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NOTE:

Last Van Delivery for the year will be Tuesday, May 7th for the West Route and Thursday, May 9th for the East Route. Please plan accordingly.

NNNC'S SUMMER TECH INSTITUTE

Wednesday - Thursday, May 29th - 30th

8:00am - 3:30pm

Lifelong Learning Center

701 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk

Constructing Learning
COME FILL YOUR TOOLBOX



Start your summer off right by spending a couple of days with Liz Kolb and Kristina Ishmael at the Summer Tech Institute! This year's theme focuses on constructing the perfect classroom tech toolbox. To register and/or find out more, visit <http://bit.ly/STI2019>.

Liz Kolb is a teacher and ISTE author. Liz currently serves as a professor of EdTech at the University of Michigan. She teaches courses in education technology for the undergraduate elementary, undergraduate secondary, and Masters and Certification programs. She authored *Toys to Tools: Connecting Student Cell Phones to Education*, *Cell Phones in the Classroom: A Practical Guide for the K-12 Educator*, *Help Your Child Learn With Their Cell Phone* and *Web 2.0, Learning First, Technology Second*. She is passionate about engaging students in education and leveraging learning opportunity through digital technologies.



Kristina Ishmael is an educator, learner, thought leader, advocate, and agent of change. After her work in the classroom and at the U.S. Department of Education, she found herself in the nation's capital working on education policy. Kristina currently serves as the Senior Project Manager of the Learning Technologies Project for the Education Policy Program at New America. This role allows her to directly support states, districts, and educators rethinking the role of instructional materials to create deeper learning opportunities for students. Kristina is passionate about changing teaching and learning to provide more equitable access and opportunities to all learners.



Abbreviated Bio and pictures taken from:
http://www.soe.umich.edu/people/profile/kolb_liz/ and
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/kmishmael/>

K-8 ART SHOW RESULTS

The ESU 8 K-8 Art Show was held in conjunction with the High School Art Show this year. It was on display from Friday, April 12th through Sunday, April 14th at the Antelope County Fair Grounds.

The Lower Elementary (K-4) Best of Show winner is a clay piece by Nora Kucera, a 4th grade student at Verdigre. Her Art Instructor is Cathy Barta. The Upper Elementary (5-8) Best of Show winner is a drawing by Lindsay Beeks, an 8th grade student at Norfolk Junior High. Lindsay’s Art Instructor is Jackie Ruzicka.



Lower Elementary Best of Show winner.



Upper Elementary Best of Show winner.

Thirty-one (31) schools in the ESU 8 area entered over a thousand pieces of artwork. Approximately, four hundred fifty (450) visitors came to the Art Show! Christina Swantek, formerly with the Norfolk Art Center, was the judge for this year’s K-8 Art Show. **Thank you Christina!**

Visit <https://www.esu8.org/art/elementary-art-festival-results/> for more details.

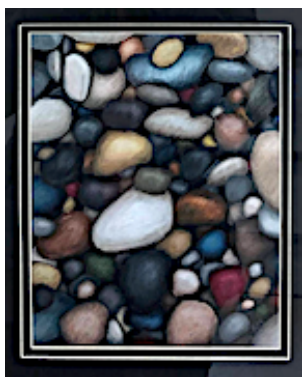
HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW RESULTS

The ESU 8 High School Art Show was held in Neligh at the Antelope County Fair Grounds. Due to weather, it began with an earlier set up and judging on Wednesday, April 10th. It was open to the public from Friday, April 12th through Sunday, April 14th.

Teri Schacht, Art Instructor at Niobrara, was the judge for this year’s High School Art Show. She chose a colored pencil drawing by Kylee McLean, a junior from Battle Creek High School, as the Best of Show. Kylee’s Art Instructor is Stephanie Nelson. **Congratulations to Kylee and a big Thank You to Teri for judging this show!**

There were over 800 pieces of artwork on display from 14 different schools:

1. Battle Creek ... Teacher: Stephanie Nelson
2. Clearwater ... Teacher: Shannon Schumacher
3. Elgin Public ... Teacher: Rita Heithoff
4. Elkhorn Valley ... Teacher: Briley Eischeid
5. Ewing ... Teacher: Jan Miller
6. Lutheran High Northeast ... Teacher: Brenda Fowlkes
7. Neligh-Oakdale ... Teacher: Mary Pfanstiel
8. Norfolk Senior High ... Teacher: Tyson Koehn/ Mashayla Ruzicka
9. O’Neill St. Mary’s ... Teacher: Marlene Zurovski
10. Orchard ... Teacher: Shannon Schumacher
11. Osmond ... Teacher: Jessica Evans
12. Plainview ... Teacher: Ranae Wacker
13. Verdigre ... Teacher: Cathy Barta
14. West Holt ... Teacher: Megan Poesnecker



The 2019 High School Best of Show winner by Kylee McLean, a junior from Battle Creek.

Visit <https://www.esu8.org/art/high-school-art-show-results/> for more details!



FREE event!
Learn the recent updates in Canvas!

CANVAS WORK DAY

Wednesday, May 1st
9:00am – 2:30pm
ESU 8 • Flex Learning Lab

Come learn about some of Canvas's most recent updates including Quizzes.Next, New Gradebook, Module Requirements, and Canvas Commons Preview to name a few. Even more importantly, spend time asking questions specific to your teaching and have time to build/update your course content in Canvas. Please bring your laptop and curricular content. The event contact/presenter is Katie Morrow. See the flyer at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wap2hXw7qswpbgnAGzZtrUOCIXxxJEx/view?usp=sharing>.

Register at <https://registration.esu8.org/>. There is no cost to attend this event and lunch will be on your own.



MTTS - DAY 4

Friday, May 31st
8:30am – 3:30pm
ESU 8 • Board Room, Conference Room, and Flex Learning Lab

School teams, who participated in days 1-3, will learn about the use of implementation data, program data, and student data. Jane Byers from NDE will be presenting. Participants will also work on plans for communicating with the public.

The fee for this event is \$15.00 and lunch is being provided. Please register at <https://registration.esu8.org/> before Friday, May 24th.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Steph Wanek at stephanie.wanek@esu8ne.org.

ESU 8 GOLF TOURNAMENT - SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, June 7th at the Antelope Country Club in Neligh
Check-in time is 8:30 am and start time is 9:00 am.



FOUR MEMBER TEAMS

\$50.00 per person or \$200.00 per team, which includes coffee and rolls, green fees, lunch and prizes! Like last year, lunch will be served in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the **18 holes**. Flag prizes and flight winners will also be announced at the conclusion of the 18 holes.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION IN ESU 8 SCHOOLS

By Katie Morrow

If you have spent any time with ESU 8 Technology Integrationists lately, you have probably experienced the emphasis on student creation with technology. This indeed has been an area of focus, as well as a place to celebrate success in our schools.



To use any piece of technology at a substitution level (same learning task with a different tool) is to undervalue the impact that technology can have on student learning. Today's technology allows us to redefine learning tasks, thereby accomplishing more than what was previously conceivable.



Thus, is the result when students are creating digital artifacts in order to learn content. Constructing a digital model shows deeper understanding. Recording an audio reflection makes thinking visible. Creating a multimedia production develops higher level thinking and creativity skills. This is just the start of what is possible when students "create rather than consume."



We LOVE to work alongside classroom teachers helping to foster this spirit of digital creation in your classrooms. I would like to highlight just a few of the classrooms who have partnered with ESU 8 this year to produce some really creative student technology projects.

- **Community History ABC Book:** bit.ly/oneillabcs by O'Neill 3rd grade Reading (Julie Pistulka)
- **Science 6 Word/6 Shot Stories:** bit.ly/westholt6shot by West Holt 4th grade (Shirley Rossman)
- **Animal Research Books:** bit.ly/verdigre2animals by Verdigre 2nd grade (Bev Krutz)
- **Biographical Infographics:** bit.ly/7poetinfographics by 7th grade English in O'Neill (Danielle Reinhardt-Sigler)
- **Vocabulary GarageBand creations:** bit.ly/liveloopsvocab by 5th/6th grades in Plainview (Jill Wagner)
- **Keynote Quiz Shows:** bit.ly/keynotequizshows by West Holt 6th grade Social Studies (Sarah Vogel)
- **Animated Circuits:** bit.ly/circuitgifs by O'Neill 8th grade Science (Kevin Morrow)

Digital creation can take on many formats in the classroom. What is important to remember is to allow students choice and voice in their digital pursuits. Everyone CAN Create. Contact katie@esu8.org and begin dreaming your next technology-powered student creation opportunity!





ESU 8 Districts cost is \$500 and \$600 for Districts outside ESU 8.

COGNITIVE COACHING 2019-2020

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 27-28, 2019
 Tuesday-Wednesday, November 19-20, 2019
 2 days in Spring 2020
 2 days in Summer/Fall 2020
 8:30am - 3:30pm
 ESU 8 • Conference Room A and B

Cognitive Coaching is a research-based model that capitalizes upon and enhances teachers’ cognitive processes. Research indicates that teaching is a complex intellectual activity and that teachers who think at higher levels produce students who are higher achieving, more cooperative and better problem solvers.

This series is being presented by Sue Presler. Sue was a K-12 Music teacher, Instructional Coach, Assistant Principal, Director of Professional Development for a Regional Office of Education and Coordinating Consultant Global Outreach. Sue is a Training Associate for Habits of Mind, Cognitive Coaching, and Adaptive Schools. Sue has presented Cognitive Coaching, Adaptive Schools and Habits of Mind in Australia, Hong Kong, and Singapore. (Taken from https://www.thinkingcollaborative.com/tc_trainer/susan-presler/)

Register at <https://registration.esu8.org/> by July 1, 2019.



Darrel Sorensen, ESU 8 Media Van Driver and Maintenance Manager

LAST VAN DELIVERY FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

The last week Darrel will be driving the Media van for this school year is the 7th of May for the West/Tuesday Route and the 9th of May for the East/Thursday Route.

If you are planning on ordering for summer school you may want to send your orders in ahead of time, so items can be sent to your school on or before those dates. You can call 402.887.5041 or email Linda at lmiller@esu8.org.

ESU 8 MEDIA CENTER SUMMER HOURS

The ESU 8 Main Offices and Media Center will be open again this summer from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Fridays. These summer hours will begin Wednesday, May 22nd.

All offices will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day and **both** Thursday and Friday, July 4th and 5th in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Summer Hours:
 M-Th 8:00 -3:00
 F 8:00-12:00

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