

# The Squeeze: Fresh Ideas

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## MARCH MADNESS!

### Embrace the Challenge and Finish Strong

It's that time of the year! From college basketball excitement to standardized testing around the corner, embrace the challenge with us to keep our students engaged and on their toes through the upcoming break!



#### Wellness Forums PD Opportunities

The 'Connect to Wellness Forums' for the month of March are linked below. Take care of yourself and others, these focus on self-care, self-reflection and even a book study that focuses on the five essential elements to well-being.

#### [March Webinars Information](#)

#### Science



#### Mystery Science

Did you know that an alignment exists for Amplify to Mystery Science? Surprise!

Amplify is highly rigorous and provides our students with engaging hands on lessons, but when you are ready for a little shift or some variety in your classroom, see what's available for substituting or augmenting aspects of Amplify using Mystery Science!

#### [Alignment Guide](#)

Amplify.



#### Nearpod Math Pilot

We now have free access to Nearpod Math for the remainder of the school year! Just click on the Nearpod App in your myOUSD dashboard and then click on "Math".

Nearpod Math is a K-8 supplemental math program with new content and exclusive tools to differentiate everyday. Featuring:

- 5,000+ new standards-aligned lessons, videos, and practice activities
- Exclusive virtual manipulatives
- Enhanced course navigation and reporting

[7 Days to Get to Know Nearpod Math](#)

#### Math



EdTech



Visit the EdTech website for more information.

[WWW.ORANGEUSD.ORG/EDTECH](http://WWW.ORANGEUSD.ORG/EDTECH)

## Planning Ahead

Sifting through all of the resources that are out there can be time consuming. Let us help you with that. Here are some resources to help with your planning needs.

### Monthly Resources

## Strategy of the Month

ABC summary - Assign students with a letter from the alphabet (you can stick to just ABC if you like). While reading an article or watching a video segment, students take notes. At the end, students create a summary statement starting with the letter they were assigned. Students can share out in alphabetical order or contribute to a shared document with their summaries.

### SOS Overview



## Turn it in

If you teach High School students you have access to Turnitin.com which helps students improve their research and originality in writing. Students can submit their work where it is compared with a large database of similar writing. This gives teachers the tools for discussions on best ways to improve writing, cite sources, and modify their work..

### Turnitin.com



## Strategy of the Month

## Schoolytics

In need of a quick way to pull up student data for work completion? Look no further than the Schoolytics app in the myOUSD dashboard. You can access all of your google classrooms, get a snapshot of missing assignments, grading needs, disengaged students, and much more. Give it a try, and reach out if you have any questions to: [EdTech@orangeusd.org](mailto:EdTech@orangeusd.org)

### myOUSD Dashboard



Assessment



## Mad March Assessment Update!

Happy Testing Season! We have officially kicked off our State Testing -- with "out"flexed arms"!

### Physical Fitness

OrangeUSD teachers started the Physical Fitness testing with our official OrangeUSD window opening on 2/28 for all 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students.



### SBAC/CAASPP

OrangeUSD schools are continuing to send in their SBAC/CAASPP testing schedules and that window opens 4/4-6/8 (check with your site for specific dates/times.)



### SBAC/CAASPP

If you are wanting a low/no stress way to get students prepped for SBAC, check out our Interim assessment infographic for different administration ideas!



### The Squeeze: Fresh Ideas Podcast!

Be sure to checkout and subscribe to the accompanying Podcast! You can find "The Squeeze: Fresh Ideas" podcast through the Apple Podcasts app or through the myOUSD portal.