



# Jefferson Township Public Schools Office of Instructional Technology

*"Developing 21st Century Skills One "Byte" at a Time"*

**Newsletter**

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## I didn't know Google did that?

Most of us use Google on a daily basis. We go to the site, type what we are looking for in the search bar and click search. Did you know that there are a variety of advanced search engines and features that will refine your search results? Here are some of my favorites.

**Google Scholar** - <http://scholar.google.com>  
Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites. Google Scholar helps you find relevant work across the world of scholarly research.

**Google Books** - <http://books.google.com>  
Google has reached an [agreement](#) with authors and publishers that will make millions of books more accessible in the U.S. You can view full pages from and purchase complete access to millions of in-copyright, out-of-print books or your school can purchase institutional subscriptions to offer your students and teachers complete access to millions of books.

**Google News Archive Search:**  
<http://news.google.com/archivesearch>

News archive search provides an easy way to search and explore historical archives. In addition to helping you search, News Archive Search can automatically create timelines which show selected results from relevant time periods.

## Search by file type:

Are you looking for a PowerPoint presentation on the phases of the moon? Would you like to find the current IRS 1098- Form? How about a video clip on global warming? You can easily refine your search results for these file types by using a "file type search". By adding the words filetype: to your search with the extension of the type of file you are looking for you can refine your search to only those file types.

Examples:

[filetype:](#)

**Form 1098-T IRS filetype:pdf**  
(Find the US tax form 1098-T in PDF format.)

**"phases of the mood" filetype:ppt**  
(this will search for a PowerPoint on the topic)

**"global warming" filetype:wmv**  
(This search will display video file for windows media player)

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## Search only the contents of a specific website with "Site:"

You can limit your search to only the contents of a specific website by adding site: and the website address to your search.

**Example:**

**Core Curriculum Content Standards**  
**site:www.state.nj.us/education/**  
(If you type all of this in the search bar you will only search [www.state.nj.us/education](http://www.state.nj.us/education) for CCCS)

### Find local Weather

In the search bar type:  
weather Seattle Washington  
The first result will be the weather for that location.

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### Find out if your favorite sports team won their last game and when their next game is.

Type the team name in the search bar:  
Ex: New York Yankees  
The first result will be their last score and the next game.

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### Find information about a website

This is a great tool to validate the content of a website

The search:  
Info: [www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com)  
Returned the following results

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#### 1. [Home | The Onion - America's Finest News Source](#)

Nov 24, 2009 ...  
[www.theonion.com/](http://www.theonion.com/)

Google can show you the following information for this URL:

- Find web pages that are [similar to](#) [www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com)
- Find web pages that [link to](#) [www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com)
- Find web pages [from the site](#) [www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com)
- Find web pages that [contain the term](#) "[www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com)"

Stay tuned for more Google Search tricks and tips in our next newsletter edition. We will also be hosting a workshop on Information Literacy and Internet Search Strategies.

### What's Cool on the Web?

The grade 2 students in Briggs elementary school created digital stories for an online project titled "Where the Wild Things Went".

<http://blogs.jefftwp.org/wordpress/briggsschoolproductions>

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Mrs. Evan's Kindergarten class in Milton School created a digital story documenting their trip to Space Farms.

<http://blogs.jefftwp.org/wordpress/miltonschoolproductions>

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Life Magazine has published all of its images from its weekly publication to the web. These primary sources are fantastic for the classroom. See the link below to the site as well as the link to my blog posting documenting how this site can be used in the classroom.

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

[My blog posting on the topic](#)

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### Glogster EDU

[Glogster Edu](#) is a great platform for moving stale, 20th Century, poster projects into the 21st Century. Students can use content from the web to create informative collages about a wide range of topics. [Glogster Edu](#) provides teachers with a virtual classroom space in which they can manage the accounts of up to 200 students. [Glogster Edu](#) has also partnered with [VoiceThread](#) to allow users to include VoiceThread content in their Glogs.

<http://edu.glogster.com/>

Have a Happy  
Thanksgiving!