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Google Goodies

Google made many announcements over the past month, including several awesome upgrades to the FREE tier of Google Workspace for Education.

- Gemini in Gmail: Users will be able to summarize long email threads, draft messages, and use AI Overviews regardless of their license type.
- SAT Practice: In partnership with The Princeton Review, Gemini now provides full-length, on-demand practice tests with immediate feedback and explanations.

- NotebookLM Connection: Users can now select NotebookLM as a source directly within the Gemini chat interface.

- Chat with Classroom: Users can now use @Classroom within a Gemini chat to inquire about deadlines or student submission status.

- Standards Tagging: Educators can tag Google Classroom assignments with learning standards and view analytics on student performance

- Google Forms Response Automation: Form creators can now set Google Forms to automatically stop accepting responses based on a specific date and time or a maximum response count. This feature is designed to streamline data collection for time-sensitive events and research.

- Styled Captions in Google Vids: Google Vids now supports animated, styled captions that synchronize with audio to improve video comprehension for students. Users can edit these captions to correct any spelling or grammar errors and choose from over 30 supported languages.

- Gemini Image Generation for Students: AI image generation is now available to Workspace for Education users of all ages, allowing students to visualize complex concepts like biological cells or historical scenes. To ensure safety, Google has implemented rigorous content filters and guardrails specifically for users under 18.

Learn more about other Google announcements for those with the Teaching & Learning Add-on or the Education Plus Subscriptions with this article from Eric Curts and this article from John Sowash

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More EdTech News

MathKit for Google Slides

MathKit is a free Chrome extension that enables educators to type professional, high-resolution math equations directly into Google Slides. Unlike blurry screenshots, these equations are crisp, scalable, and can be edited anytime by clicking on the image. Thanks to Eric Curts for sharing in his newsletter!

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Tinkercad "Twist and Scale" Features

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New settings in Tinkercad's extrude sketch allow designers to create complex 3D shapes by twisting and scaling surfaces. These tools enable users to easily create smooth, curved transitions or hollowed-out shapes that previously required significant manual work.

10 YouTube Hacks for Teaching

Alice Keeler shared practical tips such as looping videos for lab stations and using Picture in Picture to keep an instructional video floating over other tabs while students take notes. Other features include searching video transcripts for specific vocabulary and using keyboard shortcuts to control playback without turning away from the class.

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Google Certified Innovator Program

This program recognizes top educators and provides them with tailored mentorship to launch transformative projects in their communities. To apply, candidates must pass the Level 2 exam and submit a video identifying a specific educational challenge they wish to solve. The application windows are now open

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Canva Accessibility Checker

Not a new feature, but a helpful one! Canva has a feature that automatically checks your design for readability

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New NEOnet LMS

NEOnet is launching a free beta for its updated Learning Management System, which features over 80 recorded webinars for professional development. Educators who participate can access a library of training resources and earn CEU Certificates of Completion.

Currently, **any educators from NEOnet member schools** can log into learn.neonet.org with their full school email address and same password for other NEOnet apps and try out the new LMS!

People outside NEOnet can complete this Google Form to sign up for beta access - more details will be provided a later time

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