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United Streaming

Now that you can no longer access Discovery Education's United Streaming website through ASSET it is possible you may have a problem logging on.

If that's the case here's what to do: Access the login page by [clicking here](#). If your ASSET Username and Password does not provide you entry to the site, then use a school code to gain access.

School codes are as follows:

Creighton -	Teacher Passcode: CFD0-02A7
Loma Linda -	Teacher Passcode: 4C5C-47B1
Excelencia -	Teacher Passcode: CFD0-1797
Gateway -	Teacher Passcode: B0AA-89F9
LCK -	Teacher Passcode: 3FE9-F199
Squaw Peak -	Teacher Passcode: 6D57-DDD4
Papago -	Teacher Passcode: 3AC2-1354
Machan -	Teacher Passcode: CFD0-49B3
Monte Vista -	Teacher Passcode: CFD0-1CE6

[Still have a problem? Contact us.](#)

Black History Month



Did you know that this February marks the 25th Anniversary of Black History Month?

Black History Month is sponsored by the [Association for the Study of African-American Life and History \(ASALH\)](#), an organization founded by Carter G. Woodson in 1915.

Wells-Barnett If you are looking for some good teaching resources and some quality and varied classroom activities [this web page](#) is a very good place to start.

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

[George Washington Carver](#)



Carver

A One-Click Trick to Move the Dock

Mac users, do you ever wish you could move your Dock really quickly and easily? Well you can, here's how: Hold the shift key, click directly on the Dock's divider line (on the far right side of the Dock), and drag the Dock to the left or right side of your




screen. Bam! It moves over to the side. Then, when you want to move it back, just shift-click on that divider line and slam it back to the bottom (okay, drag it back to the bottom). A draggable Dock — is that cool or what!

A Sticky Trick for the Mac User

Are you familiar with Stickies? They are kind of the electronic version of “Post-It” notes for the Mac. You can post them on your desktop screen without any sticky adhesive residue adhering to your

The Mac OS X version of Stickies has these improvements:

- Format text using different fonts and font sizes, bold and *italic* text styles, and color.
- Include graphics .
- Find text in the current note or all notes.
- Check spelling as you type.
- Create notes from the text in other applications. Select the text, choose Services from the application's menu, then choose Make New Sticky Note.

screen! If you don't know how to find them the program is located on your hard drive under “Applications”. You can also find them by using Spotlight and typing in the word “stickies”.

One of my favorite Stickies features is the ability to make a sticky translucent. Just click on a sticky and press Command-Option-T (Translucent Window). Then you can see right through your sticky to the items behind it. This is really handy if you want to see items in other windows that would normally be covered by any open Stickies. To turn off the transparency just press the shortcut again when Stickies is active.

Some Handy Dandy Outlook Shortcuts

When working in Outlook, you probably move your mouse and then click on menus to create new emails, tasks, appointments, and so on. Instead, try our list of shortcuts that will enable you to keep your hands on your keyboard and get right to typing your information.



Keyboard shortcuts for creating new Outlook forms:

- [Ctrl][Shift]M** Create new email message
- [Ctrl][Shift]A** Create new appointment
- [Ctrl][Shift]C** Create a new contact
- [Ctrl][Shift]Q** Create a new meeting request
- [Ctrl][Shift]K** Create a new task
- [Ctrl][Shift]N** Create a new item pertaining to your current view

IDEAL - A Message from Cathy Poplin

Cathy Poplin, Deputy Associate Superintendent for Educational Technology, in a recent memo to all districts writes “I strongly encourage you to have your teachers and staff obtain their IDEAL login and passwords in preparation for the new release. They can do this by going to www.ideal.azed.gov, click on *New User* and follow the instructions. They are now able to select their own user name and password. Please note that any teacher or staff that obtained an IDEAL ID in the past will need to call the IDEAL Helpdesk at 480-965-9411 if they can not recall their username or password.”

What IDEAL v2.0 Includes

IDEAL v2.0 will include:

- ◆ A full service registration system available to districts to utilize for online and onsite professional development and create completion certificates. District administrators will be able to set up classes, register participants, and track teacher progress.
- ◆ Course Catalog of online professional development courses that includes:
 - a. fifteen sections of the 45-hour SEI class to begin March 5th,
 - b. a selection of IDEAL and PBS Teacherline professional development courses to begin March 12th
 - c. Registration for all online courses will open January 31st
- ◆ DE Streaming (formerly Unitedstreaming); Recipes for Success (application software tutorials and teacher tools); Thinkfinity (formerly Marco Polo)
- ◆ Improved navigation and increased ease of use and a unified search engine for easy access to educational content aligned to grade levels, subject areas and Arizona academic standards.

Upcoming Conferences & IDEAL

IDEAL v2.0 will be previewed at the AzTEA's *Teaching and Technology Conference* in Tucson on January 26th.

To register go to www.aztea.org.


The MEC (Microcomputer in Education) conference, March 10 – 12 at ASU, will have a full series of hands-on training sessions on IDEAL v2.0 for teachers and administrators. This will be a great opportunity for you to explore the new environment and sign up for professional development courses. There will be several sessions where you can provide input and ask questions regarding IDEAL v2.0.

To register go to <http://mec.asu.edu/>.

Technology Tip for the PC User



Want to quickly search a document or even a web page for a word or phrase?
Hold down the “control” key and the “F” key at the same time. Then simply type in what you’re searching for and hit “enter” or “find”.

Comments?	Archived Issues
 <p>Want to comment on something you’ve read in the newsletter?</p> <p>Want to contribute an article to the newsletter?</p> <p>Please Contact Us:</p> <p>hsullivan@creightonschools.org</p>	<p>If you’re new to Creighton School District you may have an interest in reading previous Technology Tips Today newsletters. Find previous issues of Creighton’s technology newsletter on the Creighton website by clicking here.</p>

Links Worth a Look	
<p>Art Safari</p>	<p>This site prompts kids to explore paintings and sculptures from the Museum of Modern Art. A series of questions guides children to write about what they see. Then, kids are encouraged create and submit their own art.</p>
<p>Math Power</p>	<p>Basic math skills are explained very clearly in student tutorials, where students show step-by-step how to solve unequal equations, algebra word problems and factoring polynomials. Homework assignments are available, as are study and test-taking tips. Professor Freedman's video snippets explain some basic concepts such as additions and subtraction of signed numbers.</p>
<p>Kid’s Math Dictionary</p>	<p>An animated, interactive dictionary for students which explains over 500 common mathematical terms in simple language.</p>
<p>Virtual Stopwatch and Timer</p>	<p>Virtual Stopwatch and Virtual Timer lets Internet users use their PC as a virtual timing device. The <i>Stopwatch</i> counts up from zero, and the <i>Timer</i> counts down to zero. The stopwatch and timer are based on your PC's internal clock.</p>
<p>Kathy Schrock’s Brain Boosters</p>	<p>Kathy Shrock has many really good resources on her website for teachers that are worth a close look. This particular link takes you to her “Brain Boosters” which are challenging puzzles in categories such as “Number and Math Play”, “Reasoning”, “Spatial Awareness”, and “Word and Letter Play”.</p>
<p>edHelper.com</p>	<p>This site is a great resource for lesson plans, reading comprehension and math worksheets, and theme units. Be sure to take a look at the “February Theme Units”, especially if you plan to do anything for Valentines Day or for Black History Month.</p>

One For the Students

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?
Sure, they're very scent-imental!

