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February 1st is Digital Learning Day!

Educators, schools, and departments of education across the country are celebrating February 1st as national [Digital Learning Day](#)! The 24-hour event will be used to promote how technology positively impacts teaching and learning every single day. In Virginia, the Department of Education has partnered with the [Virginia Society for Technology in Education](#) (VSTE) to offer a [series of webinars](#) throughout the day that feature recent regional educational technology leadership award winners. VSTE also offers other suggested ways to celebrate the amazing technology-enhanced work that students produce:

- [Tweet](#) students' technology integration ideas using the hashtag #vadlday to encourage state-wide conversations.
- Use the [VSTE Facebook page](#) to engage in conversations with other educators that innovate with technology.
- Have students create a short video on how technology impacts their learning and post it to a site such as [YouTube](#).

There are still more ways to participate in the spirit of Digital Learning Day, all within the confines of a single classroom or single school.

- Commit to trying *one new thing* – one integration idea, one interesting web 2.0 tool, or one piece of software.
- Start a conversation about technology integration with *one new staff member*.
- Ask students for *one new idea* for showcasing their digital work.
- Visit the [Digital Learning Day Toolkit page](#) and grab *one new practice* for the future.

Whatever you do, remember that the various ways in which you use technology in your classroom or in your school can benefit all of our young people as we prepare them for amazing futures.