

Beaufort Elementary  
Coosa Elementary  
Mossy Oaks Elementary  
Port Royal Elementary

# Technology News

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## WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Post school supply list (with pictures!)
- Post a brief bio with picture
- Post your educational philosophy
- Post an inspirational teaching quote
- Post your daily schedule
- Post requirements for becoming a classroom volunteer

## K - 2 Featured Website

Each month highlight a website that parents can use with their children at home (creating a home/school connection). This month's idea:

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

Games/activities include:

- Alphabetical order
- Upper/lower case letter
- Math
- Numerical order
- Shapes...and much more

## Ten Tech "To Do" Tips

As you are getting ready to start the new school year here is a list of ten tech "to do" tips to help you prepare (check off as you complete):

Set up Edmodo page

Set up PowerSchool Grade Book

Set up computer folders for the new year

Set up newsletter template

Check out grade level ActivExpression/Votes

Check out grade level camera

Set up classroom laptops/desktops and check to make sure they work.

Hook up Promethean cables and check to make sure picture/sound/pen are all working.

Review/Change your website profile

Safe School Training

If you need any help with any of these please let me know!



Back to school humor

courtesy of :

[student-tutor.com/blog/back-to-school-jokes.com](http://student-tutor.com/blog/back-to-school-jokes.com)



## K- 2 Internet Idea

This idea came from the following [WEBSITE](#) (click to link). Ask a local pizza place to donate a set of large pizza boxes. Have students decorate during the first week of school and have them ready for parents to take home during a back-to school night or parent/teacher conference.

- PreK Papers
- Kindergarten Keepsakes
- First Grade Files
- Second Grade Souvenirs

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

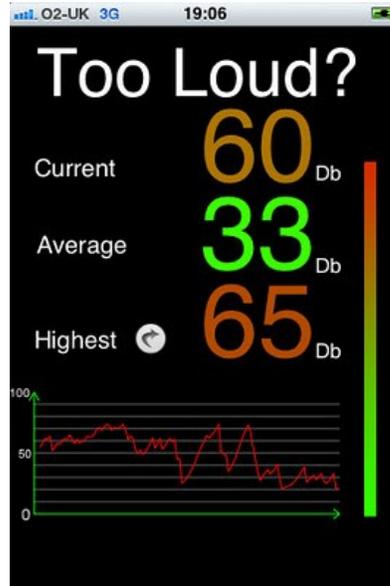
Monday - Mossy Oaks Elementary  
 Tuesday - Coosa Elementary  
 Wednesday - Beaufort Elementary  
 Thursday - Port Royal Elementary

Friday - Rotating Schedule TBA

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**App of the Month**

The TooLoud! app is ideal for the teacher who needs to limit noise in the classroom environment. It records decibels, displaying the volume levels in numbers. Use it to let the class know when they cross the auditory line.

Idea and post from

[THIS BLOG](#)

**Edmodo at a Glance**

Edmodo is a Web 2.0 tool that allows teachers to safely share ideas, files, assignments, videos, projects, etc. with students and with other teachers. It is a safe and secure social learning site for classrooms. Edmodo does not require student email addresses and only the people who have the group code can see the students.

Below is a screen shot of the main features of an Edmodo page. The district will offer Edmodo training during the back-to-school rally (registration will be up soon in My Learning Plan).

For a brief Edmodo video tour click on this link to connect - <http://vimeo.com/28738685>

The screenshot shows the Edmodo interface for a group named 'Beaufort Middle Summer Reading'. The top navigation bar includes 'edmodo', a search bar, and menu items for 'Calendar', 'Grades', 'Library', 'Home', 'Profile', and 'Account'. On the left sidebar, there is a user profile for 'Mrs. Heaton' and a 'Group' section with a red circle around the 'Join or Create' button. The main content area shows a post by 'Mrs. Grilli' with a red arrow pointing to the 'Check for recent group activity' button. Below it, a post by 'Brittney H.' has a red arrow pointing to the 'Assign the group code for students to join' button. On the right sidebar, there is a 'Notifications' box with a red circle around it, showing '23 Turned-In Assignments', '1 Assignment Comment', and '12 New Group Members'. Below that, the 'Group Code' is displayed as '86umyr' with a red circle around it. Further down, the 'Members (172)' section has a red circle around it, and a 'Manage' button is visible. At the bottom right, a red circle highlights the 'Manage the people in your group' button. A red arrow also points from the 'Join or Create' button in the sidebar to the 'Join or create a group page' button in the main content area.