Welcome to the December cup of Freshly Brewed—your merry mix of classroom magic, tech inspiration, and a sprinkle of seasonal sparkle. This month, we're wrapping up the semester with tools that brighten your workflow, stories that warm the heart, and ideas that help you finish the year feeling supported and celebrated. So grab your coziest mug, settle in by the glow of twinkling lights, and enjoy this festive pour of innovation, encouragement, and a little "teacher real talk" to carry you through the holiday season.

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

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Quizizz is now

WEEK I

Wayground just unwrapped a gift for teachers this season—Alpowered accommodations that automatically adjust reading levels, supports, and scaffolds for every learner. Pair that with their interactive map-style lessons, and you've got a holly-jolly way to keep students engaged and supported all winter long.

WAYGROUND.COM



WEEK 2

Turn your December lessons into learning adventures! Deck. Toys lets students follow festive "learning paths" filled with puzzles, games, and activities that feel more like holiday fun than classwork. Perfect for keeping energy high as winter break nears.

DECK.TOYS



WEEK 3

Kahoot! brings that joyful, lively energy we all need this time of year. Add a few seasonal themes, toss in some competitive spirit, and watch your class light up brighter than a string of holiday lights.

KAHOOT.COM



WEEK 4

Whether you're wrapping up the year or kicking off holiday projects, Pear Assessment delivers high-quality, standardsaligned formative and summative assessments with real-time data dashboards. It's the perfect gift for teachers looking to understand student mastery and adjust instruction.

SPOTLIGHT: EDUCATOR INNOVATION IN ACTION

Dr. Wally T. Luckeydoo

Years in Education: 8 Cozy Drink of Choice: Hot Chocolate



Teaching Philosophy:

Dr. Luckeydoo believes students learn best when they feel safe, respected, and engaged. His classroom is built on strong relationships, meaningful experiences, and a commitment to helping learners grow into confident, capable, and responsible young adults. He strives to prepare students for the world beyond high school—not just academically, but personally.

What Brings Him Joy:

For Dr. Luckeydoo, the best moments are the breakthroughs. Whether it's a difficult concept finally clicking or a student discovering confidence in their own abilities, those wins-big or small-are the heart of why he teaches.

Relationship with Technology:

"I love it! I'm always trying new tools." That curiosity fuels a tech-rich classroom where students stay engaged through interactive lessons, simulations, and gamification. Tools like Nearpod and Everfi help bring learning to life in ways that are active, meaningful, and fun.

Favorite EdTech Tool:

Right now, Notebook LM sits at the top of his list. With AI playing an increasingly large role in education, he appreciates its ability to organize information, generate ideas, and streamline workflows—supporting both teacher efficiency and deeper student learning.

How Tech Has Made an Impact:

Technology has transformed the way his students learn. Daily use of edtech tools gives students more opportunities to interact with content, explore complex ideas, and demonstrate understanding in creative ways. It puts learning in their handsliterally

A Thoughtful Concern:

Dr. Luckeydoo believes students need proper guidance before being handed powerful Al tools. Just like you wouldn't give someone a hammer without teaching them how to use it, students need intentional instruction to use AI responsibly, ethically, and effectively.

A Recent Classroom Win:

This year, every single student in his Dual Enrollment Personal Finance class passed the W!SE Certification—100% success! Even more meaningful? Students have shared how what they learned is helping their families make better financial decisions. Those real-world impacts are the moments that fuel his passion. What Inspires Him:

The answer is simple: his students and colleagues. Knowing that his work matters and seeing it reflected in student success–keeps him motivated. A recent note from a student saying, "Your class truly was the only one I looked forward to every day" reminded him why this calling is worth every minute.



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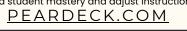






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COMING UP THIS MONTH

Here's what's brewing at Tekanna:



Recharging Your Classroom: How to Reflect, Reset, and Refresh Using AI Before the New Year

As December winds down and the final bell inches closer, it's the perfect time to pause, breathe, and set your classroom up for a strong January.

This month's feature explores how AI can help you reflect on the semester, streamline your reset, and refresh your teaching routines with less stress and more intention. From generating student feedback to reorganizing lesson plans and creating meaningful goals, Al isn't just a time-saver-it's a gentle reset button for teachers who deserve a little calm before the new year begins. Grab your cozy drink, settle in, and let's recharge your classroom together.

Youtube Premiere

"Tech Tools Under 10 Minutes"

bite-sized tutorials designed for busy educators.

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