## Creative Ways of Engaging Students During Virtual Learning

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## Introductions

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McKnight MS: 935, cohort = 280 Hazen HS: 1824, cohort = 477



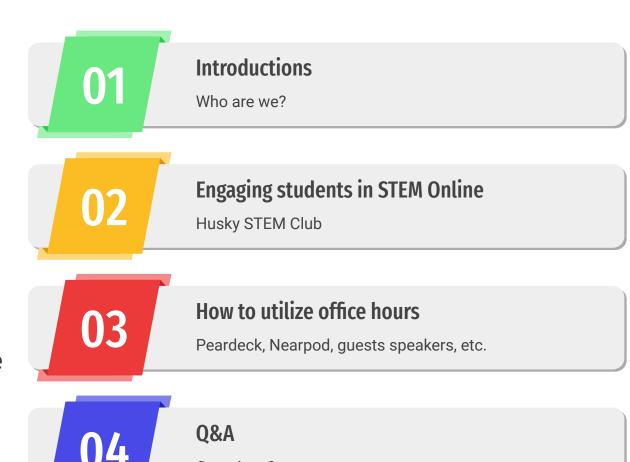


## Agenda

**Objective:** 

1. Learn about the different types of engagement GU Achievers have explored during this time.

2. Practice using some of the online platforms that increase student engagement



Questions?

## Ice breaker



Slido Poll In one word, how would you describe your experience engaging students online?





## Ice breaker

Slido Poll

What do you think is your biggest challenge in engaging students during this time?





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Why?

- Cancelled 6 weeks of summer STEM camps
- Wanted to reach students in the summer somehow

#### How?

- Created weekly STEM challenges
- Used social media
- Sent out STEM kits

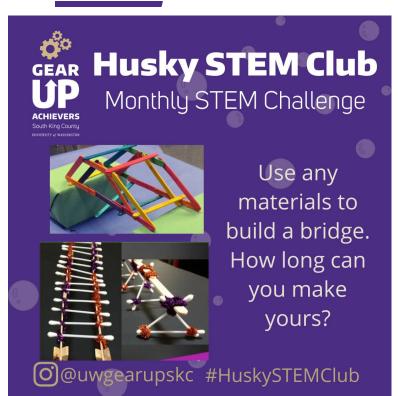




- > Participate in a challenge and get free stuff!
- > When you participate in your FIRST Husky STEM Club challenge, you will receive the following:
  - A Husky STEM Club welcome letter
  - An official Husky STEM Club membership card
  - An At-Home STEM kit (including building rocket fuel and mini explosions).
  - For every 3 challenges you do, you receive another kit!
  - Invitations to our Husky STEM Club events



#### **Monthly STEM Challenge**



- You'll receive monthly email about STEM challenges
- Students have 4 weeks to complete
- Email the challenge to Kristen at <u>yipk@uw.edu</u>
- Or post on social media and tag us @uwgearupskc
- Find more information on our website:

#### tinyurl.com/HuskySTEMClub1

#### **Types of Challenges**

- Catapult
- Paper Table
- Outdoor Scavenger Hunt
- Flying Object
- Ecosystem Collage
- Musical Instrument
- Boat



- Draw an Invention that solves a problem
- Build something with Cereal Box
- Tower
- Rocket
- Marble Run
- Astronomy related project
- Self Portrait with nature
- Bridge







#### > So far 42 students in the club









#### **STEM kits**









Given out over 45 STEM kits to students

#### **Husky STEM Club Events**

- > Held virtually once a month
- > Guest speakers in STEM
- > Free prizes for students
- > Games
- > Information session for parents on STEM pathways and coursework



## Virtual learning tools



Google Slides or PDF Code & Link for students to enter

Downloads report on PDF

Time to Climb (similar to Kahoot)



Google Slides Code students can enter

Downloads report on excel in google

Games

Flashcard Factory

## **Distance Learning**

**Office Hours** (100+ students in attendance)

- Information for high school success
- Introduction to STEM careers
- College access
- Career Speakers
  - Nepris

**Virtual College Tours & Fairs** 



#### Dr. Markus Boos

Pediatric Dermatologist Seattle Children's Hospital University of Washington

#### Ms. Thy Tran

/ice President, DRAM Micron Technologies

## Partnerships

#### **Society for Women Engineers**

- > Introduction to Engineering
- Forward with SWE -Mentoring (HS)
- > Girls STEM Club 2 learning events, 1 fun event, and 1 engineering challenge per month (MS)

#### TechBridgeGirls@Home

- > 6-8th grade girls
- > Thursdays after school
- > STEM kits with weekly activity delivered to students and families to participate virtually with the rest of the class!

## **Collaboration with classes**

#### > AVID

- Replaces their class for the day
- Ask teachers to make it as an assignment
- > Guidance Counseling lessons
  - Join classes once a week
- > Newsletters to families
- > Email reminders to students
- > Nearpod Async time



## Tutoring

#### bit.ly/RSDtutor

Mondays - Wednesday 2:30-4:00 PM

Thursdays 2:30-5:00 PM

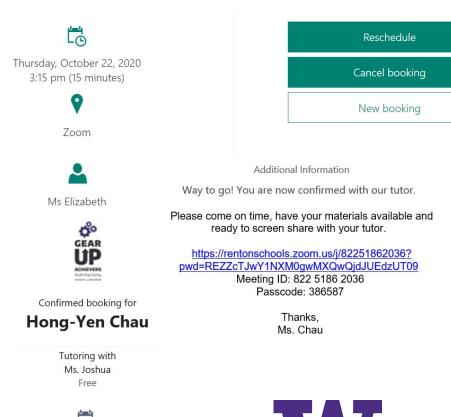
Tutors: Ms. Joshua Ms. Tammy Ms. Elizabeth



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## Tutoring

- > Students select time/date
- > Confirmation email with Zoom link
- Reminder email 1 day and 30 mins before



Tutoring Free

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

# Launching Nearpod

Join.nearpod.com with code: J3DQW
Link in Chat - https://share.nearpod.com/X4l0l1NhKab

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## Idea sharing

What kind of engagement strategies have you found to be successful during this time?

Padlet

https://padlet.com/yipk2/GUWest



# Thank You

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