

# TECHNOFLASH

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## Darin Toelle: Scan, Learn, and Create



This story begins with Mr. Darin Toelle, 6th grade teacher at Bellevue Elementary with a Social Studies lesson using QR codes,

iPads, iPods, eager students, and a teacher willing to try something new.

You may have heard of QR codes before but did not know what they were. QR, which stands for Quick Response allows you to create codes that link you to websites, videos, and text. In this lesson Darin used three apps: Scan, Upad Lite, and QuickVoice. With a hand held device like an iPod or Ipad you can download a SCAN app that allows you to scan in the QR

code that takes you to another place. QuickVoice was used by the students to record themselves to play back later when they answered questions. UPad Lite was used by the students to take notes if needed.

Each student was armed with a clipboard and a worksheet with questions related to their QR Code Scavenger Hunt throughout the school. Students were placed with a partner and given either an iPad or iPod. Toelle hung the codes around the school. Each station had 2 QR Codes, one was a link to a website he wanted them to visit to gain information about, and another was a clue to the next code somewhere else in the school. Students visited sites in ancient Rome and Greece and

are working toward creating a news report on location in Ancient Greece or Rome using a green screen and iMovie.

His students did a great job scanning QR Codes and deciphering the information they needed. They were very engaged and found themselves happy to be back in school on this beautiful January day in Nebraska.



### How to Create a QR Quest for your Students

Create QR codes	Write Questions	Post Codes	Finished Lesson Plan
Use a QR generator such as <a href="http://createqr-code.appspot.com/">http://createqr-code.appspot.com/</a>	What do you want kids to gain? You can have these printed or available online.	Hang QR codes around the school or classroom.	Here is Mr. Toelle's detailed lesson plan. Check it out!  <a href="http://goo.gl/e3OFp">goo.gl/e3OFp</a>



Tech Team Blog: <http://technologytools4teaching.blogspot.com/>

## Three Tips to Avoid a Hot Mess in Google Docs

1. Check Sharing Settings before e-mailing the link. In Google Docs> sharing> check **change** and choose public on the web.
2. Insert Flubaroo with Google forms for easy grading
3. When creating a Google form, remember to hit **Add Item** after you have created your first two questions.



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## Take the Google Doc Challenge



Google Doc Challenge: Create and share a Google Doc with all three tech trainers and one other colleague. Doc must be titled "Google Doc Challenge" and must contain at least one paragraph of text. Winner will receive a \$5 gift card to Starbucks.

## Favorite New Sites

**Pinterest**—<http://pinterest.com> Online pin-board. Easily pin sites, get ideas, and share topics you love.

**Dipity**— <http://www.dipity.com/> Teachers and students can create timelines.

**Geocube**—<http://www.geo-cube.eu/> Move the Geocube around with your mouse and explore the faces and topics. Geocube provides an accessible way to read, see and watch what Geography is and geographers do.

## Caught Using Technology

Mrs. Judy Pilmaier, first grade teacher at Betz, is teaching with her personal iPad 2 using a dongle chord that is plugged into her rover cart. Her first graders were thrilled to be interacting with the app, Little Speller! Pilmaier is a great example of teachers making technology work for their classrooms! Way to go Mrs. Pilmaier!!



## Technology Course Offerings

- ◆ **Techie Tues:**
  - January 17—App Mania
  - January 24—Blogging with Kids
  - February 7—Weebly (Beginning and Advanced)
  - February 21—Using Google Apps in the Classroom
- ◆ **Online Winter CCU Courses (courses run January 17– February 29)**
  - Twitter 101, Twitter 201, Google Forms 201, Google Docs 201, iPad 101, and Multimedia

## Registration

- ◆ **All CCU courses: Register online on the staff section of the BPS website.**
- ◆ **Techie Tuesdays: See your principal for a request to attend any professional development form. Fill it out and get your sub plans ready. Come in jeans for a relaxed day of learning in our office Room A122 at Lewis and Clark.**

## FAVORITE APPS

**Little Speller**—It is a reader and speller app for elementary.

**UPAD**—Takes notes, add images, and export to iBooks or e-mail.

**Toontastic**—Create digital stories. Narrate, add music, and play back. Hours of fun!