



Coaches Corner Newsletter

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Congratulations on another year!

Building Thinking Classrooms

Building Thinking Classrooms is a rapidly-growing educational approach that aims to help students cultivate critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and active engagement. The goal is to get more of your students thinking, and thinking for longer periods of time, within the context of curriculum, which leads to longer and deeper learning.

Why Should I Read the Book? *Even though the title is Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics, it can be used in any content.* BTC exudes enthusiasm for students, how they think, and how those thoughts coalesce into powerful thinking classrooms. It's also deeply practical, describing how everything from the teacher's questions to the arrangement of the furniture can add to your students' learning.

If you missed out on our professional development, it is not too late to join in with the learning. Our hope is to give you time over the summer to collaborate with teachers in OUR DISTRICT. We have created a BTC Resource document that anyone can add links to as they plan for and implement BTC next year. Feel free to check out the already added resources, and keep the movement going!

[Building Thinking Classrooms Resource Collaboration](#)

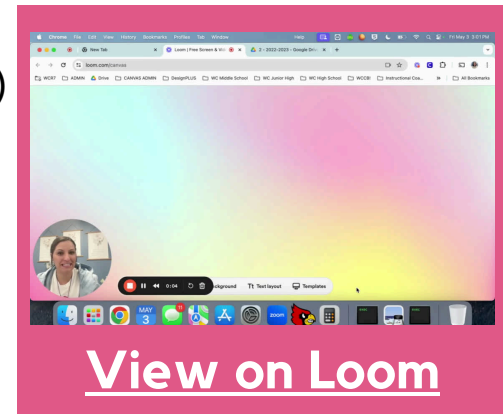
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Digital Clean Up: Google Drive!

- **Tip 1: Use a naming system**
- **Tip 2: Create a "trash can" (that goes w/ naming system)**
- **Tip 3: Regularly clean up your drive - don't keep the clutter hanging out - put that junk in a drawer! :-)**

Pro Tips:

- **Use Workspaces to access sets of files quickly ([here's how](#))**
- **Hide Shared Drives you don't need to see ([here's how](#))**
- ***Fun tip: Get organized with [Google Keep](#) - [check it out!](#)***



Digital Clean Up: Canva!

- **Tip 1: Create Folders in your "Projects" Section**
- **Tip 2: "Star" Projects you need quick access to**

Pro Tip:

- ***Bookmark your "Projects", "Starred" or "Folders" page so that when you open Canva, you don't always feel so overwhelmed by all the designs that pop up***

(The video is made by a Social Media Advertiser, but we recommend the same steps!!)

Digital Clean Up: Canvas!

- **Tip #1: Quizzes - Publish any new Quizzes you created and want to keep to the Commons for safekeeping. Take a screenshot of the final item in the Commons. Here's a helpful [video](#) by Instructure / Canvas about [Commons](#) <<<**
- **Tip #2: Sandboxing Clean Up Method >>> Watch this video by the Canvas Queen-- she always has fabulous Canvas tips!**
- **Tip #3: Bookmark this year's course URLs You may need quick access to them when preparing content for the fall, so those bookmarks will come in handy.**



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Congratulations to all of our retirees! Thank you for your years of service in education! You will be missed!

HAVE THE BEST SUMMER!



Check out this Teacher's Summer Reading List!



COACHES CHALLENGE

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