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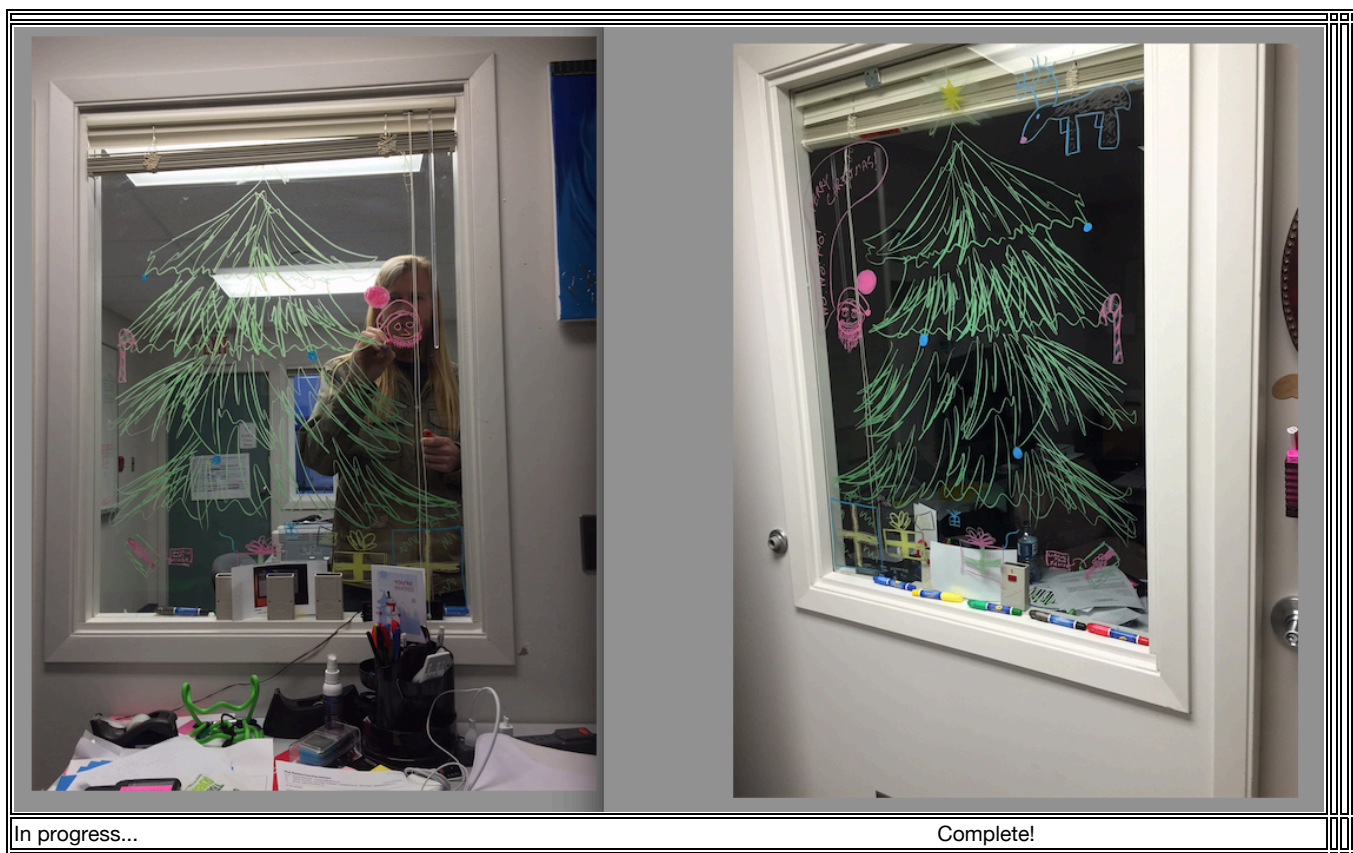
Hello everyone-- and I do mean almost everyone! I am including Principals and Vice-Principals in this edition, as I've had quite a few requests to include some of you. Please let me know if the list needs amending.

Although I don't tend to want to wish time away, I'm not 100% sorry to see the back of 2014. I marvel at the resilience you have shown as we weathered the "perfect storm" of Reconfiguration, The labour conflict and The Normal Upheaval of a new year. And, I wish you all a very restorative and happy holiday.

#### AND NOW THE UPDATES!

It's been a busy couple of weeks since my last bulletin, and during that time I've enjoyed increasing numbers of classroom visits and mini-workshops. Book Creator, Key Note and Stop Motion are proving the most popular currently on iPads, and I am amazed by the richness and versatility of both the apps and the devices. To that end I am embracing the concept of "meeting you where you are". There has long been this misconception about technology that there comes a point when it is too late to start. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE! Recently, I mentioned in a blog entry that I helped a teacher connect her iPad to a new classroom projector. It was the first time she would have a permanent piece of "technology" in her room since an old-school Overhead projector, and she was excited, and fearful, in equal measure. To me, there is no task too trivial-- if you ask for my help, I will be there, and this was no exception. I had the projector connected and showing what she wanted to present to her class with in 5 minutes, but her excitement and eagerness to use the equipment was phenomenal, and rewarding. It doesn't matter what I can do, it matters what you want to do, and I will do my best to, as I say, meet you there.

Speaking of meeting you.... if you came into my office at any point the last week or so, you would have seen my Christmas Engagement program. I have a window that looks out into the hall, and I used dry erase markers and window paints to draw a Christmas-style tree. I leave the markers on the other side of the window for anyone to add their own decorations and presents. It's entertaining and engaging from either side of the window. I also hung an 8-bit wreath, which just warms my geeky heart. Perhaps you'll happen by some day and leave a joke on my door or some art on my window....And don't worry-- the Program only runs during break time and after work :)



Finally, I am attaching a document for you. Valerie Robinson at Ecole Cobble Hill asked me for some help creating a "semi-editable" Word document. It is not something I tried before, and so attach the resulting learning as "Lisa's Winter Fun Quiz". It includes a brief description and examples of how to recreate your own if you wish to know.

Thank you for indulging me, challenging me, and being inventive and creative teacher-warriors.

Until next time.. I remain

Virtually yours,

Lisa

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