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Twitter in the Classroom

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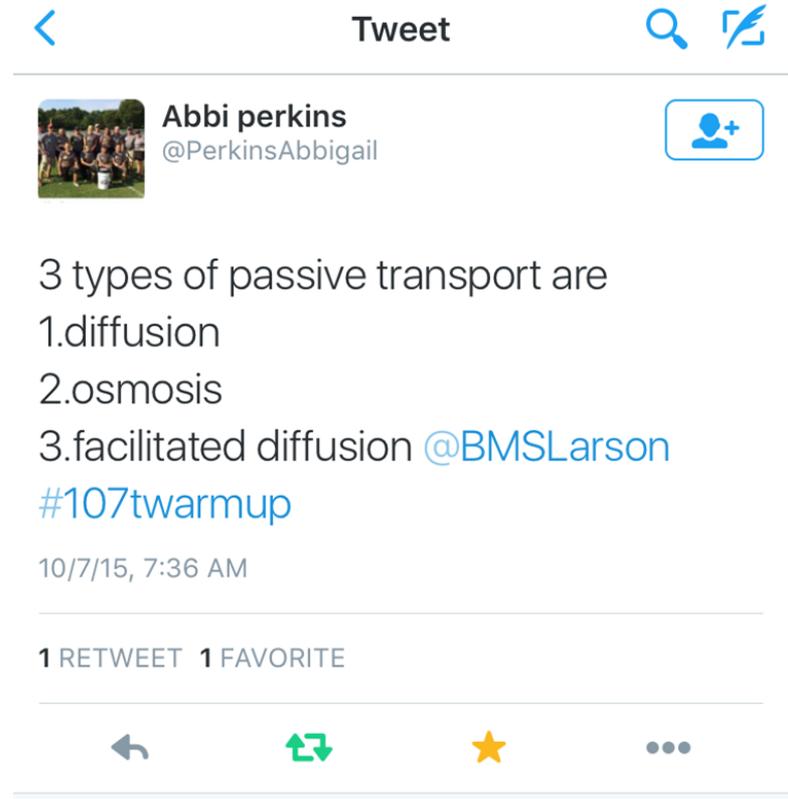
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Overview

- Uses
- Procedures
- Expectations of both students and teachers



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Uses of Twitter

- “Twarmups”
- Reminders
- Announcements
- Bonus questions
- Parent communication
- Chat with professionals
- Supplementary materials
- Create a character
- Summarize information (140 characters or less)
- Anything!



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What are Twarmups?

- Daily warm-ups
- Completed either online or using a “Tweet Sheet”
- Posted on the board and on Twitter

Name: _____ Class Period: _____

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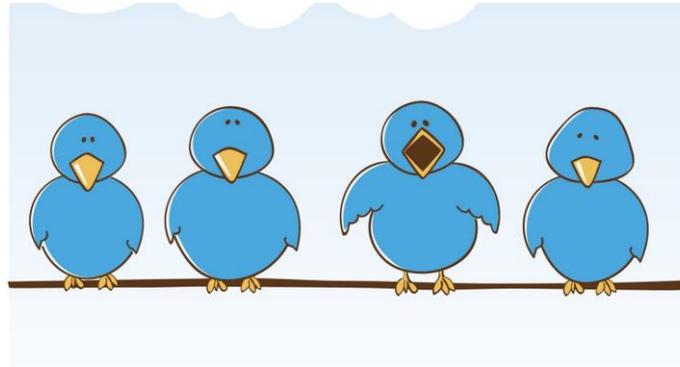
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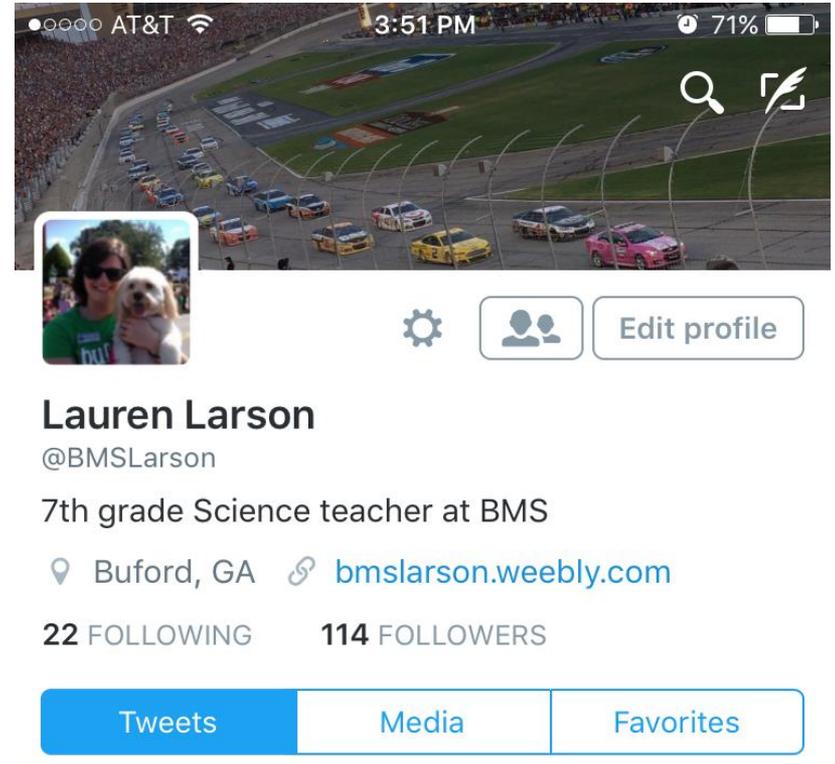
Procedures

- You must get permission from parents for their child to use Twitter.
 - No permission = No Twitter
- Students can use their own personal Twitter account or create a new account.

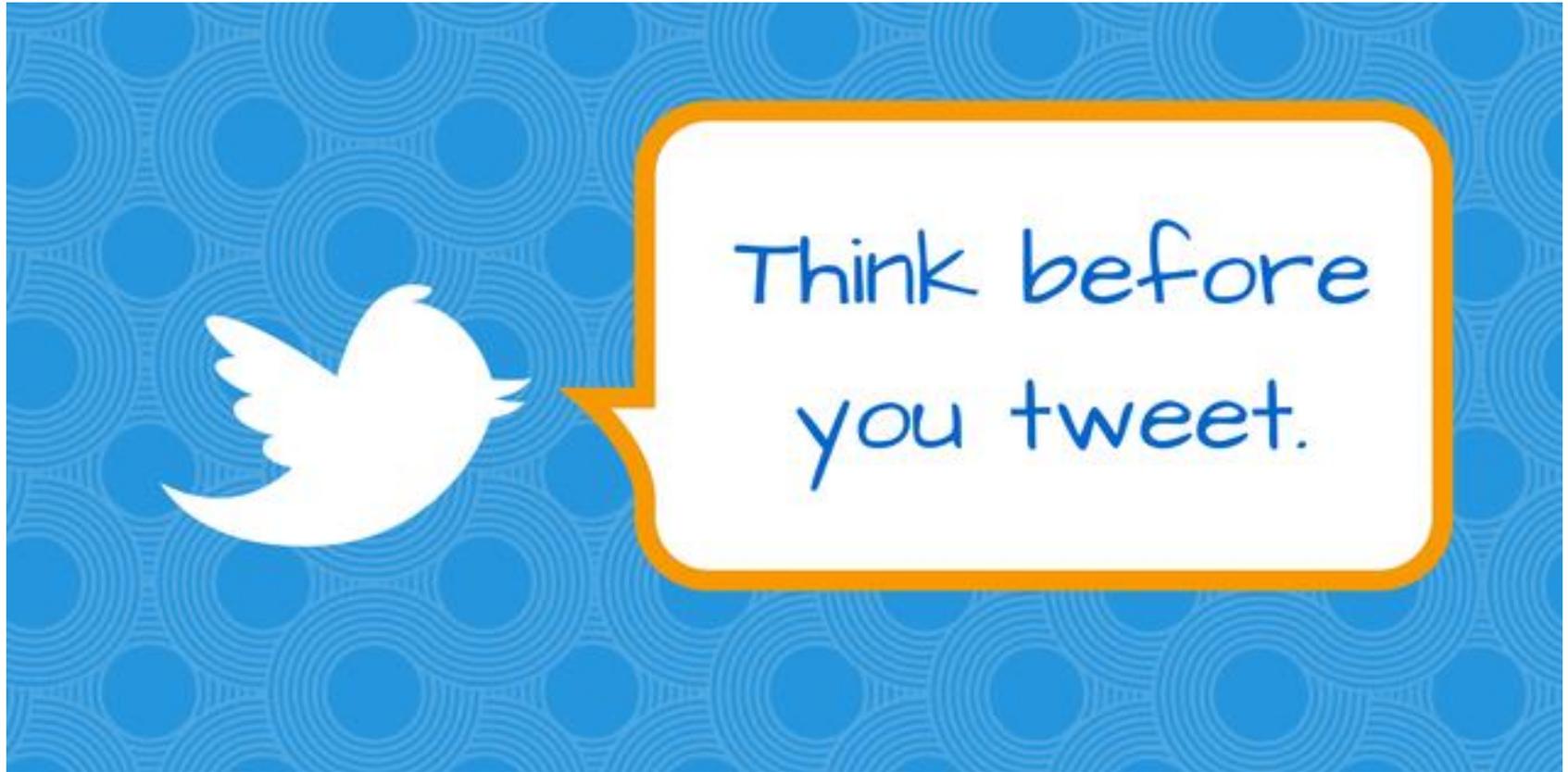


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- The first step is for students to “follow” me.
- They will tweet their answers to me using my username (@BMSLarson) and a hashtag.
- Their answers have to be in complete sentences.

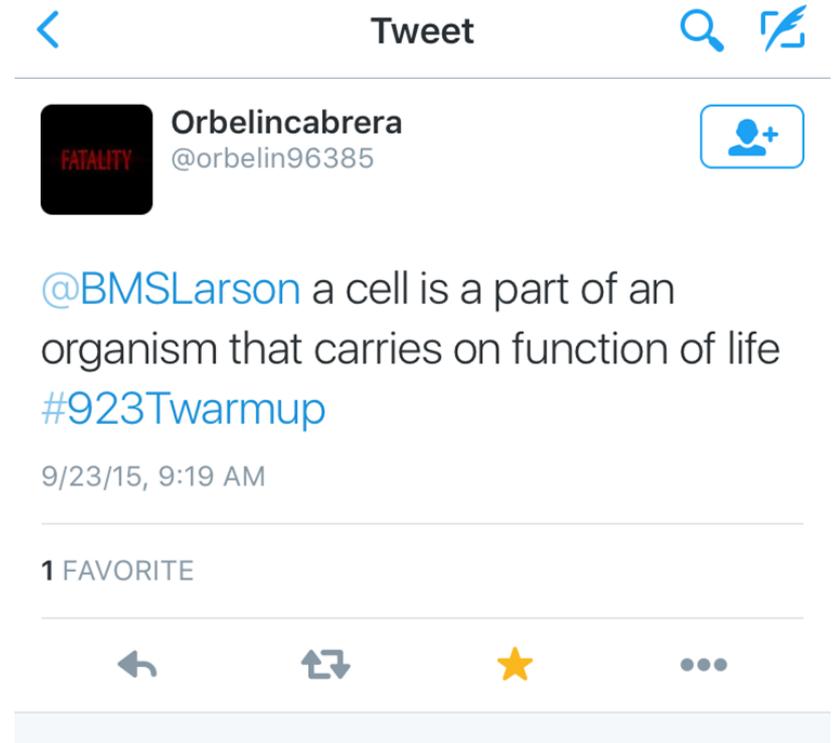


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- Always use a specific, searchable hashtag.
- Be creative with your hashtag!



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- The teacher will favorite all responses for grading purposes.
- The most in-depth and accurate answers will be ReTweeted.

↻ You Retweeted



Abbi perkins @PerkinsAbbigail

8h

3 types of passive transport are

1.diffusion

2.osmosis

3.facilitated diffusion @BMSLarson

#107twarmup



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- Always check for accuracy with student answers.
- If a student does not answer correctly, reply directly to them so that they can fix their answer.



Zayne Kirchoff
@KirchoffZayne



@BMSLarson name the levels of organization! #106twarmup Cell tissue organism

10/6/15, 9:23 AM

1 FAVORITE



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@KirchoffZayne You're missing a couple... What comes in between tissue and organism? Hint: There are two.



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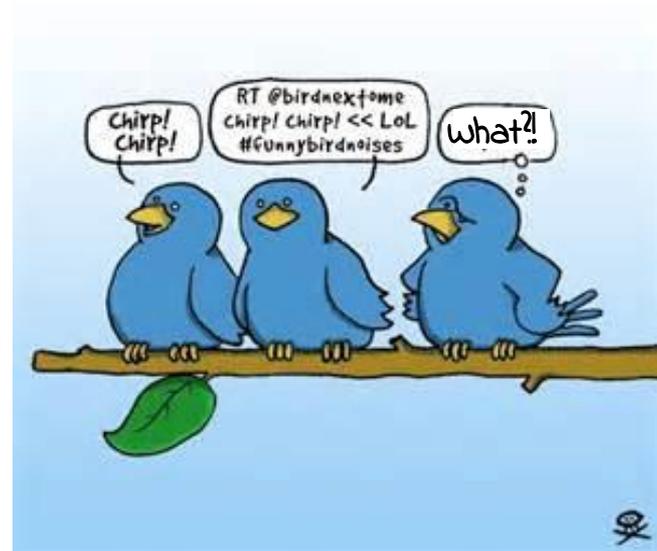
- Also can be used for
 - showcasing student work or projects
 - special announcements or updates
 - extra credit
 - bonus questions
 - random information



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Benefits

- Applies their social media experiences to use for educational purposes
- Gives students the opportunity to connect with leaders around the world
- Creates buy-in
- It's fun!



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Student Expectations

- Students can only be on Twitter... no other sites.
- Activity has to be completed within a specific time allotment.
 - Twarmups have to be completed within the first 3 minutes of class.



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Student Expectations (Cont.)

- Students must use school wi-fi, not their own data plan.
 - No control otherwise!
- One misuse loses privilege for the entire class for one week.



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Teacher Expectations

- Make a professional account that is separate from your personal account.
- Don't ever "follow" students!
- Limit communication with students to only school-related information.



Don't be like
these guys...

Hashtag



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Questions?

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