



Technology Tip Tuesday Newsletter

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Welcome Back!



Have a great lesson with technology embedded in it that you'd like to share? E-Mail Us!

What's this newsletter about?

Technology Tip Tuesday is created by the **Educational Technology Department**, whose mission is to provide professional development in support of the district's software and hardware initiatives, increasing effective technology integration and improving student achievement.

This newsletter is issued every two weeks. It's purpose it to provide the reader with some useful technology information in as short and as easy to read a format as possible. Information for the PC user as well as the Mac user is provided.

We strive to offer information in each newsletter to help you make the most out of the computer technology at your disposal. We love to get feedback from readers so if you have suggestions, feedback, or ideas about what should go into our next one, please let us know!

Archived Issues

If you're new to Creighton School District you may have an interest in reading previous newsletters. Find previous issues of Creighton's Technology Newsletter on the Creighton website by [clicking here](#) .

Laptop Safety

Please remember as the new school year starts to be careful not to leave your laptop in your car.



The hot sun can damage it and thieves are always on the prowl for laptops. It only takes seconds for them to make off with yours!

FREE Online Resources

Here's several great resources that are free to you but not to the District. Creighton pays for them so that you may access them and use them in your teaching.

1. **netTrekker** - netTrekker is an award-winning academic search engine that provides fast and easy access to more than 180,000 educator-selected online resources that are aligned with state standards. It is one of the best ways to have students find any kind of information on the internet. Take a tour of netTrekker [here](#). Register to use netTrekker [here](#).
2. **BrainPop** - BrainPop is a terrific resource to supplement your instruction. There a tons of animated videos starring Tim, and Moby the robot, teaching lessons from Science, Social Studies, Math, Technology, English and Health. These may be cartoons but they are very well done and very educational (you'd be surprised what you yourself can learn here!). Check out [this link](#) to see a list of all the videos they have available for you to show your students.

Want to get started with BrainPop? The Username and Password are the same. Use the appropriate login for your campus. [Click here](#) to login to BrainPop.

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Login</u>
Creighton	csd14cs
Excelencia	csd14ex
Gateway	csd14gw
Kennedy	csd14ke
Loma Linda	csd14ll
Machan	csd14ma
Monte Vista	csd14mv
Papago	csd14pa
Squaw Peak	csd14sp

3. **ASSET** - Returning teachers are probably very familiar with ASSET but our new teachers may not be. Here's a list of some of what's available through ASSET:

Unitedstreaming provides video technology that allows educators and students the opportunity to view educational videos on demand. Over 3,000 titles are available through a searchable database by subject, grade level, and Arizona standard.

T4L Recipes & Snacks. Learn how to use popular software applications such as PowerPoint, Excel, and much more with Recipes4Success™ and ProjectLearn Snacks. Visit the "How To Center" for quick and easy tips that will help you become more Internet-savvy.

ASSET Reviewed Sites. ASSET brings together some of the finest Web sites for educators. Browse the collection to find resources that match your needs.

Integrating ASSET Resources. Examples of theme centered lessons integrating ASSET resources into your curriculum are provided.

Professional Readings. Explore the ASSET Library (under Professional Development) for research, journals, and news resources that impact classroom teaching.

MathActive. Check out MathActive for interactive, standards-based math lessons for your students. Search the full list of offerings by grade level and standard.

FREE Online Resources Continued

Course Catalog. Explore a broad range of navigated and self-paced online professional development courses from ASSET, the George Lucas Educational Foundation, Intel Foundation, PBS TeacherLine, TEAMS, and Thirteen Ed Online. Graduate credit is available for specific courses.

Need to know how to login to ASSET? It's easy to do and of course it's free. Click this link, [Login Information](#), to access 8 easy to follow steps, complete with screenshots, to quickly setup your personal logon.

4. **United Streaming** - United Streaming has so much to offer that you really should take time to look it over. You can search for video programs, video clips, and images by keyword, subject/grade level, curriculum standard, or titles. Or search for Spanish, closed-captioning, and editable titles. Here's how to access United Streaming for the first time:
 - ⇒ Log into the ASSET Portal at www.asset.asu.edu
 - ⇒ Click on the Curriculum Resources tab.
 - ⇒ Click on the United Streaming link.
 - ⇒ You will now be asked to complete an information form. This is a one time occurrence. The ASSET Portal system is connecting with the United Streaming video system. You will not have to complete or use this information again.
 - ⇒ Each field with an asterisk (*) must be filled in. Certain fields are pre-populated with data; DO NOT CHANGE the username and e-mail address.
 - ⇒ At the bottom of the window, click in the box stating that you agree to the Terms of Use, and click on "Continue".
 - ⇒ You will now be transferred into ASSET's video service. From this page you can search for videos by keyword, subject, topic, grade, or curriculum standard.
 - ⇒ To get back into the ASSET Portal, click on the "Back to the ASSET Portal" button in the top right corner of the video search page.
 - ⇒ To access the United Streaming Video in the future simply click on the "United Streaming Video" link.



Unitedstreaming Viewing Problem?





If you have tried to use **Unitedstreaming** but have been unable to, it may be because you are missing software needed to run it or because your setting is incorrect. If you're experiencing a problem try this - login to **ASSET** and go to Unitedstreaming. Then at the top of the page click on "Preferences".


In the window that opens you need to select the type of media player you have on your computer. Typically that means Windows Media Player if you have a PC and QuickTime if you have a MAC. (You must have a video player to view Unitedstreaming videos.)

You can also choose to open the video player as a new window if desired by choosing the "Stand-Alone" option.

Media Settings

Closed Captioning   Enable Closed Captioning (Windows Media Player only)

Media Type Selection   Windows Media  Windows Media Hi-Speed (700k)  QuickTime

Player Selection  Embedded in Web Browser Stand-Alone Application

If you've been experiencing a problem this should fix it. If it doesn't please email [Harry Sullivan](#) or [Robyn Griffith](#) for assistance.