

DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

Fostering Connections with
EdTech Leaders in WCPS

2024-2025



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Washington County Public Schools Instructional Technology Department designed three unique EdTech Leader Cohorts for elementary school teachers, middle/high school teachers, and teachers interested in Computer Science. These school-based leaders are fostering connections by following the educator ISTE Standards throughout the school year as Learners, Leaders, Citizens, and Collaborators.

As part of Digital Learning Day, they have highlighted the application of these Standards as they foster connections in and beyond their classroom walls.



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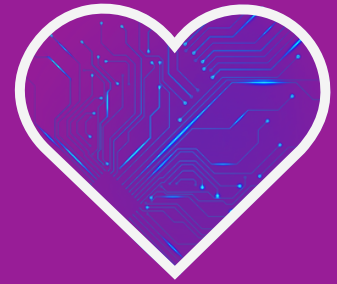


MEET

KIM GRABENSTEIN

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Williamsport Elementary



A classroom lesson about Media Balance and how technology use makes us feel. We discussed SEL competency of Social Interactions, and Positive Peer relationships. This help us make decisions about the best way to balance our lives in the real world and in the digital world.

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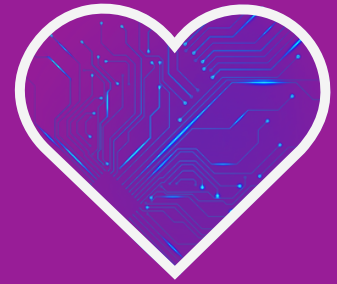


MEET

REBECCA SIEGRIST

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Sharpsburg Elementary



Integration lessons using the Bee-bot and Code-n-Go Mouse in the first CKLA unit and the integration of coding in our upcoming Social Studies unit on geography, expands opportunities for all learners with increased engagement.

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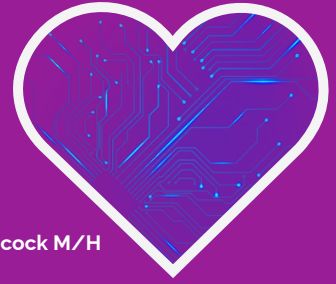


MEET

ANN SHILLING-GWINNUTT

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Barbara Ingrim School for the Arts and Hancock M/H



Ann Shilling - LMS

I will use Google Slides Video and/or CANVA Magic Video to create "shorts" (I call "library lifts") to model the use of AI technology.

The Virtual Library



Sharing the love of learning through quick videos for teachers with the goal to enhance, expand, and explore technology, databases, and books in the Library Media Center.

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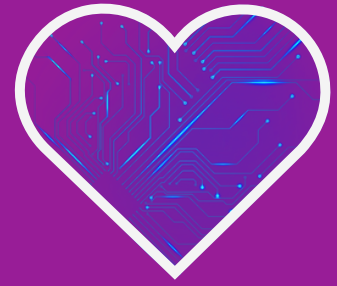


MEET

LAURA HOSE

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Hancock Elementary



kami

Implementing Tech Tuesday events after school following each EdTech meeting to showcase new tech opportunities for classrooms. Events include tips and tricks for teacher Chromebooks, using Kami to annotate with students live and a GoGuardian refresher!

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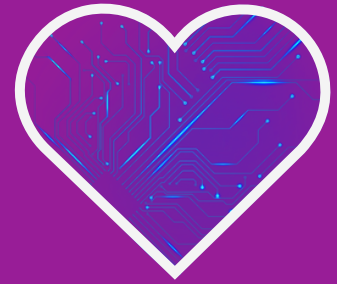


MEET

KATHRYN MCDONALD

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Jonathan Hager Elementary



Facilitating professional development in order to implement best technology practices in classrooms to redefine learning. Facilitating PD and connection with teachers shares knowledge with others for greater collaboration.

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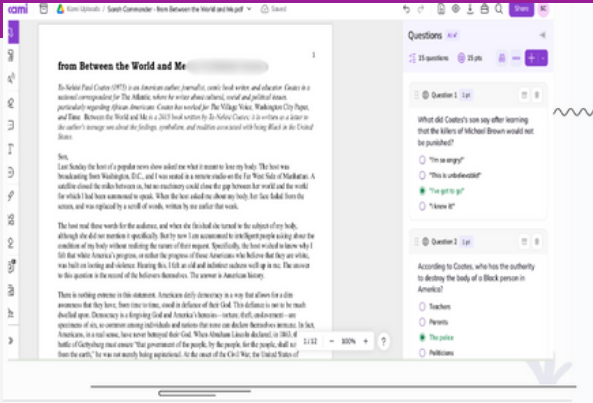
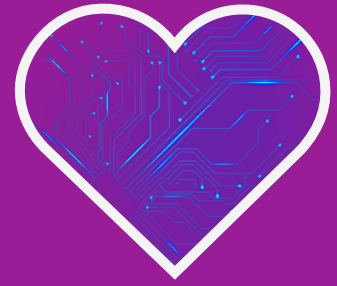


MEET

SARAH COMMANDER

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Smithsburg High School



Using text in AP Lang with Kami and AI to create multiple choice and short answer questions, checking for student comprehension during the reading and asking analysis questions allows for monitoring student responses as they work and providing feedback.

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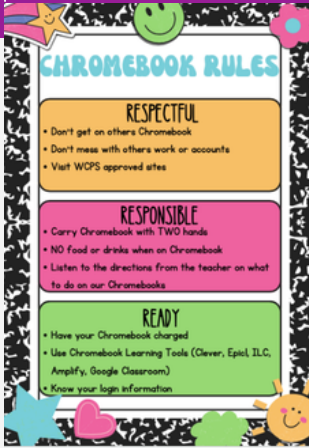
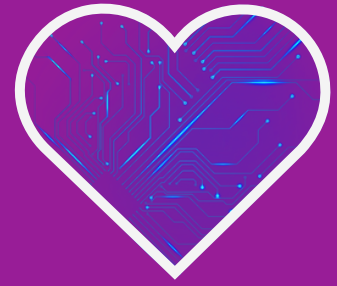


MEET

ABBY STRAWOET

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Jonathan Hager Elementary



PBIS language is to be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready in various areas within the school. My class came up with ways to be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready with their Chromebooks as we focus on Digital Citizenship.

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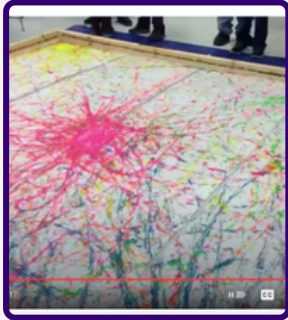
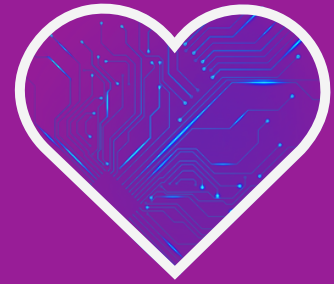


MEET

ALISON HOFFMAN

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Marshall Street



Modeling digital tool use in the art curriculum with Sphero BOLT encourages other teachers to borrow them for their own classroom instruction. Student engagement supports learning at a deeper level.

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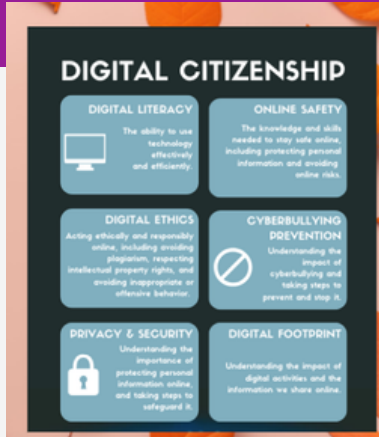
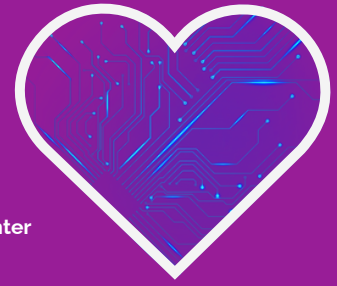


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AUTUMN ACKERMAN

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Marshall Street/Job Development Center



Sharing the key points of digital citizenship with the staff and students at Marshall Street.

Students learn that digital citizenship equips them with essential skills for navigating the digital world responsibly so they are safe while accessing online resources.

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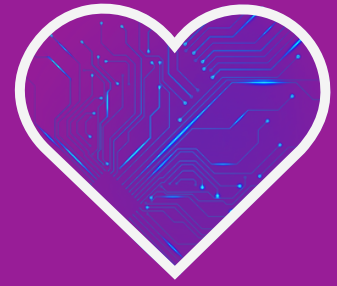


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KAELII BOYER

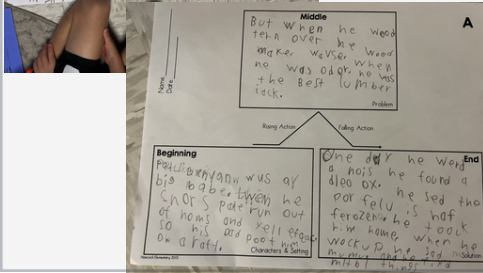
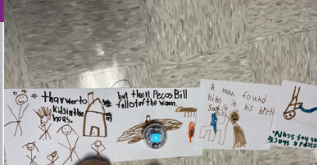
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School: Fountain Rock Elementary



At the conclusion of the first domain in CKLA, students were tasked with creating a retell of one of our fairytales or tall tale stories by creating a model.

Students created a coding sequence with the Spheros to communicate their retell as exposure to block coding for 2nd graders.



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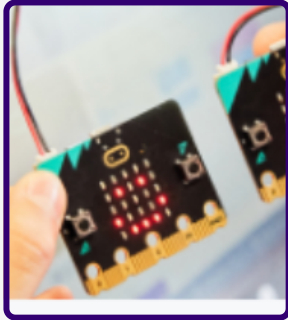
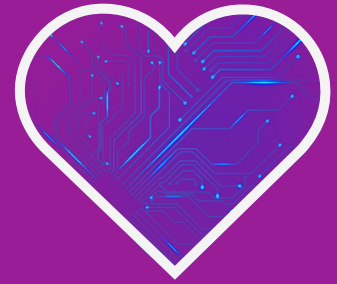
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MEET KEVIN GRESZLER

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Smithsburg Middle School



Utilizing Code.org to learn computer programming. Then engaging students in learning computer science while combining learning with physical devices, like the Micro:Bit.

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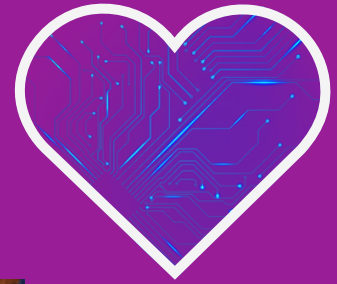


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JEAN SULLIVAN

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: E.Russell Hicks Middle School



Students designed a game and used the Sphero for the pawn through coding and storytelling.



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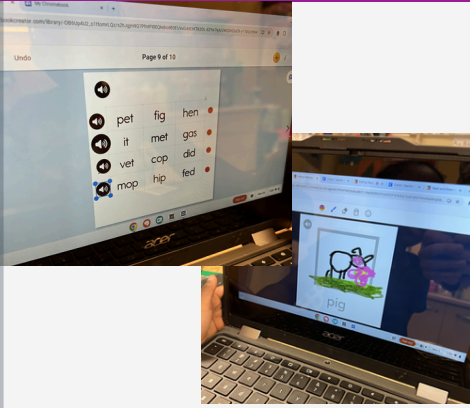
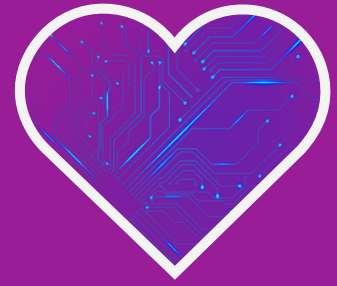


MEET

MARISSA LICHWA

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Pangborn Elementary



Students use Book Creator to practice their reading fluency! Using words, phrases, sentences, and stories from CKLA, students have been recording audio and videos to practice their reading with accountability.

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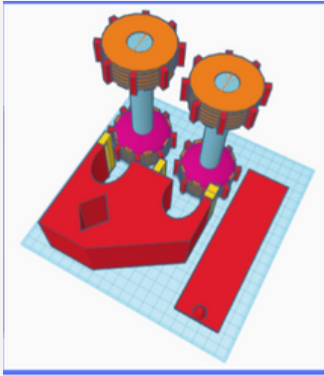
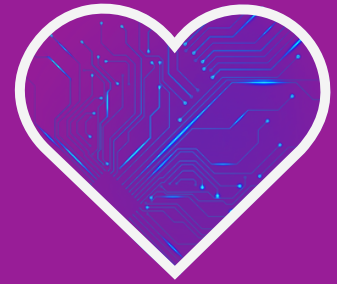


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LIAM VON ALT

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Springfield Middle School



Students design and create TinkerCAD files of small objects using CAD and design skills learned in Tech Ed. Students convert the files to MakerBot format and begin to 3D print.

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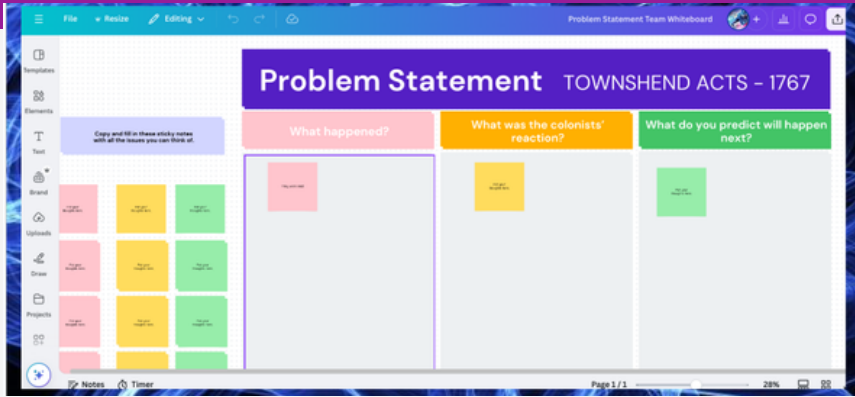
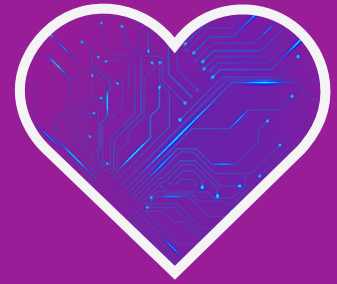


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JOHN WILSON

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Clear Spring Middle School



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Providing alternative ways for students to respond. They were more likely to answer digitally than raise their hand and answer in front of their classmates creating connections within the classroom.

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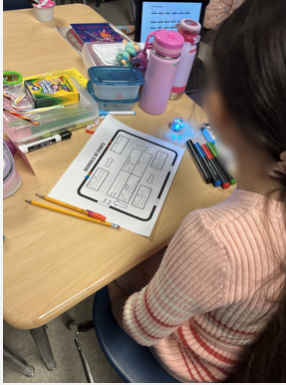
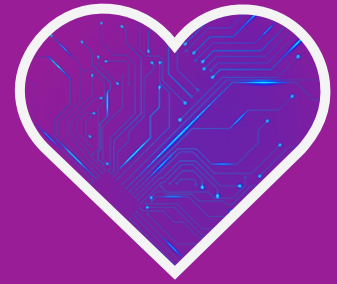


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TABITHA CHAMBERS

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Emma K. Doub Elementary



Students extend their learning from their reading unit by coding Ozobots to retell the story events!

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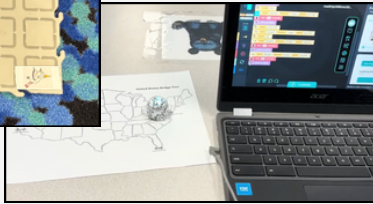
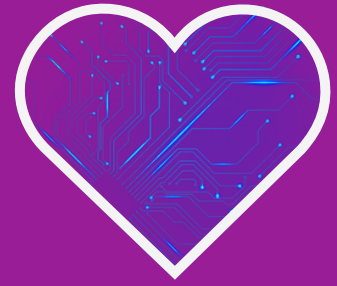


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KRISTY RUBECK

District: Washington County Public Schools

School: Boonsboro Elementary



In Library Media, grade 2 students retell stories using VEX robotics. Grade 4 students use Sphero to collect data on how time affects distance expanding on science learning. Grade 5 uses Ozobot to create/debug a planned road trip.

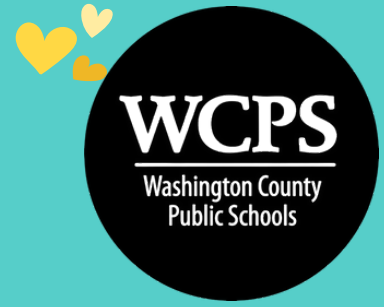
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