

# Technology Tip Tuesday Newsletter

## Upcoming Training

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Check below to see what training is coming up in the next several weeks.

- netTrekker & Brain Pop
- Introduction to Entourage
- Mail Merge
- Entourage Calendar
- United Streaming in the Classroom
- Introduction to PowerPoint



Creighton Training Calendar Address = <http://www.creightonschools.org/edtech/calendar.php>

## A Tip on Tables

As you probably know, you change the size of a table's rows and columns in Word by dragging the row and column borders in either direction. However, adjusting row and column dimensions to exact measurements can be tricky when you use this procedure.

Fortunately, you can display a table's row and column dimensions in the ruler as you adjust them. To do so, PC users simply press [Alt] as you drag the border and Mac users press [Option]. Now you can easily tell the exact dimensions of what you're working on.

## Links Worth a Look

<p><a href="#"><u>ALI</u></a></p>	<p>According to their website "The new <a href="#"><u>Apple Learning Interchange (ALI)</u></a> is a set of free resources for educators that provides a single access point to find media and ideas for classroom activities produced by their peers, by Apple, and by Apple content affiliates like NASA, The Smithsonian, and the George Lucas Educational Foundation."</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Awesome Clipart for Educators</u></a></p>	<p>Awesome Clipart for Educators has FREE educator clipart, coloring pages, backgrounds, fonts, icons, lines, worksheets featuring Birthday, Chinese New Year, Christmas, Christian, Easter, Groundhog Day, Halloween, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, Aliens, Americana, Animals, Asian, Cats, Creatures, Dogs, Education, Robots, School, Sports, Toys, Weather, Fall, Spring, Winter</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>BioEd Online for K-5</u></a></p>	<p>A well done website to assist Science Teachers. According to their website "We recognize that elementary teachers have unique challenges in teaching science. BioEd Online's K-5 resources are designed to cover content areas, instructional approaches and interdisciplinary connections that are appropriate for elementary audiences".</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Fact Monster</u></a></p>	<p>A really great website. Very good teaching resources, actually too many to list here. This site is definitely worth taking some of your time to explore. <a href="#"><u>Here's a link</u></a> to a page that has some interactive math lessons listed under "Math Fun". Good Stuff.</p>

## Attention Math Teachers! The Best Math Software Award goes to ...

**eSchool News** just came out with their **2006 Readers' Choice Awards** for "Best Math Software". The reason that this story may interest you is that all Creighton math teachers have access to the award winning software.

If you're a math teacher and you think that United Streaming with all its video-on-demand probably isn't terribly useful for math teachers, you might want to reconsider. In [eSchool News](#), over 1000 readers cast their votes and for the "Best Overall Solution for Teaching Mathematics" in Basic Math Literacy, in Fractions/Decimals/Percents, in Pre-algebra, in Algebra, in Geometry, in Trigonometry and Pre-calculus, and in Calculus **the number one choice was United Streaming!**

Quoting from eSchool News, "Remarkably, Discovery Education's subscription-based, video-on-demand service, United Streaming, was the top choice of our readers in every single category—a nod, no doubt, to the increasing usefulness of video to enhance instruction." The article goes on to say "In making United Streaming the No. 1 choice in each category, readers noted its usefulness in helping to illustrate a variety of tough math concepts. "United Streaming gives my students the visual aspect that is vital for their understanding of math concepts," wrote one elementary-school educator. "It helps me build upon their prior learning, and I am able to move them quickly through various levels." Another wrote, "You can freeze-frame concepts and use the video again and again. It's like having teachers with several teaching styles available to instruct our students."

So, math teachers, have you checked out United Streaming yet?

If you're not sure how to access it [click here](#) to go to Issue 1 of this year's Technology Newsletter. You'll find the directions you need in it.

If you'd like to read the entire eSchool News article please [click here](#).

*(Just a reminder about downloading videos - be sure you are plugged in to the internet with an Ethernet cable or you may be in for a long wait trying to download wirelessly).*

## I Think my Mac is Talking to Me!

Hearing voices? Well let's hope it's just the voice feature activated on your Mac. (Sorry PC users, if you're hearing voices I don't know what to tell you.)

Yes, your Mac can talk to you. Not with you though so don't get your hopes up. You may find this feature helpful in working with some students with special needs.

Here's how to activate this feature:

- Click the Apple icon in the upper left corner.
- Open System Preferences
- Click on Speech (under System)
- Click on Text to Speech
- Once you have this window open you can make different choices depending on your personal preferences. However you need to check the box that say "Speak selected text when the key is pressed" and click the "Set Key" button. The "Set Key" button will allow you to choose what two keys to push to activate the Speech feature. (Personally I use Control + T ).
- Be sure your sound is turned up on your speaker.
- Now open a Word document or your internet browser, highlight some text, and simultaneously press the two keys you selected and your Mac will read the text to you. (Please resist the temptation to talk back to it).



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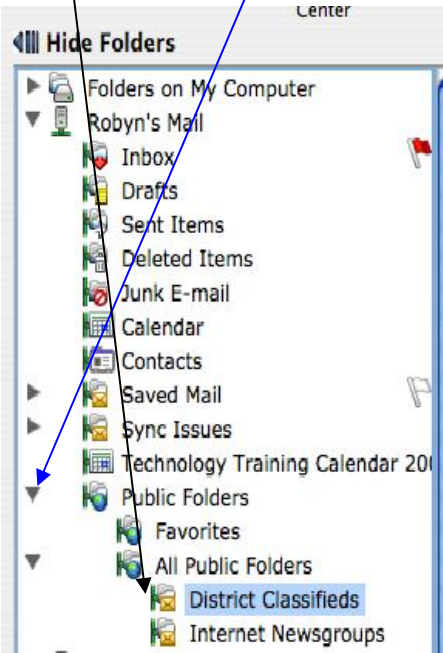
Ever wanted to let colleagues in the Creighton District know that you have an old piano or a used ice cream maker for sale, or perhaps a new puppy looking for a good home? Now you can!

Creighton Classified Ads is now online and ready for you to post your items for sale. Browse to buy, or post to sell, the classifieds are now at your disposal.

**Here's How**

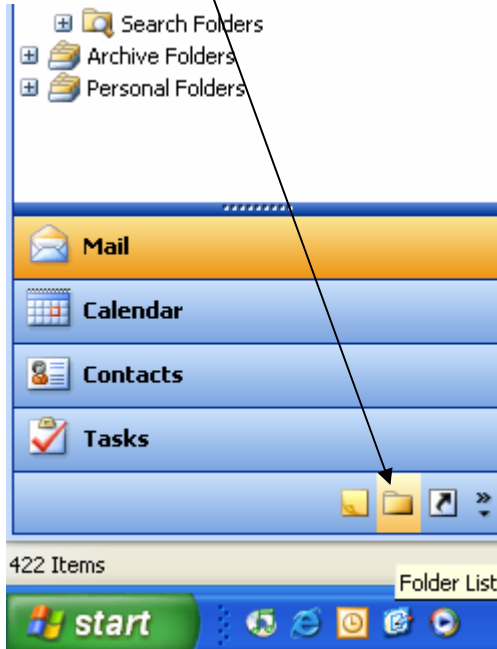
**Mac Users**

In Entourage, click the **triangle** by *Public Folders*, then on *All Public Folders*, then *District Classifieds*.



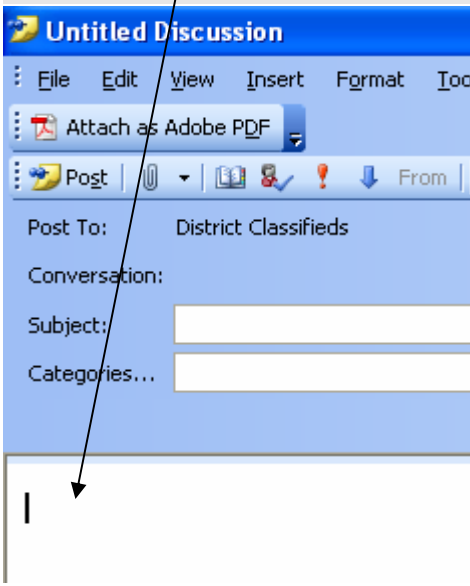
**PC Users**

**First** - In Outlook click the icon that looks like a folder to open up the list of folders.



**MAC & PC USERS  
READ THIS**

To view an ad just click on it (then click *Get Entire Message* on Mac's). To post an ad click *New*. Type in a Subject, and a Category (optional), and then write your ad. Then click *Post* and your ad will be posted.



**Second** - Double-Click on *Public Folders*, then on *All Public Folders*, then on *District Classifieds*.

