

# The Squeeze: Fresh Ideas

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## TECH TO THE FUTURE!

Our November professional development day, “Tech to the Future” was an incredible success. Thank you to all of those who helped and contributed to a positive day of growth and development for all of our OrangeUSD educators. Jon and Randy did a great job with their enthusiastic performance and organizing the event. If you would like to revisit a session you attended or would like to see other sessions you missed, recordings are being migrated to the PD Database on the [Teacher Resources](#) site shortly!



### Science



#### ROBOTICS ARE TUNING UP!

Sites are gearing up for Robotics! Whether your site runs robotics through Science classes or after school, OrangeUSD is excited to support schools in kicking off

robotics for a Spring showcase as students return to building and programming.

Student showcases are tentatively scheduled for late April for students to gear up to impress us all through their creative engineering, building skills, complex problem solving skills, and programming expertise.

Contact [Jon](#) in Curriculum with any questions or for support.



#### The Squeeze: Fresh Ideas Podcast!

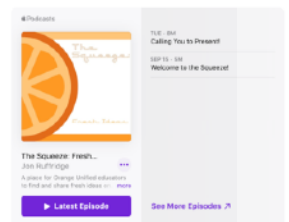
Episode Three is set to be released next week. If you're not caught up on *The Squeeze: Fresh Ideas Podcast*, jump on the band wagon! See below for the ways to listen in for helpful tips, supporting information, maybe a few smiles and laughs, and of course some Fresh Ideas!



The new podcast can be heard directly through the [Teacher Resources](#) site and also subscribed to through the Apple Podcasts app (or any podcast app).

[Teacher Resources Site](#)

[Podcast Link](#)





## Hour of Code

We live in a world surrounded by technology. We know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. Only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and even fewer students are studying it than a decade ago.

That's why Orange USD is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 6-10). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code is making a statement that Orange USD is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. Join in for the Hour of Code in 2021. Get involved during Computer Science Education Week, December 6-10. **HOUR OF CODE RESOURCES**

## Overdrive Sora

Did you know that Overdrive has resources available for professional development? There are hundreds of audiobooks and ebooks available in the Teacher PD book collection free for you to access.



Visit the [Teacher PD book collection](#)

## Schoolytics

Simplify the way you monitor the engagement of your students within your Google Classrooms. This software allows you to see which students are being productive and which have missing assignments. Explore the simplified data available to you for progress monitoring and communicating with students' parents. [Schoolytics Link](#)

## Dashboard Teacher Resource Folder



Do you wish there was an easily accessible place to find ideas, resources, and trainings on something you heard about from a coworker? You're in luck! Check out the special folder in your dashboard for free resources within a click away.



## I-READY DIAGNOSTIC

It's hard to believe that the middle of the year is approaching. Our OUSD students, no doubt, have already accomplished a lot. We are now looking toward up-to-date data to tell us where students are and what you need to focus on most in instruction. We are embarking on the second i-Ready diagnostic; the window is open 11/28-1/14. As a district, we are striving for all students K-8 to reach 50% of their typical growth on their 2nd diagnostic. Engaging students in their learning is an essential component to nurturing a growth mindset and supporting student success. i-Ready can be used in many ways to empower students, help them feel ownership of their learning, and get excited about their progress and growth.

[Monitor and Respond in i-Ready](#)

Looking for more ideas and activities?

[orangeusd.org/math](https://orangeusd.org/math)



## CELEBRATE STUDENT GROWTH

Looking for ways to celebrate student growth-- check out these i-Ready celebration postcards.

[Recognition Postcards](#)

