

# TECH TIMES

## Newsletter

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### Did You Know?

St. Patrick is widely recognized as the patron saint of engineers. The celebration of St. Patrick as the engineer's patron began around 1903 at the University of Missouri when engineering students needed a patron saint and jokingly (later seriously) declared St. Patrick an engineer because he "drove the snakes out" (a metaphor for solving a massive problem). St. Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in engineering schools and organizations (e.g., in the military) as "Engineers' Week," often featuring the knighting of new engineers. The connection highlights the blend of practical construction skills with the symbolic, problem-solving nature of engineering, making St. Patrick a fitting, albeit partially legendary, patron for the profession.

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### **Spring Forward Sun, March 8th!**

### Pre-Spring Break Chromebook Check:

Teachers, leading up to Spring Break please check your students Chromebooks for damages or issues, so our team can repair them while the students are gone for break.



Thank you !

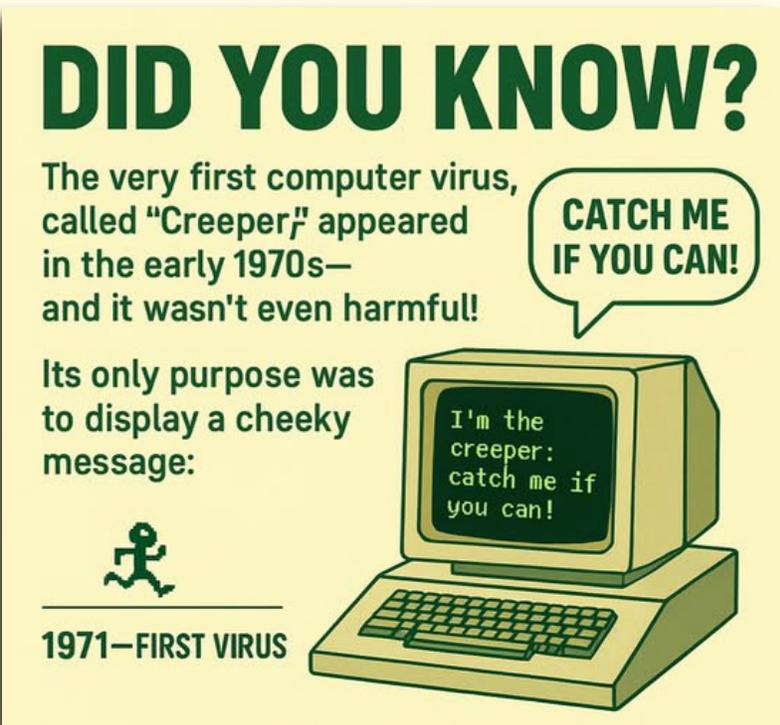
## ViewSonic Educator Community:

For those of you teachers who have access to ViwSonic (myViewBoard), listed below are some of the resources available to you in the Educator Community:

- **On-Demand Webinars** - Enhance your knowledge with expert insights and advice.
- **Classroom-Ready Lessons** - Download ready-to-use lesson plans, whiteboard templates, and presentations designed to save prep time and boost student engagement.
- **Teaching & EdTech Guides** - Explore educator-focused articles, EdTech strategies, and classroom tips to strengthen everyday teaching.
- **Professional Development** - Learn at your own pace - grow your professional skills and earn a certification.

## The Father of Cybersecurity:

Bob Thomas is a computer scientist who is widely regarded as the father of cybersecurity. He gained notoriety in 1971 when he created the first computer virus, called the "Creeper virus." He named it "CREEPER," because of the printed message that was left when traveling across the network: "I'M THE CREEPER: CATCH ME IF YOU CAN." The virus was not malicious and was designed to demonstrate the vulnerability of computer systems. He was one of the pioneers in the field of computer security and developed some of the first security protocols. In the 1970s, he co-authored two seminal papers on computer security, "Protection in Operating Systems" and "A Hardware Architecture for Implementing Protection Rings." These papers laid the foundation for modern computer security and helped to establish the field of cybersecurity. His contribution to the cybersecurity industry cannot be overstated. He was one of the pioneers of cybersecurity and helped to establish the field. His work led to the development of security protocols and practices that are still in use today. Thomas's legacy continues to impact the cybersecurity industry, and his work has helped to prevent cyber-attacks and protect businesses and individuals from potential threats.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The very first computer virus, called "Creeper," appeared in the early 1970s— and it wasn't even harmful!

**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!**

Its only purpose was to display a cheeky message:

I'm the creeper: catch me if you can!



1971—FIRST VIRUS



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## March Tech Holidays:

- Teen Tech Week (First Full Week in March): Aimed at encouraging teens to use libraries and technology responsibly and creatively.
- National Day of Unplugging (First Weekend in March): A movement promoting a 24-hour break from technology to improve well-being.
- Pi Day (March 14): Celebrated by tech enthusiasts, engineers, and mathematicians.
- National 3-D Day (March 18): Celebrates the impact of 3-D technology in medicine, manufacturing, and education.
- World Backup Day (March 31): An important IT holiday promoting data safety and security awareness.
- National AI Literacy Day (Late March): Focused on promoting understanding of Artificial Intelligence.

HAPPY  
*Birthday*  
to JJ!

**JJ IS OUR DEPARTMENTS  
PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST AND  
IS A ST. PATRICK'S DAY BABY!**

