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DID YOU KNOW?

Google Tulip was a 2019 April Fool's Day prank by Google Netherlands and Wageningen University & Research. It claimed to use AI to translate "Tulipish" into human languages via Google Home, allowing users to understand if their plants needed water, light, or, jokingly, to be left alone. Key details about the 2019 hoax:

Functionality: It was marketed as a feature in Google Assistant's Interpreter Mode.

Purpose: The campaign was designed to highlight the Netherlands' role as a top flower producer.

Interaction: Users could say, "Hey Google, talk to my tulip" to hear simulated, humorous responses from their plants.

Background: This was part of a series of April Fool's jokes, building on the concept of translating plant signals.

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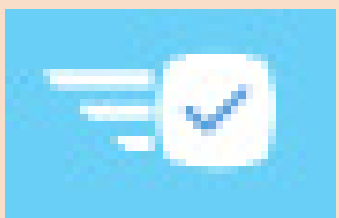
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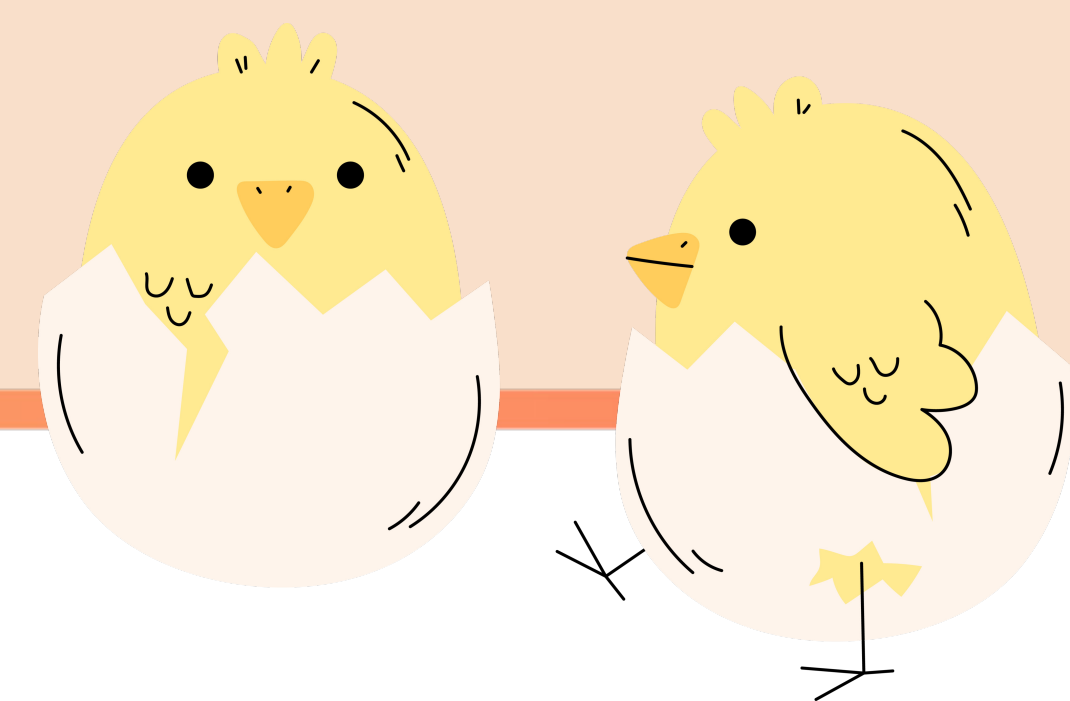
If you're feeling a mix of emotions toward the new artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in our world, you're not alone. AI anxiety is the anxiousness caused by the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and the acceleration of technological change and is commonly called AI-phobia. Microsoft, however, views AI not as a replacement for human intelligence, but as a "copilot" designed to amplify human capabilities, increase productivity, and solve complex societal problems. Microsoft emphasizes that AI should be used to handle mundane, repetitive tasks, allowing people to focus on more creative, strategic, and high-value work. Ways that AI can assist us in our district are:

- Copilots in Workflow: AI is integrated into tools like Microsoft (Word, Outlook, Teams) to summarize meetings, draft emails, and create presentations, acting as a personal collaborator.
- Cybersecurity: Using AI-powered agents to detect threats, automate security responses, and manage vulnerabilities in real-time.
- Privacy & Security: Safeguarding personal and company data.
- Reliability & Safety: Ensuring systems perform as intended.
- Personalized Learning: AI platforms adapt content in real-time, allowing students to learn at their own pace and focus on areas where they need improvement.
- Time-Saving for Educators: AI helps with grading, lesson planning, and administrative tasks, allowing teachers to focus on student mentorship.
- Increased Accessibility and Inclusion: AI tools, including text-to-speech and translation, help students with disabilities and language learners access material more easily.
- Immediate Feedback and Support: AI tutoring systems provide instant answers and feedback, helping students correct misconceptions immediately and build confidence.
- Data-Driven Insights: AI analyzes student engagement and performance data, enabling teachers to identify at-risk students and tailor their teaching strategies earlier.

ClassLink AppTrack:

We now have ClassLink AppTrack to provide our district with a clear path for new app requests! Teachers and staff will now request apps from their ClassLink Launchpad. Once a request is added, everyone can see if and when the app is approved. Every step is visible and trackable, so all decisions are informed, secure, and accountable. Once a request for a new app is submitted the Curriculum Department will approve or deny based on educational needs, goals, and budget. If the Curriculum Department approves then the request will be sent to us in the Technology Department. We will then either approve or deny based on compliance, interoperability, cybersecurity, and data security of the vendor/app. Instructions for AppTrack:

1. Go to your ClassLink Launchpad.
2. Click the Request Application icon  found at the top of your Launchpad screen.
3. Turn on notifications to stay informed and updated on the progress of your request.
4. Click + New App Request.
5. Choose the app from the library, then fill out and submit the form.



ClassLink ThreatScan:

We have also integrated ClassLink ThreatScan in our district. ThreatScan automatically scans the dark web for compromised accounts linked to our school district. If a breach is found, we are alerted so we can force password resets, lock down access, and stay ahead of cyber threats. You do not have to do anything except have peace of mind., we in the Technology Department will keep you protected by catching exposed accounts before hackers strike!

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