

# W.O.W. FACTOR

Words Of Wisdom for FPS Coaches & Students

## Congrats to our I.C. Winners!



### GIPS Team

- Hamilton MS -- 8<sup>th</sup> Place Middle Div

### GIPS Individual

- Middleton HS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Middle Div
- Hamilton MS -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Middle Div

### GIPS MAGIC

- West HS, Madison – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Senior Div
- Becky Stellmacher – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Adult Div

### GIPS Presentation of Action Plan

- Hamilton MS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Junior Div

### Scenario Writing

- Waunakee Int – 5<sup>th</sup> Place Junior Div

### Scenario Team Writing

- Waunakee Int – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Junior Div
- Hudson MS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Junior Div
- Madison West – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Senior Div

## Coaches . . . Don't Reinvent the Wheel!

There are lots of great FREE web-based applications out there! Many people have already created games, resources, study guides, etc., for the topics covered in Future Problem Solving. Using a variety of resources keeps the students engaged and helps them delve into the topics in a more meaningful way. The following list of web-based applications was shared at IC last June by Robin Addie, Affiliate Director of West Virginia FPS. I hope you will find something useful to use with your students!



**Symbaloo.com** -- a cloud-based application that allows users to organize and categorize web links in the form of buttons. It is free to sign up.

- Login and click on "Search Webmixes." Then, type in a topic, such as "drones" or "criminal justice systems." This enables you -- or better yet someone else -- to create a group of weblinks on one specific topic in one convenient location.

**Quizlet.com** -- a mobile and web-based study application that allows students to study information via learning tools and games.

- Under the search bar at the top of the page, type in "Future Problem Solving," "Stress," or any topic to find a Quizlet that matches your needs.

**Kahoot.com** -- a game-based learning platform used as educational technology in schools and other educational institutions.

- Under the search bar at the top of the page, you can search “Find Kahoots” for any FPS topic.
- There are Kahoots for the FPS process, Kathoots for each topic, etc.
- Many educators have their students make Kahoots, so be aware of potential spelling errors and incorrect answers.
- Always check Kahoots before playing them.
- Kathoots can be made public, so there are always many to choose from.

**Nearpod.com** -- an interactive classroom tool for teachers to engage students with interactive lessons.

- Unlike Kahoots and Quizlets, Nearpod lessons are NOT public.
- If you wish to have access to a Nearpod on a particular subject, you will need to have to creator of the Nearpod “share” it with you.
- The company also has a wide variety of Nearpods available.
- While it is free to sign up for the “Silver User,” not all Nearpod lessons are free.
- Educators can always preview any Nearpod to see if it matches their needs. And, of course, educators can easily create their own customized lessons.
- Also know that with the “Silver User,” educators can assign lessons to your students ONLY as “Live Lesson” where the teacher controls each screen. If the educator upgrades to a “Gold User,” then “Student-paced” lessons can be assigned.

## Other useful websites:

**Edmodo.com** -- an educational technology company offering a communication, collaboration, and coaching platform to K-12 schools and teachers. Edmodo offers microblogging, link and file sharing, inline replies, a class calendar, and assignments and grading functions all in a Twitter-like package built with the classroom in mind.

**Animoto.com** -- a cloud-based video creation service that produces video from photos, video clips, and music into video slideshows. Students can create their own informational videos on a topic.

**Smore.com** - allows its users to design single-page websites for marketing an idea, promoting an event or selling a product. FPSPi uses Smore to create posters promoting topics.

