## Included with this newsletter

* Science Fair flow map
* Spelling Bee flow map

**Teacher websites**

[www.Weebly.com](http://www.Weebly.com)

It is easy to create your own website with weebly. It is free and easy to use. Check out my new weebly at

[**http://awhittaker.weebly.com**](http://awhittaker.weebly.com)

**Great Shakeout**

Teachers in all content areas might be interested in this Earthquake simulation of California. It shows how the earthquake would travel through Palm Springs Valley in the event of the big one.

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/nca/simulations/shakeout/>

## Tech tips

United Streaming can be a very valuable tool to use in your classroom. United Streaming offers video clips, full videos, songs, and lesson plans.

There are many different strategies to use to make sure students are actively learning from videos. Chunking, pause to TPS, video response guides, and Cornell Notes are all great strategies to use. Simply playing a video is NOT a good strategy ☺.

When searching for a resource appropriate for your content, you can click on “Curriculum Standards Search” located directly underneath the search box. This allows you to search by our old standards as well as the new Common Core. You can narrow this search to include “Related Materials”. These materials often include multiple day lesson plans, teacher’s guides, vocabulary lists, and student materials.

United Streaming also includes a Classroom Manager. If you are experimenting with a flipped classroom, or just want students to take control of their learning, you can create assignments that must be completed online. After entering in your class roster(s), you can create assignments, quizzes, and writing prompts to be graded online.

Access: [www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com)

School Passcode: 4A84-­‐9827

Around Campus

Great News! We have eight students who have moved to the yellow level, and about five more within 5 points. Continue to pass out PURR forms every week!

If you know any of the following students, be sure to congratulate them!

8th Grade: Sergio Lopez and Monique Ortiz 7th Grade: Damyen Estler, Emily Marron, Esmeralda Marquez, Adrian Parra,

and Kevin Segrist 6th Grade: Abigail Salas

Reminder:

To ensure we are accountable for where our students are at all times, please make the bathroom log a part of your routine. There are purple bathroom logs in the staff lounge.

Staff Shout Outs

Job well done to all of our seventh grade teachers and elective teachers handling the schedule changes with grace and ease! Your determination to make things work is appreciated!

Thinking Map Corner

A circle map is a good way to access prior knowledge. Put the title of the unit in the center, have students brainstorm what they know in the outside circle.



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