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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**"Lunch and Learn: Bringing Experts Into Your Classroom" webinar** - Dec. 7 (free to members)

**"Google SketchUp Pro" webinar** - Dec. 7 (free to members)

**"What Can iCloud Do for You?" webinar** - Dec. 8 (free to members)

**"Assessing Technology Literacy in Staff and Students" webinar** - Dec. 8

**Last day to vote in the board of director elections** - Dec. 9

**"Legislative Update" webinar** - Dec. 12 (free to members)

**"QR Codes in the Classroom" webinar** - Dec. 12

**"iDevices: Photography**

## Holiday Resources

If you are looking for additional holiday resources for your classroom, you can find a bevy of them in TIME. The Texas Instructional Materials Exchange offers digital content that is easily searchable by grade level, TEK, or keyword. More than 35 different resources are available on the holiday theme.

If you already have a Learning.com account, you can **log in** and click on the Marketplace button in your toolbar. Then start browsing to find just what your students need.

If you are new to Learning.com, you may create a free account using the form on **this page**. Discover the resources waiting for you today!



## Enter to Win \$200 for Your Staff from TCEA

TCEA wishes all of our members and guests a wonderful and happy holiday season. To help celebrate, we're having a contest where you can win \$200 for a party for your staff!

Take a funny holiday photo of your staff and post it to the **TCEA Facebook page**. Then get everyone you can to "like" TCEA and the photo. The photo with the most "likes" by 10:00 p.m. CST on December 16 wins!

## Voting Closes Dec. 9

Voting for the TCEA Board of Directors election ends at 5:00 p.m. CST on December 9. Please make sure you cast your ballot and make your voice heard!

## Texas Excellence List - Should You Be on It?

To facilitate the sharing of best practices in technology integration, TCEA has created the **Texas Excellence List**. Complete the simple spreadsheet and share with others what amazing things

and Video and Your Device" webinar - Dec. 13

"Lunch and Learn: Apps for Special Needs Students" webinar - Dec. 14 (free to members)

"What Is TIME?" webinar - Dec. 14 (free to all)

"Cool Tools and Trends: Google Forms" webinar - Dec. 15

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## QUICK LINKS

Track Santa as he makes his way around the world delivering toys to girls and boys with the [NORAD Santa Tracker](#).

Numerous Christmas games and activities, along with resources for teachers and parents, are available at the [North Pole website](#).

Create a free, [customized video from Santa](#) for your students.

Before taking time off to enjoy the holidays, take the opportunity to [discuss with students](#) the way different cultures contribute to what becomes a popular holiday tradition. Includes resources for Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah.

There's more than Christmas! Check out these [holidays around the world lesson plans](#).

Lots of great holiday resources for teachers available [here](#).

your school district is doing. And, if you want to visit that is already doing something you are considering piloting, then check the list to see who is near you.



## TCEA 2012: Content Tailored to Your Interests

Successfully integrating technology into a classroom, campus, or district involves more than just the teacher, the purchaser, or the support team. These professionals must work together, each providing a certain expertise in order to provide an engaging experience for students. The content-specific academies offered at TCEA 2012 allow these positions to network with other professionals in an environment that caters to their expertise. The academies provide best practices, content from industry leaders, and strategies for achieving common goals. Here are a few of the academies offered and what they will individually explore.

The Librarian Academy is dedicated to librarians and media specialists and will include such topics as technology and web tools, extending teacher resources, and making the library a productive location for students and teachers.

The Campus Administrators Academy, dedicated to campus leadership, will provide sessions on current technology issues and trends, technology tools for campus leaders, effective technology integration, and leadership guidance. Guest speakers will include Anita Givens and Hall Davidson.

The System Administrators Academy is designed for those on the back end of instructional technology. Participants will share the tips, tricks, and techniques of keeping the network running smoothly. Topics include Linux, Windows, network security and monitoring, and much more.

Learn more about these and other academies at [www.tcea2012.org](http://www.tcea2012.org).

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## Resources from the Big Deal Book

Check out all of the websites, grants, and information from the [Big Deal Book of Technology](#) for December. It includes STEM Gems, Mobile Learning on the Move, and much more.

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## Holiday Closing

The TCEA office will be closed for the holiday Dec. 20 through Dec. 26 so we can celebrate with our families. We will be back to serve you on Dec. 27. We will also be closed for the New Year's holiday on Jan. 2.

This will be the last issue of the



*TechNotes* for 2011; you will receive the next issue on Jan. 3, 2012.



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