



# SCS

## TECH TALK



*'tis the season*

TO BE JOLLY

*"Learning is not the product of teaching, Learning is the product of the activity of Learners!"*

*John Holt*

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### MICROSOFT AMBASSADOR TRAINING DATES

Training Date	Make-Up Date
January 7, 2021	Jan. 14, 2021
February 4, 2021	February 11, 2021
March 4, 2021	March 18, 2021
April 8, 2021	April 15, 2021
May 6, 2021	May 13, 2021

### ENHANCED MICROSOFT FEATURES

#### Put a pin in it

Make it easy for you and teammates to access an important post in a channel by pinning it. Have company instructions everyone needs to reference? Pin them. Throwing a cyber disco party? Pin the invite for quick access to all the details.

#### Do not disturb until after lunch

You can now set a duration for your status in Teams. All you need to do is select your profile picture at the top of the app, select your status (Available, Do not Disturb, etc.) that shows under your name, then select Duration. From there, choose your status and how long you want it to display.

#### Transfer meetings between devices

Seamlessly switch between devices when in a Teams meeting. So if you join a meeting from your phone while making your morning cup of caffeine, you can transfer to your computer when you get to your desk and no one will be the wiser.

## Microsoft Announcement

### Eliminate Background Noise

Teams has an awesome new feature to help us all as we work virtually by reducing background noise. Go to your profile picture at the top of the Teams, go to Settings > Devices > Noise suppression. In the menu, select High for an even stronger suppression of background sounds. So whether your dog barks at the mailman or your lawn service decides to mow outside your window, Teams has you covered with a blanket of quiet.

# Ambassador Spotlights

## Zone 15

Southwest Career and Technology Center

*Johnathan Williams*



Mr. Williams is an Advanced Manufacturing teacher at Southwest Career and Technology Center in Memphis, TN. He is a devoted husband and father of four daughters and one son. His greatest accomplishments regarding the role as an MIE Teacher Ambassador was having the honor of being chosen by peers for this role after the very first year of service as a teacher. Southwest Career and Technology Center is stronger because of the contributions Mr. Williams makes to staff, students, parents, and stakeholders of his community. They are grateful to have Mr. Williams on their team!

## Zone 10

Downtown Elementary School

*Nicole Espree*



Ms. Espree is a hard worker at Downtown Elementary. She serves as the Optional Coordinator, Computer Literacy teacher, Inventory Control Specialist, School level IT Support, School Pro and Microsoft Ambassador. She is able to support the staff, parents, and students of Downtown with her background in technology repair skills by remoting into laptops and devices for quick fixes. She also provides training and resources for staff to enhance their virtual teaching. With the extensive level of responsibilities Ms. Espree supports, we can see why Downtown Elementary is thankful to have her as part of their team.

## Zone 1

Brownsville Road Elementary

*Kimberly Sanderson and Troy Stagner*



This team offer a daily morning "huddle" where smaller, bite-size tips are shared with teachers on using various Microsoft tools. They have completed larger trainings as well, but quickly realized that providing smaller pieces gave them time to focus on specific tools of Microsoft Teams. As a result, they have been able to implement the different components more effectively. They provide an open lab multiple times a week for teachers to practice using the tools in a safe space. The part they each love the most is being able to attend trainings, work with the larger Microsoft Ambassador community, and then share that knowledge with the faculty to make teaching during these challenging times a little bit easier.

## EdTech Zone Assignments

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