

Retain! Motivate! Engage! Students!
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Using Web 2.0 Tools can Retain!, Motivate! and Engage! Students?

1. Increases student participation and collaboration through learning activities.
2. Creates a meaningful learning environment by creating students who are self-directed, self-regulated, self-motivated learners.
3. Fosters a sense of connectedness and community in the online class by breaking down the obstacles found in a traditional online course and creating a social learning environment.
4. Expands the online instructor's "tool box" of methods to interact with students and deliver content all while creating a flexible and dynamic learning environment.

Annand, 2011; DiRamio & Woverton, 20016;
Kupczynsk, Ice, Wiesenmayer & McCluskey; Salazar,
2010; Tunks, 2012)

INNOVATIVE (AND COOL!) TOOLS FOR EDUCATORS

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Welcome

Welcome to the 'Cool Tools' Site!

[CLICK HERE](#) TO SIGN UP FOR THE COOL TOOLS NEWSLETTER!!!
Please add us (cooltoolsed@gmail.com) to your contacts

NOTICE: tools are not vetted for ADA compliance. It is the responsibility of the user to determine if a tool meets compliance.

We recommend you check with your University/Institution to make sure the third party application is approved for use.



As educators, we want to provide our students with the best learning experience. Technology is one path to provide a superior learning experience. Gone are the days of sitting in class and listening to a lecture. In today's world, technology is impacting and changing the learning environment!

The goal of this site is to provide educators with easy to use tools that will enhance instruction and interactions. The site is divided by common topics in education: communication, course resources, audio-video, game development and Google resources. For each tool, you will find a brief description, the perks for using the tool, a tutorial video and our own personal example.

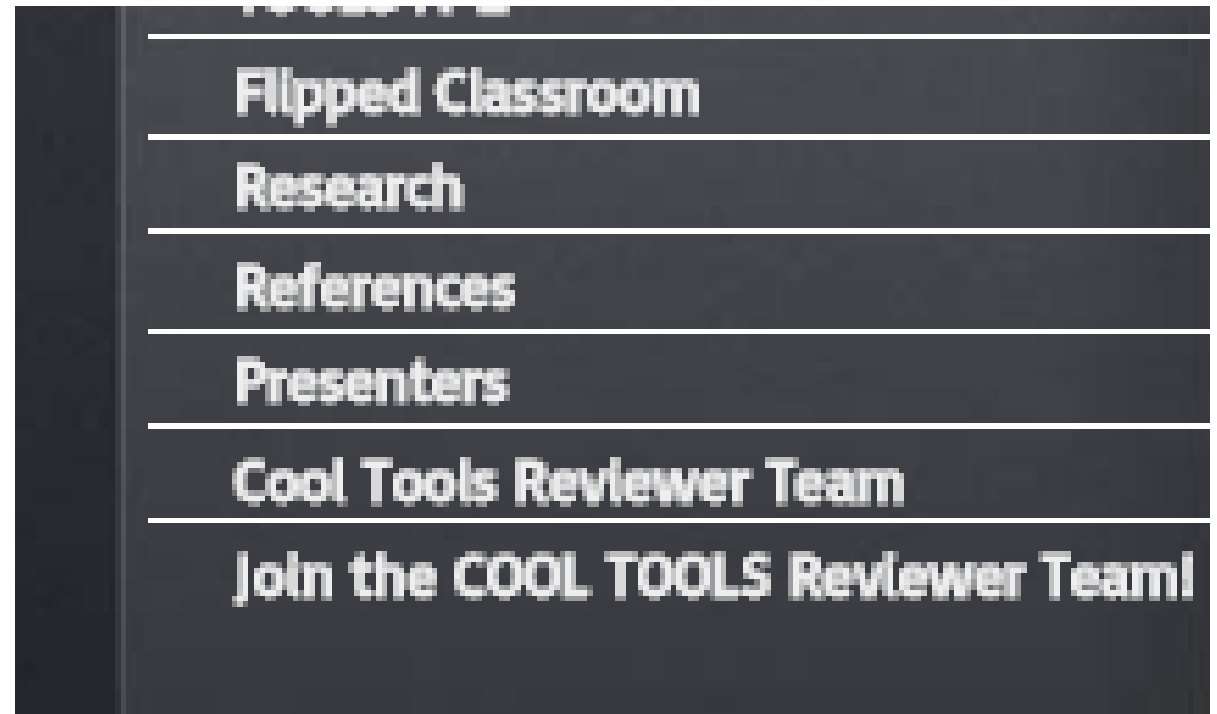
We invite you to explore the tools, bookmark our site and come back often because we are continually evaluating new technologies and updating our site!

Innovative (And Cool!) Tools for the Educators Website

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Cool Tools Website – Research Supporting the Use of Web 2.0 Tools in the Online Classroom

- Self-Determination Theory
- Self-Regulated Learning Theory
- Flipped Classroom



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50+ Innovative (and Cool!) Tools For Educators Website

Requirements for tools:

1. EASY
2. PURPOSE
3. FREE

What you will find for each tool:

- Brief descriptions
- Perks
- Introduction video
- Our example
- Direct link to the tool

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Search this site

Communication > Text/Voice Messaging/Email >
Remind

Remind is a FREE texting program that allows for privacy between the instructor and students (no cell numbers shared!)

The Perks:

- FREE!! Send text messages to students without sharing personal telephone number
- Android and iPhone app available
- Can set up multiple classrooms to individualize messages to different groups

Introduction to Remind:



Our Example of Remind!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see our example of Remind!

To explore Remind more: WWW.REMIND.COM

Example of the Layout of a Cool Tool

• Remind

▫ Brief Description

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▫ Website –where to find the tool

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Example of the Layout of the Cool Tools

- Kahoot!
 - Brief Description
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The screenshot shows a website with a dark header and a light sidebar. The main content area is white and contains the following elements:

- Header:** "INNOVATIVE (AND COOL!) TOOLS FOR EDUCATORS" with a search bar.
- Sidebar:** A navigation menu with categories like "Welcome", "Communication", "Course Resources", "Audio, Photo & Video", "Game Development", "TOOLS A-Z", "Flipped Classroom", "Research", "References", "Presenters", "Cool Tools Reviewer Team", and "Join the COOL TOOLS Reviewer Team!".
- Main Content:**
 - A link to "Game Development > KAHOOT!".
 - A paragraph: "Kahoot! is an interactive platform that allows you to test knowledge and gather opinions in real time with immediate feedback through quizzes, surveys, or discussion points."
 - The Perks:** A list of five bullet points describing the tool's features.
 - Introduction to Kahoot!:** A video thumbnail showing a "Kahoot! demo for teachers" with a "READY TO JOIN?" button and a smartphone displaying the Kahoot! app.
 - Our Example of Kahoot!:** A video thumbnail titled "Recording #2" showing a Kahoot! quiz in progress on a screen, with several smartphones displaying the app.
 - A call to action: "To explore Kahoot! more: [HTTPS://GETKAHOOT.COM/](https://getkahoot.com/)".
 - Footer:** "Recent Site Activity | Report Abuse | Print Page | Remove Access | Powered by Google Sites".

Tips on Implementing Technology in Your Class

1. **START SMALL** - try only 1 or 2 tools to start
2. Make it **FUN!**
3. Use the **COOL TOOLS** website
4. **LISTEN** to the students... what do they need?

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In Summary

- One avenue to increase retain, motivate and engage students is through the *incorporation of Web 2.0 tools*.
- Many of these tools can empower and help students to choose, create, collaborate, share, network and present their work.
- The “Innovative (and Cool!) Tools for the Educator website is your path to the incorporation of tools to retain, motivate and engage students (and faculty!)

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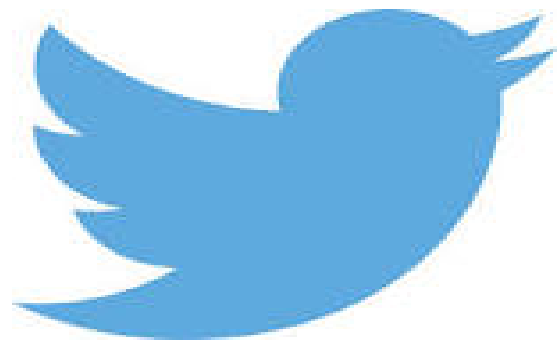
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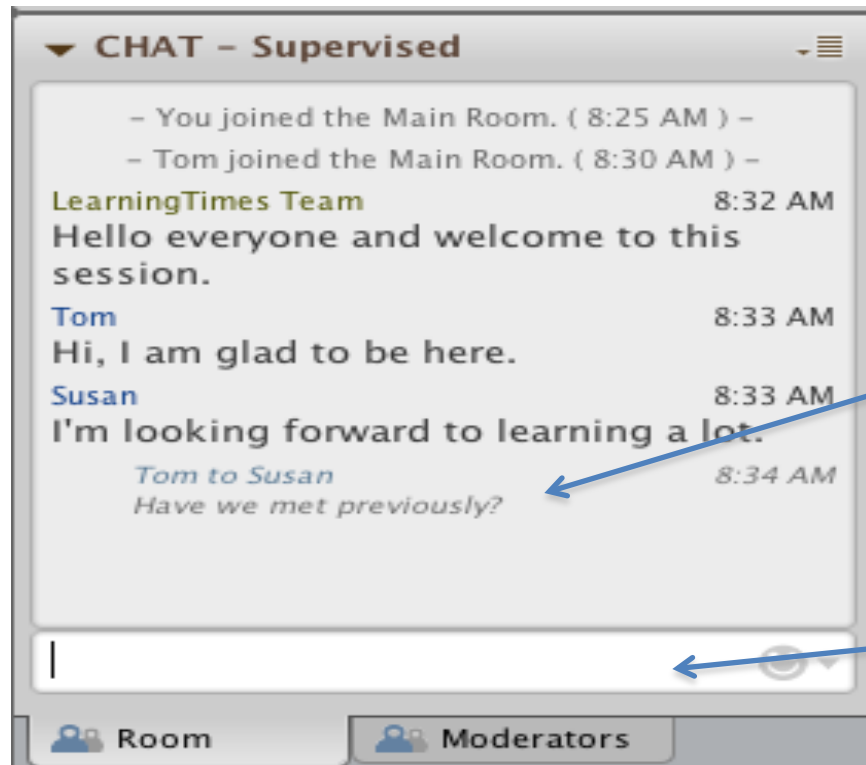
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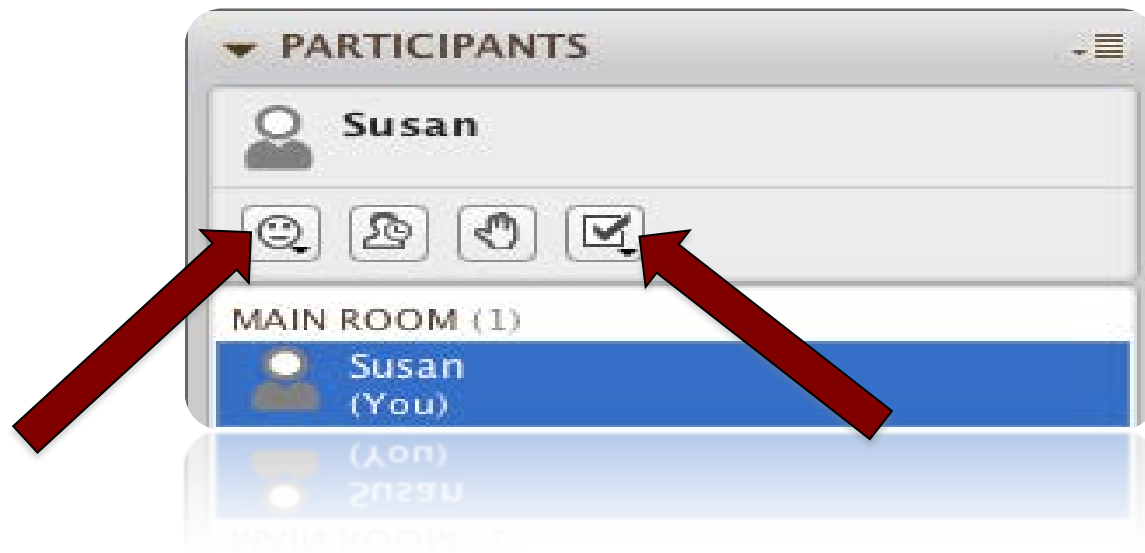
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