

Beaufort Elementary  
Coosa Elementary  
Mossy Oaks Elementary  
Port Royal Elementary

# Technology News

October 2012

## WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No school October 26 due to parent/teacher conferences.
- Instruct parents how they can sign up for parent teacher conferences dates/times.
- No school October 29 - November 2nd. Fall Break/Extended Learning.
- Link to the Power School Portal for Parents

## 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

[http://](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/counting_games.html)

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These online counting games will help young children get to grips with numbers.

## Google Docs (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

With parent/teacher conferences coming up I thought it might be useful to highlight how you can manage your conference schedule through Google Docs. Using Google Docs will allow you to create a schedule template where parents can view and sign up for available time slots online (none of that dreaded paper and shuffling of time slots).

You will need to still manage it and send out confirmations.

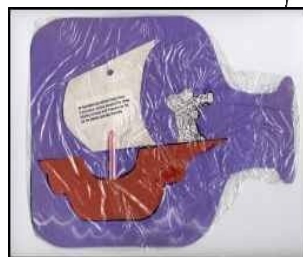
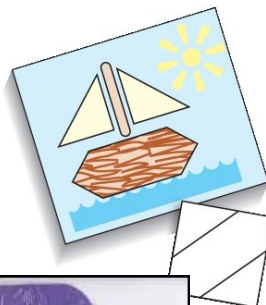
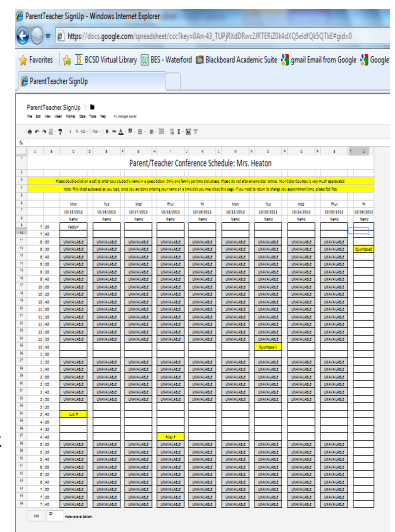
If you are interested in trying it out this year I have a signup template in Excel that you can import into Google Docs.

1. Sign up for a Google account if

you don't have one.

2. Go to Google docs
3. Click on "create" and then "spreadsheet"
4. Click on "file" and then "import"
5. Find the file location and then click "import"
6. Click on "share" (top right)
7. Under "who has access" click on "change"
8. Click "anyone with link" and click "allow anyone to edit" (no sign in required)
9. Copy the link and send it to parents via email or newsletter.

If you would like to help setting up please let me know and I can come in during your planning!



## K- 2 Internet Idea

Columbus Day is on Monday, October 8th. These two fun craft ideas can easily be incorporated into a lesson. Both sites have printable templates.

Don't forget that we have free access to BrainPop Jr. through Discus. They have a great video about Columbus Day for children in grades K-2.

[Shape Ship LINK](#)

(free registration required)

Brain Pop Junior Login\*

Username: discus13

Password: homework

\*SC teachers ONLY!

[Ship in a Bottle LINK](#)

(scroll down on the site for directions)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Friday - Rotating Schedule TBA

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

## Texting Home

With [Remind101](#) teachers can text message students and stay in touch with parents safely and at no cost (smart phones not needed). Parents sign up (see sample form below) and your texts are easily managed within the system. (Thank you Mrs. Plair at CES for this idea)

### **New Technology!**

Parents, I have exciting news! This year I will be trying out a new method of communicating with you! If you CHOOSE to participate, you can receive text message updates from me about tests, special events, reminders, etc.

To sign up, text the message:  
To the number:

I will only be sending out messages as needed, so there will not be frequent texts coming to your phone!

- I signed up! Send me messages!
- I am not interested.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Library in Edmodo

The screenshot shows the Edmodo Library interface in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The address bar shows <http://beaufortschools.edmodo.com/library/v2>. The page title is "Edmodo | Library". The interface includes a navigation bar with "edmodo" logo, "Calendar", "Grades", "Library", "Home", "Profile", and "Account". A sidebar on the left lists "My Folders" and "Shared with Me" with various folders like "Edmodo Tutorials", "Newsletter", "Power School Tutorials", and "YouTube Downloader". The main content area displays a grid of files and folders, including "Edmodo For Beginners", "A Guide to Getting Started", "Edmodo For Beginners.pptx", "Summer Reading 2012.pdf", "Powerteacher Gradebook Setup.pdf", "Downloading Youtube Videos Using Mediacoverter.docx", and "Youtube Downloader Installing And Converting.pdf". A right-hand pane shows details for "Powerteacher Gradebook Setup.pdf", including the user "Mrs. Heaton" and options for "Download" and "Delete".

Annotations with red circles and arrows point to specific features:

- Add to Library:** A red circle highlights the "Add to Library" button in the top left.
- Click on to add items to your library:** A grey box with an arrow pointing to the "Add to Library" button.
- Click on to create a new folder:** A grey box with an arrow pointing to the "New Folder" button in the sidebar.
- To see other folders/files that have been shared with you:** A grey box with an arrow pointing to the "Shared with Me" section in the sidebar.
- Click on the library item you want to add to a folder you have set up:** A red circle highlights the "Powerteacher Gradebook Setup.pdf" file in the main grid.
- Click which folder you want your file associated with:** A red circle highlights the "Power School Tutorials" folder in the right-hand pane.