



## NEWSLETTER

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### TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Jose Cardenas is an 8th Grade Social Studies teacher at Galena Park Middle School. He is a former GPISD alumni who enjoys using technology while teaching. His most recent lesson entailed the students creating Instagram posts as a key person in the American Revolution. He believes that teaching has given him the opportunity to grow and learn as an individual while impacting the future generation of Galena Park graduates.



### CANVA TIP

Translate any file, except docs, into the language of your choice with a few simple clicks.

- Open your file in Canva
- Click apps on the left side
- Click translate
- Choose your language and pages/selection
- Click translate

*That's it 😊*



### UPCOMING PD EVENTS

- 11/7 District Staff Development - Look for Canva, new Google tools, Sphero Bolt, and Indi among other amazing technology sessions.
- 1/17/24 Region 4 Digital Learning Conference

### SPHERO INDI AND BOLT

These amazing little robots create opportunities for students to learn the basics of coding, solve problems, and nurture computational thinking skills. Both Sphero Indi and Bolts are available for checkout at each elementary campus and the Bolts are available at all middle school campuses.

MEET INDI



*Check It Out*



MEET BOLT



## PANEL TIPS

Check out this [PDF](#) for creative ways to use the spinner activity within Snowflake Lessons.

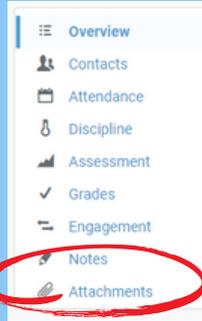
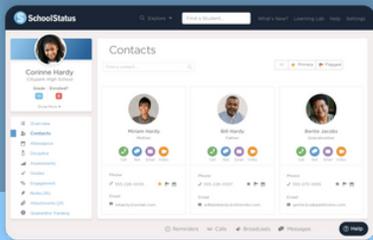
## TOY THEATER



These [online teacher tools](#) include a wide range of interactive manipulatives and assessment tools to teach and assess basic concepts across a variety of subjects PK - 5. These are great station activities to use on the panel!

## TEACHERSTACK

[Teacherstack](#) is a free tool that helps manage and organize classroom tasks such as station rotations (centers), seating charts, and displaying to-do tasks for students.



## SCHOOLSTATUS

Did you know you can add notes, descriptive data, and attach files for students in School Status? You can also add timestamps, tags, print the notes, and choose who can see your notes and files attached. Just look on the left side of the student card for “Notes” and “Attachments”. Learn more:

<https://learn.schoolstatus.com/catalog/courses/726584>

## CONTESTS

- Multimedia Medal Contest
  - Due to campus Dec. 4, 2023
  - Requirements - [flyer](#)
- Multimedia Contest
  - Part 1 due Feb. 12, 2024
  - All the details - [flyer](#)
- Classlink Digital Art Contest
  - Due to campus May 10, 2024
  - Requirements - [flyer](#)



## TIMERS AND GENERATORS

Stop looking for engaging timers and generators. Check out [online-stopwatch.com](http://online-stopwatch.com) to view numerous [Classroom Timers](#), [Random Name Pickers](#), [Random Group Generators](#), [Chance Games](#), and more.

## TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION PROJECTS

Required throughout the year. See your DLAC for more information or help.

- [Technology Integration Plan](#)
- [Technology Projects & Checklists](#)

## TRAINING RESOURCES

- [Technology Training Resources](#)
- [School Status - Learning Lab](#)
- [Galena Park ISD Learns - Youtube](#)

## TASK REMINDERS

