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### Summer Crunch Time for Tech:

Classrooms are now empty and while teachers and students are enjoying their downtime, we, in the Technology Department, are entering into maintenance and planning mode to prepare for the upcoming school year. Over the summer, new hardware and software are set up, new platforms are tested, the IT infrastructure; such as networks, servers, and devices, are upgraded, and so much more...







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### **Did You Know?**

Google's first office was a garage. Google's journey to becoming a tech giant started in a rented garage in 1998. Google's co-founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, rented the space from Susan Wojcicki while they were still living in the dorms at Stanford, less than two miles away. Google now owns the house and the garage is considered a historic site for tech enthusiasts.



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### EdTech Terms You Should Know:

EdTech (Educational Technology) terminology is full of learning theories, phrases, and buzzwords; below are some of the terms you should know:

Adaptive Learning - a method of instruction that uses a computer system to create a personalized learning experience.

Asynchronous Learning - learning that occurs in elapsed time between two or more people; such as, email, online discussion forums, and message boards.

Synchronous Learning - real-time learning that involves live interaction, like video conferencing or online chat.

Gamification - applying game-design elements to learning to increase engagement.

User Interface (UI) - The way a user interacts with a computer or application.

Flipped Learning - in a flipped classroom, students watch lectures and other presentations online before class and then spend time at school collaborating with peers and working with teachers.

Differentiated Instruction - this responsive teaching method considers the unique characteristics of each student and designs curriculum to accommodate these differences.

Enjoy your summer!