

TDEC Update – November 24, 2019

Dear Teacher/Administrator,

TDEC (Your NAD Technology and Distance Education Committee) met early in October to collaborate and exchange ideas. Here is the gist of what came out of the session:

1) Griggs University has updated their site, added classes, updated the APLE guidebook and broadened their services. Contact LaRonda Forsey if you have interests or questions: laronda@andrews.edu

2) Did you receive your NAD postcard this summer? Be sure to check out the updated nadeducation.org website with updates to the Multi-grade, TDEC, and administrators microsites. The new fine arts microsite is awesome! Did you see the art careers page? What an example of faith-integration for fine arts!

3) Cobblestones Curriculum (PK/TK companion to the Stepping Stones Kindergarten Curriculum is available at cobblestones.adventisteducation.org ! Check it out!

4) Leisa Standish, Elementary Associate for NAD, has some awesome STEM opportunities for girls: she has contacts for a "Women in STEM" assembly opportunity or Girls Who Code (girlswhocode.com) after school clubs.

5) Coming Soon:

****"Teacher Connect" with Adventist Learning Community: Teachers will be able to sign up and be involved with classroom-to-classroom distance learning opportunities!

***TDEC Lending Library: Teachers will be able to borrow Ozobots, phone tripods, Ocular VR headsets, and more. Stay tuned for more information!

**Note: The Ocular VR program is expanding to high school all the way down to elementary!

New programs for Social Studies will be available as well.

6) Martha Ban is asking everyone to sign-up for the SLACK app You can join different communities and keep up on Data Rollup updates, chats, etc. Seize this opportunity!

7) Are you doing something pretty amazing with technology in your classroom? The TDEC BLOG wants to hear about it!

I have \$500 for the year to give out to teachers! Here's what we need for you to do:

***Send me your submission of an article, photos with captions, videos and pictures of the things you are doing.

***I will review it and send it on to Martha Ban.

***If it is chosen to put on the TDEC Blog, you will be sent a gift card for \$25-50, depending on the complexity of what you have sent me.

8) Don't forget about your Versacare grants! Dec 31 is the deadline; opportunity awaits!

If you have any TDEC questions, please let me know...I'm here to help.

Best Blessings,

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