

Beaufort Elementary  
Coosa Elementary  
Mossy Oaks Elementary  
Port Royal Elementary

# Technology News

November 2012

## WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No school for Thanksgiving break November 21-23.
- Winter break starts December 21 - January 1.
- Any holiday party information
- Winter MAP schedule for your class.
- Progress reports for 2nd quarter go home Dec. 7th.

## Tech Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the tech survey I sent out last month.

The results will be used to help better guide tech training going forward.

Here is an overview of the responses (all schools combined)

### I would like tech training....

As needed	34%
Once a month	31%
Afterschool	28%
Twice a month	7%

### I usually plan for tech projects...

Once a year	27%
Once a quarter	26%
Once a unit	25%
Once a month	11%
Never	10%

### The main problem I run into is...

Takes too much time	33%
Not enough computers	30%
No ideas	24%
Students are too young	21%
Uncomfortable with tech	12%

### The main way I communicate with parents is...

Newsletter	43%
Email	28%
Phone	20%
Website	8%

One area that I would like additional training in (only listing the top four areas mentioned even though there were lots of other areas mentioned as well)...

- Flipcharts
- Edmodo
- Web Resources for student use
- Spreadsheets in Excel

## 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 website

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

Put your weekly spelling words online and students can practice their words with activities and games.



This is a cut turkey craft, using paint samples and a brad, that was found online at this preschool blog <http://preschoolalphabet.blogspot.com/>

## K- 2 Internet Idea

Brain Pop Junior has two great November videos to play for children in grades K-2.

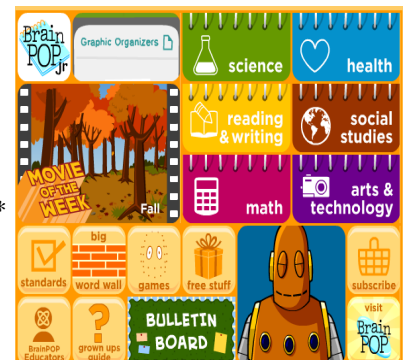
- Thanksgiving
- Fall

Brain Pop Junior Login\*

Username: discus13

Password: homework

\*SC teachers ONLY!



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Friday - Rotating Schedule TBA

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Dates of this Project: November 28 to December 21, 2012

Open to all PreK - 6th grade classes around the world.

Classrooms will be teamed with 29 other classrooms to exchange holiday cards (this years theme is Snow Globes). Plus, each classroom will send one card to a children's hospital.

This is a great project for connecting with classrooms around the world, studying holiday celebrations that may be different from our own, mapping and geography, calculating postage, and practicing written communication.

The organization site listed below has links to an animoto they created from last years cards (over 1,000 schools participated) as well as a pinterest page of snow globe ideas and templates.

Project is great for any classroom teacher or any art teacher!

<http://www.jenuinetech.com/Projects/HCE2012/hce2012information.html>

## Edmodo Quizzes

The screenshot shows the Edmodo quiz creation interface. The top navigation bar includes 'edmodo', a search bar, and links for 'Calendar', 'Grades', 'Updating...', 'Home', 'Profile', and 'Account'. The main content area is titled 'Test Quiz 1' and includes a 'Time Limit' of 60 minutes and an 'Assign Quiz' button. The 'Questions' section shows a list of questions with a 'Type' dropdown set to 'Multiple Choice'. A 'Question Prompt' field contains the text 'This is a test. Only a test.' Below this are three multiple-choice options: 'A Boo', 'B Buh', and 'C Beep'. The 'Quiz Options' panel on the right has a checkbox for 'Show students their results immediately' which is checked. Red callout boxes with arrows point to various features: 'Select type of question. MC, T/F, Short Answer' points to the 'Type' dropdown; 'Assign to groups, classes, or individual students.' points to the 'Assign Quiz' button; 'Set time limit' points to the 'Time Limit' field; 'Question #'s points to the question list on the left; 'Add links or files from the Library' points to the 'Attach: Library' link; 'Set correct answers or remove choices' points to the 'Set as Correct Answer' and 'Remove Answer' buttons; and 'For immediate feedback' points to the 'Show students their results immediately' checkbox.