library, or at Indiana's HippoCampus site.

Check out our new website:

[The Coaching Spot!](#)