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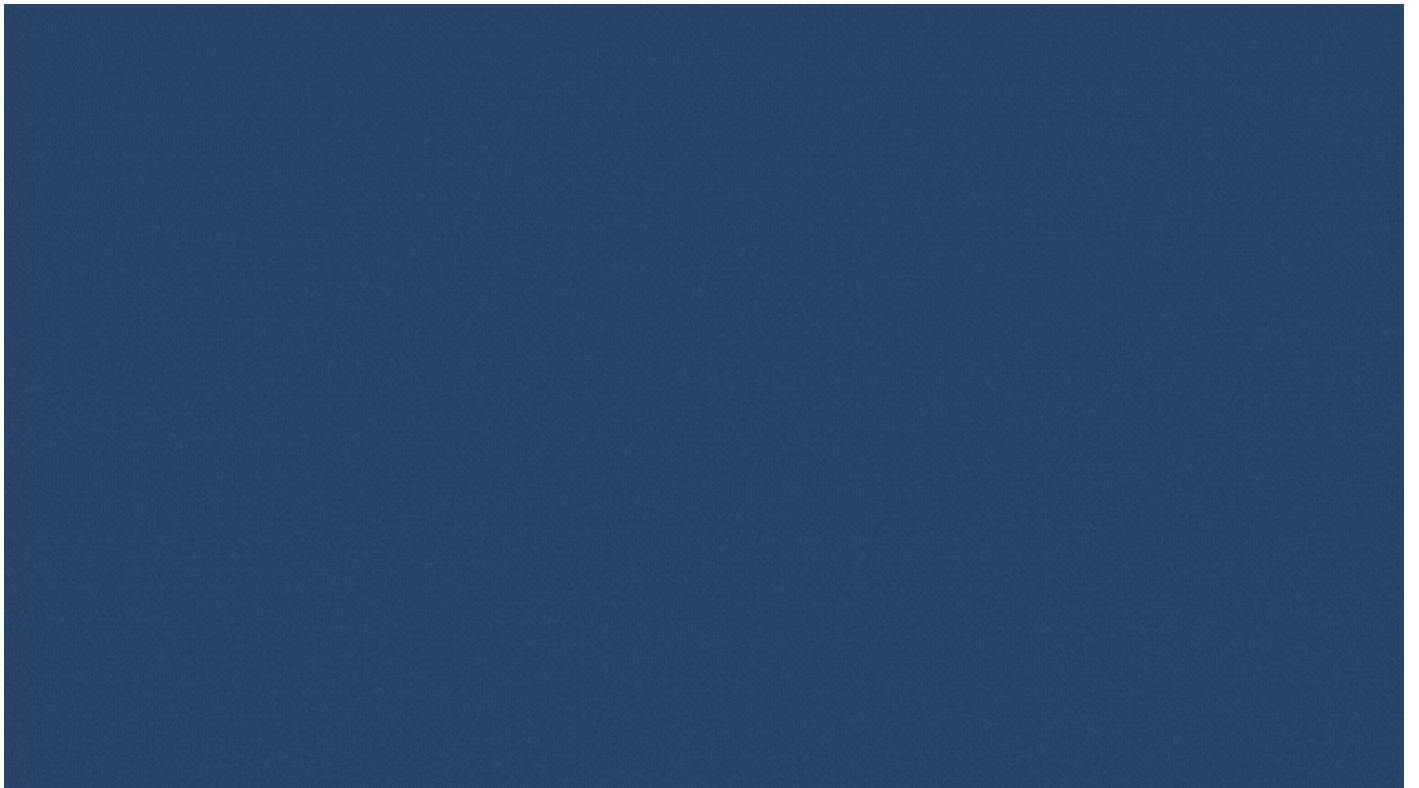Feel free to share this email with your colleagues!

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Welcome to NEOnet Technology Integration!

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Who We Are

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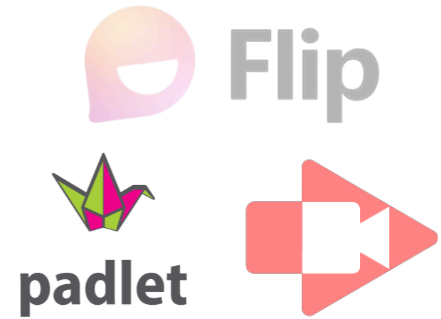# EdTech News Over the Summer

FigJam's Google Classroom Integration

With **Google Jamboard being taken away by the end of 2024**, many educators are turning to FigJam. One of the biggest complaints about this move was the lack of integration between FigJam and Google Classroom. FigJam heard us and made the change... FigJam now fully integrates with Google Classroom! You can share files, invite students directly, or even give each student their own copies of FigJam Boards!

NEOnet Members: Watch our FigJam Webinar

Goodbye, Flip! Hello, Padlet & Screencastify!

The Flip (AKA Flipgrid) website and mobile app **are going to be discontinued in the fall**, only to be made available in the Microsoft Teams app.

Luckily, there are alternatives. **Padlet has created a Flipgrid import feature**, so teachers do not have to reinvent the wheel; and Screencastify has **announced a year of FREE student video submissions.** Either of these tools can fill Flipgrid-shaped hole in our hearts!

Tables in Google Sheets

By selecting your data range and going to Format > Convert to table, Sheets now does the heavy lifting to format and organize data with a polished design including column types, filters, color coding, dropdown menus and more.

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Diffit FREE for 1st Year Teachers

Are you a first year teacher looking to add some tools to your tool box? Look no further! Diffit, one of the

best AI-powered educational tools for developing

differentiated instruction, is giving first year teachers 1

year of FREE premium access. Just apply before

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Read Along in Google Classroom

In June, Google officially rolled out the **Read Along feature in Google Classroom.** This feature helps students build their independent reading skills enabling teachers to assign differentiated reading activities, based on Lexile measures, grade level, or phonics skills. Students read stories out loud and their digital reading buddy, Diya, gives the students real-time feedback and assistance and pronunciation support.

You must have the Education Plus or Teaching & Learning Upgrade to use this feature.

Microsoft also unveiled their own tool that is very similar called **Reading Coach***, learn more* **here**

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Google Calendar Appointment Schedules

Google Calendar has offered two tools with similar functionality for users: appointment slots and appointment schedules. In the last several years, appointment schedules have become the more advanced tool, offering a smoother booking experience and more powerful

features. Starting on August 8, 2024, the appointment slots booking pages will no longer be available, and all new appointments will need to be booked through appointment schedules. Visit this comprehensive **Help Center resource** for detailed information about appointment schedules.

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Upcoming EdTech Webinars

PBIS in EdTech

September 4th, 3pm-4pm EST - FREE & OPEN TO ANYONE!

Join us for this interactive and informative webinar to discover how PBIS and EdTech can work together to create a more positive and productive learning environment! We will discuss the 5 Elements of PBIS and how EdTech Tools like Nearpod, Quizizz, and other gamified websites can help achieve your PBIS goals.

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PBL in the AI Era

September 11th, 3pm-4pm EST - FREE & OPEN TO ANYONE!

Project Based Learning is a well-documented, effective instructional approach, but it is often difficult for teachers to implement it into their classrooms. Now with AI, teachers can brainstorm with an AI partner to help them plan, develop, and reflect upon meaningful PBL experiences. This session will explain how teachers can bring PBL into any classroom.

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Making Assignments Relatable: Safely Bringing Social Media Into the Classroom

September 18th, 3pm-4pm EST - FREE & OPEN TO ANYONE!

Join us for a fun and interactive webinar where we'll show you how to bring your classroom assignments to life by using social media templates. Get ready to dive into the world of digital creativity and make learning a blast! We'll discuss the difference between relatable assignments vs traditional assignments, the benefits of using social media templates, and review some examples. You'll also have time to try out some templates for yourself!

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