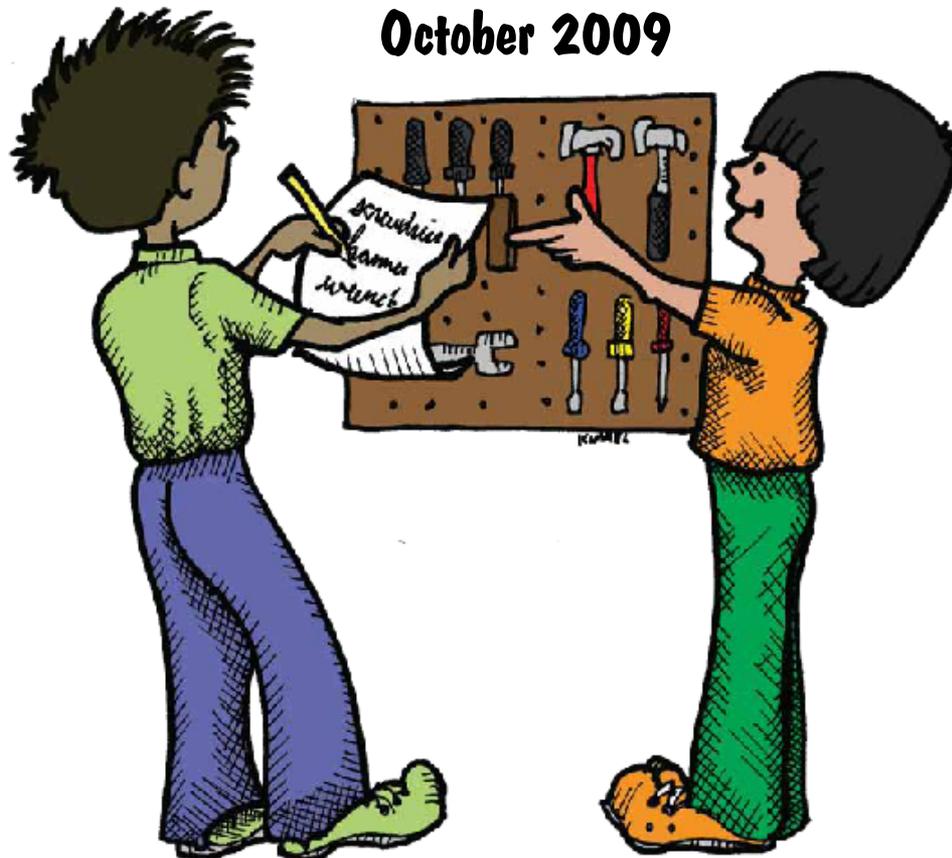




# E-TOOLS

October 2009





"2 B OR NOT 2 B, DAT IZ DE?"

– From Hamlet by William Shakespeare in the form of a Twitter post from  
The World According to Twitter by David Pogue

## OCTOBER TOPIC: Today's world of technology is becoming very social.



### Welcome C.L.A.S.S. Educators!

Welcome to the October 2009 E-Tools. Today's world of technology is becoming very social. From blogs to Facebook™ to Twitter™, there are countless avenues for sharing our thoughts and feelings with others. They become great places to connect with friends from long ago and ones you met just today. Beyond personal connections, these social tools can also be a place to develop and grow professionally. They allow you to build what is called a Personal Learning Network (PLN). Your PLN becomes a place you can go to ask questions, find help, and find support. It allows you to connect with people from all over the world who are just like you.

You might wonder what this has to do with education, but the impact these tools are having on our students will certainly impact how and what we need to teach them. What do they need to know about posting appropriately online? How do we help them learn to be safe in the online world? How do we take advantage of these tools in the educational environment? These questions and more are debated in schools everyday. This month, we'll share with you some ideas of how to begin building your PLN as well as some ideas for using these social tools as resources in your classroom.

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# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

For more information or to register for workshops & events go to:  
<http://joyofclass.pbwiki.com> or C.L.A.S.S. Phone: 317-572-1576

## Special Events

### Support Team Days

Pack up your group of teacher leaders from your school and come join us for a day of strategies, fun and engagement.

#### FALL SUPPORT TEAM DAY

November 20, 2009

New Augusta North Middle School  
Indianapolis, IN

### Related Arts Days

Educators in PE, Art, Music, Music and Counselors are all welcome to the Related Arts Day. These days are a great way to gain new instructional strategies, network with your peers and share brain compatible tactics in your specific area.

#### FALL RELATED ARTS DAY

November 16, 2009

Noblesville Intermediate School  
Noblesville, IN

### Model Teaching Days

Seeing is Believing! Experience a C.L.A.S.S. classroom in action, facilitated by a C.L.A.S.S. coach. A great day to see best practices in action.

Upcoming dates:

November 5 Fort Wayne, IN  
November 19 Noblesville, IN  
December 3 Bloomington, IN

## Summer Institute

2010  
C.L.A.S.S.

### Summer Institute

You won't believe what is planned for Summer 2010! Save the dates and register early. We'll see you there!

June 22 – 25, 2010  
Pike Freshman Center  
Indianapolis, IN

See the *C.L.A.S.S. Service Brochure* for workshop descriptions at:  
<http://joyofclass.pbwiki.com>

Download Registration Forms:  
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## Workshops

### BEHAVIOR

Tier 2: Small Group Behavior Interventions  
January 12 Noblesville

Tier 3: One-on-One Behavior Interventions & Bullying  
November 18 Indianapolis; January 20 Noblesville

### LITERACY

Writers Workshop the C.L.A.S.S. Way!

February 3 (Kg-2) Noblesville

February 4 (3-8) Noblesville

Literacy: Meaningful, Energetic & Engaging

February 8 (Kg-2) Indianapolis

February 9 (3-8) Indianapolis

### BEST PRACTICES

Collaboration Rules! (Cooperative Learning Strategies)  
January 13 Noblesville

Test Preparation & Study Tips Every Student Should Know  
November 12 Indianapolis; February 2 Noblesville

Turning Your Students into Amazing Scientists  
January 27 Noblesville

Can You Differentiate Instruction? Yes I Can!  
November 4 Indianapolis; November 17 Fort Wayne

Fun and Innovative Teaching with Wikis, Blogs & Internet Resources  
November 3; February 9 Noblesville

# C.L.A.S.S. on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/joyofclass>

Become a fan of C.L.A.S.S. on Facebook. Get updates on workshop, resources, and other great ideas from C.L.A.S.S. all year round!



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Wall Info Photos Discussions +

What's on your mind?

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The September E-Tools are now posted online. This month we're sharing some tips for arranging (or rearranging) your classroom to take advantage of the C.L.A.S.S. strategies.

[joyofclass.pbworks.com](http://joyofclass.pbworks.com)  
Source: joyofclass.pbworks.com

September 16 at 7:34pm · Comment · Like · Share

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September 14 at 7:52pm · Comment · Like

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# Facebook Biography Report Template

- Students are to be over the age of 13 before they join Facebook, so this activity is probably most useful for upper elementary, middle school, and high school.
- Students research famous people all the time in school, but the way we ask them to share that information back can be boring and require them to think very little.
- Consider asking them to design a Facebook page (on paper...not on the site) for their famous person. What would they say? Why? Who might be their “Friends”? Etc. Could be a great way for them to get into the mind of that famous person.
- See the next page for a potential template. You obviously may want more room for Friends photo or for comments from others on the “page”, but this gives them a good start.

What's on your mind?

Attach



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Information



Friends



News Feed

Pages

Status Updates

Photos

Links

Video

Notes

# Facebook Welcome Message

*Facebook is a social setting where people update what they are doing for others to read, so why not use that format in your classroom for a Welcome Message. Here is a sample message. It could be tweak or altered for any subject or comment.*

Good Morning Class! Pretend you are the main characters from the novel we are reading. Write a short update to the character Facebook page on one of the post-it notes. It should be something that has happened in the story sometime this week. Then, put your comment on the Facebook page on the chart paper. Make sure it fits chronologically in the story on the page. Use your other post-it to be any other character from the story. Write a comment back to any of the updates written by your classmates as if you were a character from the book.

# C.L.A.S.S. on Twitter

<http://www.twitter.com/joyofclass>

Follow C.L.A.S.S. on Twitter. Get updates on workshop, resources, and other great ideas from C.L.A.S.S. all year round!

The screenshot shows the Twitter profile for 'joyofclass'. The profile header includes the name 'joyofclass', location 'Indianapolis, Indiana', and a bio: 'C.L.A.S.S., Connecting Learning Assures Successful Students, is a comprehensive curriculum model and philosophy founded by Barbara Pedersen.' The page shows the user is being followed, with 0 following and 3 followers. There are 4 tweets. The most recent tweet is: 'September E-Tools are now online. This month has classroom tips for taking advantage of C.L.A.S.S. strategies. <http://tinyurl.com/lrou54>' posted at 6:20 PM Sep 17th from web. Below it is a tweet from Barbara: 'WOW! This is my first tweet and good news is coming your way! Ha Remember to hold onto your joy today. Love, Barbara' posted at 11:31 AM Sep 16th from web. The background of the page features a banner with the text 'The Life Goals' and 'Treat People Do the Right' over a globe with hands.

# Finding other Teachers on Twitter

- <http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/03/seven-ways-to-find-teachers-on-twitter.html>
- Check out the blog post above by Richard Byrne. He has some great links and ideas for growing your own Personal Learning Network (PLN) via Twitter.

# Twitter Template

The template on the next page has exactly 140 boxes which is the same as the character limit in Twitter. Consider the following uses:

- Use it as a welcome message. Summarize your weekend in 140 characters.
- Use it as a tool for a novel or study. Summarize this chapter in 140 characters.
- Use it as a discussion tool so that everyone gets time to talk. Students are limited to 140 characters. Once they hit that mark, then it is the next persons turn to talk.
- How many words that end with ing can you fit into 140 characters.

*Remember in Twitter....spaces and punctuation count! ☺*

