

# Your Classroom Computer is for More than Checking E-Mail

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Computer  
Docs  
Technology  
Forms  
Spreadsheet  
Singing  
Pod-O-Matic  
YouTube  
Music  
Website  
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Dropbox  
Webcam  
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Skype  
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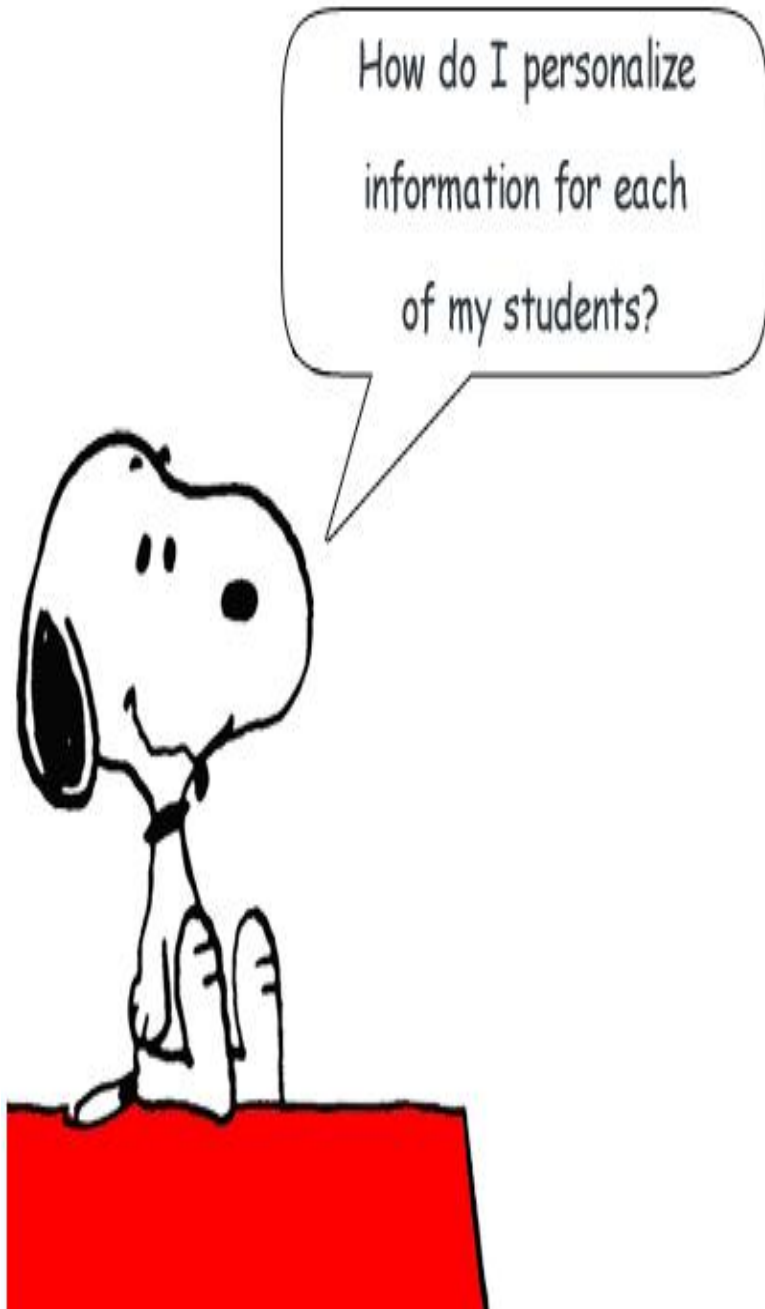
- Google Docs/Drive
  - Online [Forms](#)
    - [Parent Contact Form](#)
      - Have students type info from the paper copy to the [online copy](#).
    - [Parent Surveys](#)
    - Online Registration and Signups.
  - Document Storage
    - Access files anywhere.
    - Backup important files.
    - Flash keys break, but Google doesn't.
  - Share documents with colleagues.
  - Easy to access, view, and modify.



How else can I  
access and share  
documents?

- **Dropbox**
  - Store your documents on every computer you use with the slide of a mouse.
  - Drop large files in the boxes of your colleagues so as to not overload their inbox.





- Mail-merge
  - Track your next fundraiser in Excel. Type a letter, in word, and then use a mail merge to combine the two documents into personalized forms for each child.
  - Provide personalized student account statements for field trips.
  - [See a mail merge in action.](#)



What did  
I miss while  
I was out?

- Screen Casting
  - What do you do when you have that amazing technology based lesson and you have five kids absent? Record it!
  - Link on your website and kids can watch if they are absent, or need a review.
  - [Jing](#) (free) or [Snagit](#) (inexpensive)
  - Pre-record lessons for when you are out.
  - [Welcome To The Staff](#)




I want to better communicate with my parents. How do I?

- [Remind101](#)
  - [Safe text messaging to students.](#)
  - Send now/send later.
  - Separate by classes.
- [Cel.ly](#)
- [Send Hub](#)
- Choral E-mail accounts
  - Create a list serve/group to share up to date information with parents.
  - Use your Google form to cut and paste all parent email addresses. This saves you the time of individually typing.
  - Mass mail reminders and copies of things sent home.



- So many options:
  - Google
  - Webs.com
  - Homestead.com
  - Facebook
- What can I do with a website?
  - Document storage
  - Write a weekly/monthly blog
  - Post photos
  - Program Information
  - Concert Videos
    - YouTube unlisted videos
    - SchoolTube
  - Useful links for students
  - Calendar
  - Recruitment tool
  - Practice Tracks



You mean  
this isn't  
Facebook?

- Edmodo
  - [Edmodo Splainers](#)
  - Make the dispersal of information relative to your students in this Facebook like classroom portal.
  - Give quizzes then let edmodo do the grading.
  - Collect assignments.
  - Start a discussion.
  - I have my students upload singing tests to our edmodo sites. This allows me to listen to them anywhere and does not flood my email.

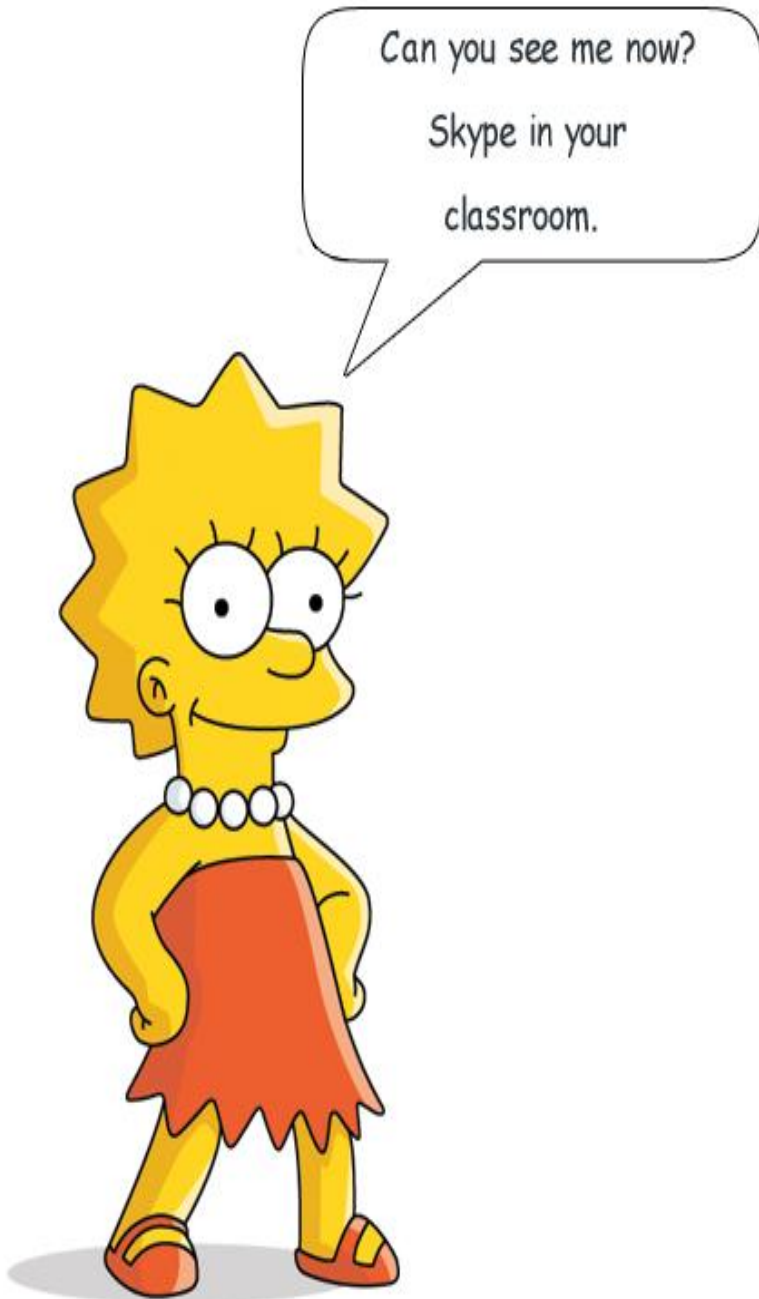


- **Audacity**
  - Audacity is a free recording tool that you can use in your classroom.
    - Make in class recordings for instant evaluation.
    - Edit concert audio to get that cd quality sound.
    - Make practice tracks to aid your students when they, or you, are away.
    - Make cheerleading mixes.



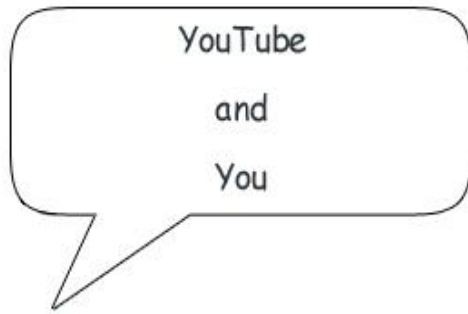
- ## Podcasting

- A podcast is a program of music or talk made available in digital format.
  - [NC Middle School Choral Podcast](#)
- Post practice tracks for your singers to use at home, and on the go.
- Record an audio/video message for your kids when you are away from school. The sub can play this for the kids and there is no question about what you intended.
  - [My sub plans](#)

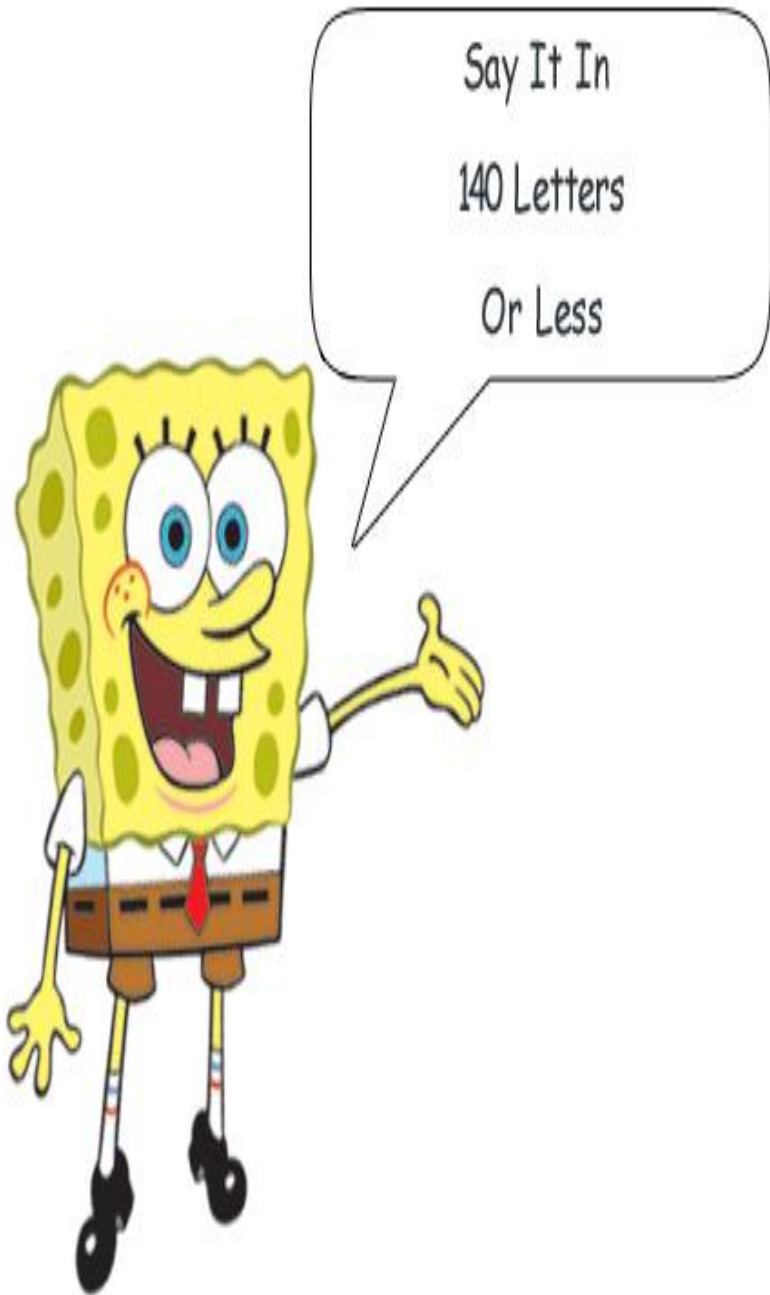


- ## Skype

- Webcams have become very inexpensive over the last few years and are easier than ever to hook up to your computer.
- Bring a composer into your classroom. Set up a video chat appointment with them and have your kids perform and ask questions.
- Skype into a colleagues classroom and do a sharing concert for each other
- Skype into your classroom while you are away and check on your students.
- [50 Awesome Ways To Use Skype In The Classroom](#)



- If you find a video you like on YouTube download it at home and keep it on a flash key.
  - [Real Player](#)
- Upload your own choir's performances or lessons and change the privacy setting to **unlisted**.
  - This will only allow them to be seen by people who know the address of the video.
  - [My Choir's Videos](#)
- Want your students to listen rather than watch. Convert youtube to MP3.
  - Google the phrase "[YouTube to MP3](#)". Input the website address and download.



- **Twitter**
  - Twitter is a real time information network.
  - You can say as much or as little as you want, but you only get 140 characters.
  - You don't have to actually tweet (I waited 4 months) but you can follow.
  - Educators I follow
    - [Richard Byrne @rmbyrne](#)
    - [Steven W. Anderson @web20classroom](#)
    - [Barbara Freedman @MusicEdTech](#)
    - [NAfME @NAfME](#)
    - [Class Tech Tips @ClassTechTips](#)



- **Triptico**

- Triptico is a free download that takes some of the guess work out of teaching.
- This program has apps that:
  - Class timer
  - Student Selector
  - Team Scores
  - Student Order
  - Find Ten
  - Order Resources
  - Student Groups
  - And More.....



- **Class Dojo**
  - Class Dojo is a real time behavior management tracking system.
    - Define your own appropriate/inappropriate behaviors.
    - Print daily, weekly, or quarterly reports.
    - Reward students with points, and take them away when directions are not followed.

[Dojo Prezi](#)



Web Resources  
They're Grrrrreatt!

- Theory Resources
  - [musictheory.net](http://musictheory.net)
  - [teoria.com](http://teoria.com)
  - [musictechteacher.com](http://musictechteacher.com)
  - [emusictheory.com](http://emusictheory.com)
  - [gmajormusictheory.org](http://gmajormusictheory.org)
  - [makingmusicfun.net](http://makingmusicfun.net)
  - [www.fva.net/for-directors/ctr/](http://www.fva.net/for-directors/ctr/)
- Great Online Resources
  - [wordle.net](http://wordle.net)
  - [freepdfconvert.com](http://freepdfconvert.com)
  - [redkid.net/generator/sign.php](http://redkid.net/generator/sign.php)
  - [says-it.com](http://says-it.com)
  - [voki.com](http://voki.com)
    - [My Voki](http://My Voki)
  - [techsmith.com/jing.html](http://techsmith.com/jing.html)

# Closing Thought

**YOU can Make a**  
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