



# LPS Core Curriculum Newsletter

The mission of the Grants, Core Curriculum, and S.T.E.M. Department is to:  
Equitably serve principals and teachers through collaboration by providing resources and support; ensuring students graduate as career bound citizens.

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## You Got This

by Megan Veldhuizen

The Core Curriculum Department wants to wish everyone Happy Holidays!

### 10 Tips to Stay Focused Before Holiday Break

By: Annie Condron

With only a few short weeks before break, it's tempting to let school run on autopilot until party time. This valuable learning time doesn't have to go to waste or feel like a punishment.

To make these days count instead of a countdown, here are a few tips and tricks to keep the energy and learning alive while having some pre-holiday fun.



Some days our job is draining,  
We just can't seem to win.  
We find ourselves complaining,  
And our mind begins to spin.

It's not all sun and laughter,  
We whisper, "I am through."  
But then, a child smiles,  
And she's looking up at you.

#### Stick to Your Structure

**Plan an Engaging Project**

**Keep Expectations High but Appropriate**

**Don't Be a Grinch with Classroom Decor**

**Add Holiday/Seasonal Cheer to Themed Lessons & Activities**

**Use Movement to Get Kids Focused**

**Keep Your Countdown Quiet**

**Spice Up Your Instructional Game**

**Dedicate Time to Short, Fun Activities**

**Beat the Holiday Stress through Efficiency**

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## Google for Education & Google Classroom Now Available

LPS is now offering teachers and students the ability to use Google for Education. In order for staff members to take advantage of this you must change your LPS Password, then you will be able to log into Google using your LPS email & password.

For more information on how to change your password, what Google for Education is, how you can use it in your classroom, and how students can login please visit:

<http://lessonplans.symboloo.com/start?accessCode=48697>

**Click the link above and you will be taken to a Symboloo Lesson. Start by entering your full name in the credentials box and it will walk you through information on how to start today!**

# Helpful Sites to Stay Connected

Listed below are several sites that will help you stay connected with up-to-date information pertaining to all things dealing with the Oklahoma Academic Standards.

- [www.oksciteachers.com](http://www.oksciteachers.com)
- [www.okmathteachers.com](http://www.okmathteachers.com)
- [www.elaokteachers.com](http://www.elaokteachers.com)



## Stay Connected

**Facebook & Twitter are now accessible from your LPS Teacher laptop!** If you get an error saying they are blocked, plug your laptop into a wired connection then restart.

These sites have been unlocked to give you the opportunity to manage class Facebook pages to let parents be involved in your classroom, collaborate with other educators on Twitter, build your own PLN, and more. Please use these sites in a professional manner. Thank you!



Build your Facebook PLC today. Here are some great Facebook groups to stay connected, ask questions, and collaborate with. Click the group to be taken straight to it.

[#OKSci](#)

[#OKMath](#)

[#ELAOK](#)

[PD Geek](#)

Build your Twitter PLC Today. Here are some suggestions on who to follow on Twitter:

Dr. Deighan:  
[@tomdeighan](#)

Dr. Polk:  
[@jamiep1502](#)

Teresa Jackson:  
[@TalkJackson](#)

Lance Gibbs:  
[@LPSGrants](#)

Megan Veldhuizen:  
[@mrsveldhuizen](#)

Sarah Bruehl:  
[@Ladywolf2014](#)

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## Helpful Sites

<https://www.getepic.com/educators>

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/daily-starter/teacher>

<http://educationnorthwest.org/traits>

<http://www.wordsmyth.net/>

<http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html>

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>

<http://www2.ed.gov/free/index.html>

<http://www.nsta.org/>

<http://figment.com/>

<http://edu.glogster.com/>

