



FRESHLY BREWED

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February has arrived, and with it comes a fresh pour of cozy inspiration, powerful ideas, and just the right dash of innovation. As the days slowly stretch longer and the school year finds its rhythm, this month’s Freshly Brewed is all about warming up your teaching practice without burning yourself out. Think of this issue as your favorite mug—comforting, energizing, and filled to the brim with tools, tips, and tech that are worth the sip. So settle in, take a breath, and let’s spill some TEA on what’s brewing this February.

THIS MONTH’S TECH TO TRY: AI TOOLS THAT ACTUALLY HELP

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WEEK 1

A simple but powerful idea: teachers are better when we learn from each other. Instead of wading through overcrowded marketplaces or reinventing the wheel, TeachShare gives educators a space to share lesson ideas, resources, and strategies created by real classroom teachers.

[TEACHSHARE](#)



WEEK 2

Helps teachers reflect on what’s really happening during classroom instruction by analyzing patterns of teacher and student talk. Instead of focusing on content creation, it offers meaningful insights into questioning, wait time, and student voice making it especially powerful for discussion-based and EL classrooms.

[TEACHFX](#)



WEEK 3

Supports student writing by providing AI-assisted feedback while keeping teachers firmly in control. Instead of generating answers, it focuses on guiding revision, clarity, and skill development making it especially effective for ELA and EL classrooms.

[CLASS COMPANION](#)



WEEK 4

Blends game-based learning with meaningful skill practice, giving teachers engaging practice tools and actionable data in one place. Students stay motivated through gameplay, while teachers gain insight into progress, gaps, and growth without extra grading.

[BODDLE](#)

SPOTLIGHT: EDUCATOR INNOVATION IN ACTION

Mr. Timothy Calder

Years in Education: 6

Cozy Drink of Choice: Classic Chai Latte

Teaching Philosophy

Mr. Calder believes the best learning happens when students feel seen, supported, and challenged. He focuses on creating a classroom culture built on trust where effort matters more than perfection and students are encouraged to take intellectual risks. His teaching centers on helping students build skills they can carry beyond the classroom: critical thinking, communication, and confidence.

What Brings Him Joy

For Mr. Calder, joy shows up in small but powerful moments—when a reluctant student finally participates, when a group collaborates without prompting, or when a lesson sparks genuine curiosity. He especially loves hearing students make real-world connections and realize that what they’re learning actually matters.

Relationship with Technology

“I don’t use tech to be flashy. I use it to be effective.” Mr. Calder views technology as a bridge, not a crutch. He chooses tools that reduce barriers, support organization, and give students multiple ways to engage with content, while still valuing discussion, paper-and-pencil thinking, and face-to-face collaboration.

Favorite EdTech Tool

Google Forms is his quiet powerhouse. He uses it for quick check-ins, exit tickets, self-reflection, and formative assessment. He appreciates how it gives him immediate insight into student understanding and allows quieter students to share their thinking without pressure.

How Tech Has Made an Impact

Technology has helped Mr. Calder better meet students where they are. With built-in supports like audio, visuals, and flexible pacing, more students are able to participate meaningfully. He’s seen improved engagement and clearer communication both from students to him and among peers.

A Thoughtful Concern

Mr. Calder is intentional about avoiding “tech for tech’s sake.” He’s mindful of screen fatigue and works to ensure technology enhances learning rather than overwhelms it. Balance is key so he uses digital tools paired with movement, discussion, and reflection keep students grounded and focused.

A Recent Classroom Win

Recently, his students completed a collaborative problem-solving project that required planning, revision, and peer feedback. Watching students negotiate ideas respectfully and refine their work together reminded him how powerful student ownership can be.

What Inspires Him

Mr. Calder is inspired by resilience. Seeing students push through challenges (academically or personally) and recognize their own growth fuels his passion for teaching. His guiding belief: “Every student is capable of more than they realize. Sometimes they just need someone to believe it first.”



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Here’s what’s brewing at Tekanna:

New Blog Drops

This Valentine’s season, we’re steeping something a little sweeter than candy—global connection.

Brewing Kindness Around the World invites educators to turn February into a heartfelt classroom experience where students share kindness beyond their own four walls. From pen pals and postcards to videos and virtual exchanges, this blog explores simple, meaningful ways to help students practice empathy, communication, and cultural awareness.

It’s a gentle reminder that love, learning, and kindness travel far, and when brewed the Tekanna way, they’re Time-friendly, Educational, Accessible, and full of heart. ♥



Youtube Premiere

“Tech Tools Under 10 Minutes”

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