

# TECHNO TIMES

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TECHNOLOGY TOOLS AND TRICKS

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As we get to the end of the semester, I am amazed at how fast it has gone! I hope everyone has a great and restful break! I have been receiving many requests on how to integrate technology in the classroom. Be looking for some after school training in January and February to hopefully give you some ideas and assistance. Below is an article I found in my email today and thought it was festive and fun! 'Tis' the Season!

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## Apps for Fun Over the Holidays

[Peggy Reimers](#) | Dec. 8, 2015 | [Google Tips and Tricks](#), [iPad Tips and Tricks](#)

We'll all have some free time to relax and unwind over the winter break. If you need some technology to help you take it easy, here are a few fun apps.

**Red Herring** is my favorite word game. It comes in handy in the grocery store or TSA line. A game consists of 16 words. 12 of the words are placed in three categories of four words each. There are four words that are thrown into the mix to distract you; these are the Red Herrings, pesky little words whose sole purpose is to mislead you. You can choose your own level: easy, normal, or hard. You can buy puzzle packs at \$0.99, but I enjoy playing the one free puzzle a day. [iOS/Android](#)

**ElfYourself** allows you to "elf" yourself and four other friends. You can post your personalized video in the Cats theme and share via email or Facebook. There are many other video choices, but they will set you back \$0.99 a pop. [iOS/Android](#)

**Star Wars** by Disney is your app connection to a galaxy far, far away. You can get trailer releases and movie news, but this app has so MUCH MORE! A couple of cool things: Take and share a Star Wars "selfie" such as Princess Leia complete with her hair buns or Han Solo's carbon freeze. The app is equipped with a Sound Board, which will allow you to play classic sound clips: "How rude!" by C3PO or you can listen to Darth Vader's "I am your father." This Day in Star Wars History is full of fun trivia. May the app be with you! [iOS/Android](#)

**Photobricks** is a free app that turns your photos into a LEGO brick mosaic. You also have the ability to crop and change the colors of individual bricks. Try turning your car, a bowl of fruit, or your pet into a brick mosaic. You can share via email, Facebook, Twitter, or save it on your device. [iOS](#)

**Bitmoji Keyboard – Your Avatar Emoji** is a free app with the ability to buy more theme packs for \$0.99. First you design your own personal avatar. The app comes with hundreds of attributes to customize everyone's unique look. Next choose a mood, a scene, or a saying to message, email, or post to Facebook or Twitter. [iOS/Android](#)

**Colorfy** is a coloring book app for adults. It comes with a ton of free graphics for you to add your artistic touch to and more are available with an in-app purchase. [iOS/Android](#)

**Fuzel Collage** is a great way to take all of those holiday photos and turn them into stunning collages that you can share with your friends and family. The basic shapes and styles are free and there are more templates that you can add with an in-app purchase. [iOS/Android](#)