

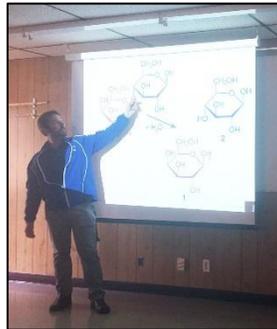


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Teacher on Fire at Redwater

Colton Mullins has been teaching for 6 years, and this is his first year as a coach and a biology teacher at Redwater High School. In his classroom he uses many techniques to get his students to participate. One of the tools he uses is [Pear Deck](#). With Pear Deck you can create interactive presentations that allow students to work independently to respond to various questions throughout a slideshow.



Pear Deck is great, because the students have whatever PowerPoint I'm using in front of them so there is no "I can't see" excuse. The best part is I can make the slides interactive by allowing students to draw on slides, ask/answer questions anonymously, or move things around on whatever we're looking at. It changes the dynamics of simply showing PowerPoints. ~ Colton Mullins

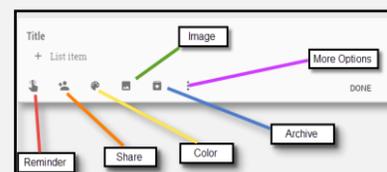
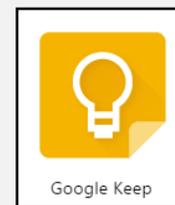
In Mr. Mullins' classroom, he uses Pear Deck seamlessly throughout his group discussion to find students' misconceptions and prior knowledge. The students draw pictures, add responses and answer questions throughout his presentation. With Pear Deck even the reluctant students will participate, because they are not being singled out. Pear Deck is a great alternative to a simple PowerPoint to get students involved in your lesson. Mr. Mullins believes that using technology in his classroom engages his students and prepares them for the 21 century. Mr. Mullins also uses Google Classroom, and we are excited to announce that in February of 2017 he will be presenting at the [Texas Computer Education Association Convention & Exposition \(TCEA\)](#) with former colleagues on the topic "I Have Google Classroom, Now What? Third Party Apps."



Blazing Tools to Use in the Classroom

Google Keep

Google Keep is a simple notetaking app that can be streamlined to all of your devices. You can create notes, reminders, location reminders, lists, add images and much more. It is a great way to organize you and your students.



To learn more about this tool,
view the video below.

[An Overview of the Google Keep
Note Taking App](#)

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Did You Know?

Chrome Apps for the Math Classroom

	Desmos Graphing Calculator This free calculator will plot functions, create tables, add sliders, animate your graphs and much more.
	Edge: The Web Ruler This on-screen ruler will move anywhere on the screen and supports multiple units.
	Fractions This app will help students visualize and explore fraction models.
	Geoboard This app will help students explore perimeter, area, angles and more.
	Number Frames This app will help students count, compare and compute numbers in a particular range.
	Number Line This app will help students explore mathematical concepts on the number line.
	Number Rack This app will help students explore and discover addition and subtraction strategies.
	Pattern Shapes This app will help students explore geometry, fractions angles and more.



Calculator App 	Shortcuts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- All Clear ^- exponents c- All Clear !- ! e- e @- x squared n- negate (+/-) r- repeat p- Pi s- speak current state %- % t- speak the current degrees mode
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In Pear Deck you can create interactive presentations with formative assessments for your classroom. You will be able to quickly view your students' responses to customize the presentations. You can insert images, videos, and websites. (1 Credit)