Instructional Tool/App of the Week: Candor App and Website

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Product Description: How can we improve, enhance, and get more engagement in brainstorming activities with students, teachers, and administrators? During our ARI staff meeting last week, Dr. Jeff Hawkins presented us with one such solution, through an iPad App called, Candor. Candor is a digital tool that helps individuals quickly gather and collect information or ideas to make decisions. One of the things that I totally agree with is the statement on the Candor iTunes Description: "Research shows that collecting ideas privately before group discussions produces far more diverse ideas and leads to better solution than the typical approach to brainstorming." This app will allow students/staff members who once sat quietly back in the room the opportunity to voice their idea.

NOTE: You don't have to have an iPad or iPhone to use this tool. You can have students use the web link to access the brainstorming session.

Features:
- **Unlimited**
- **Invite users by sharing code**
- **Control**
- **Notification when card submitted**
- **Can be done on iPad, iPhone, or Computer**

Four Step Process:
1. Create a Brainstorm - Create a question or problem that a group of students or faculty members can brainstorm
2. Share the Code: Email the code to your students or staff members.
3. Once responses have been received and reviewed. Organize them.
4. Meet with the group of students, PLCs, or Staff members to discuss them as a group.

iTunes Preview Site of Candor App: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/candor-app/id889196054?mt=8

Website Link: http://usecandor.com -

Views from iPad (iPhone App):

**1ˢᵗ** Click App – The below screen will appear. Enter your login information (Press Login) or Create an account if first time (Click Create an Account)
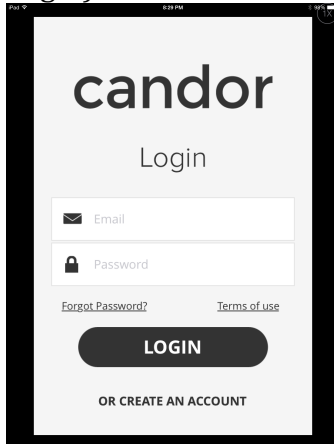
2ⁿᵈ **Select** - My Brainstorms, Join, or Create from the screen below.
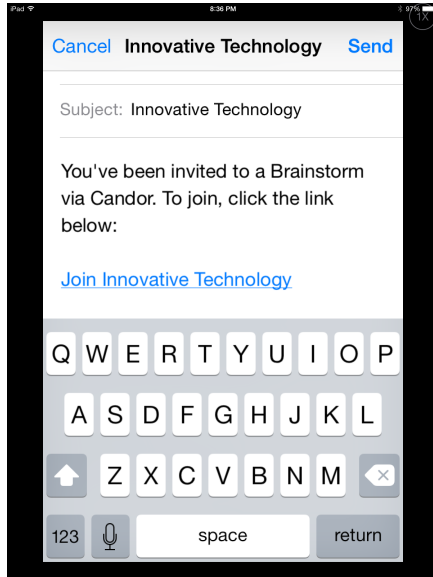
- **Create Brainstorm** – enter information for the Brainstorming Session, then Press **Create Brainstorm.**   The next screen will be the Invite code and Add Card option.
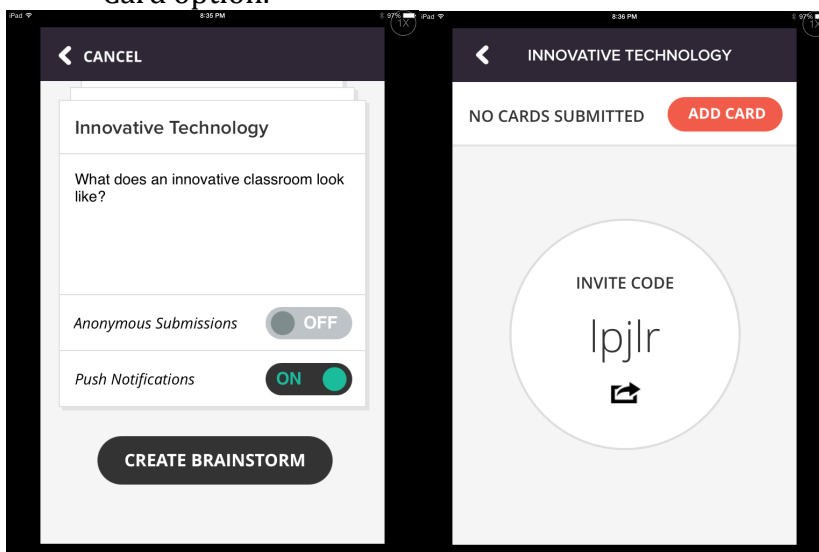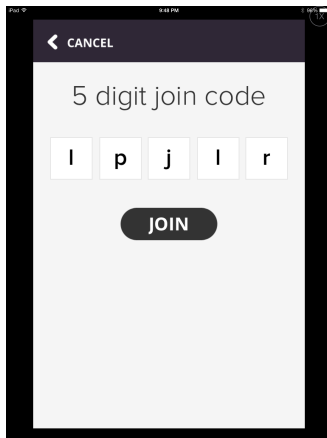
- By pressing Add Card you can create a brainstorming response.

- By clicking Invite Code, it creates an email, using your default Email, that you can send.

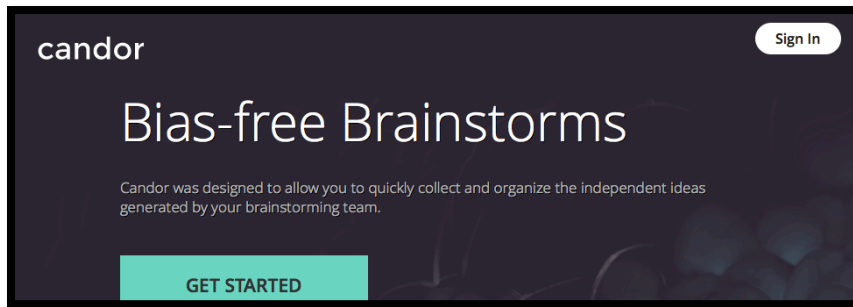**3ʳᵈ Join** – By pressing Join you must have a 5 digit code to Join the brainstorming session.

4ᵗʰ My Brainstorms – Lists all the brainstorms you have.

5ᵗʰ Why and How – Both of these tabs will provide you with information about the product.

Views from MacBook Air (Website):

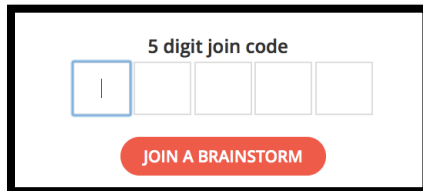1st Log in at : http://usecandor.com

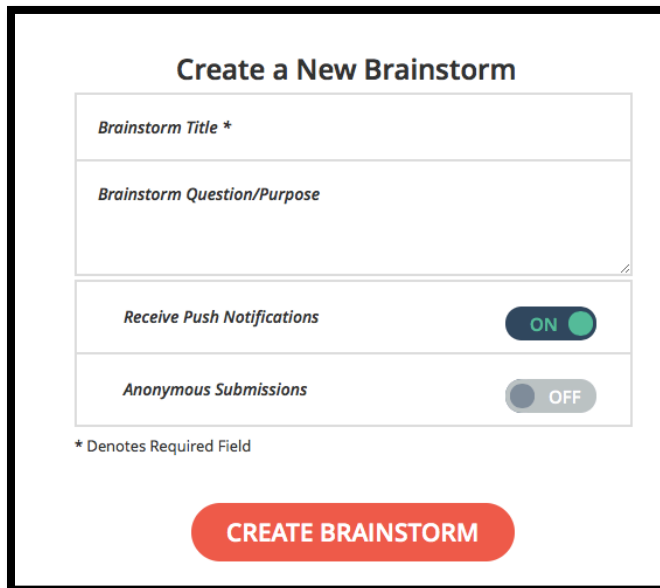2nd Either Create or Join a brainstorming session

3rd If you

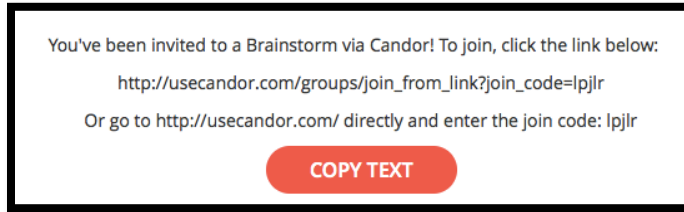- JOIN – Enter your 5 digit code

- Create – Enter information for the brainstorming session
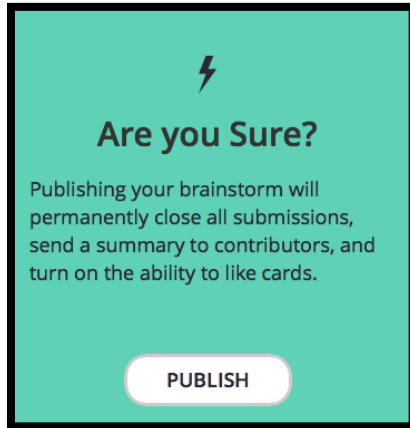

4th After the Brainstorming session is created. You can Invite, Publish (Only if you have a Card added), Edit, or Add A Card (By adding a card you are publishing a brainstorming idea)

- **Invite** – By pressing invite you will be given a URL and code that you can place in an email or tweet on a website, LMS (Blackboard or on the Holler)

You've been invited to a Brainstorm via Candor! To join, click the link below:

http://usecandor.com/groups/join_from_link?join_code=lpjlr

Or go to http://usecandor.com/ directly and enter the join code: lpjlr

COPY TEXT

- **Publish** – By selecting (1st you must have at least one card in the brainstorming session) you will close the event.
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Are you Sure?

Publishing your brainstorm will permanently close all submissions, send a summary to contributors, and turn on the ability to like cards.

PUBLISH

- **Edit** – Will allow you to edit the original information.
- **New Card** – Here you can add you response to a brainstorming question.

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New Card

What does an innovative classroom look like?

By **You**

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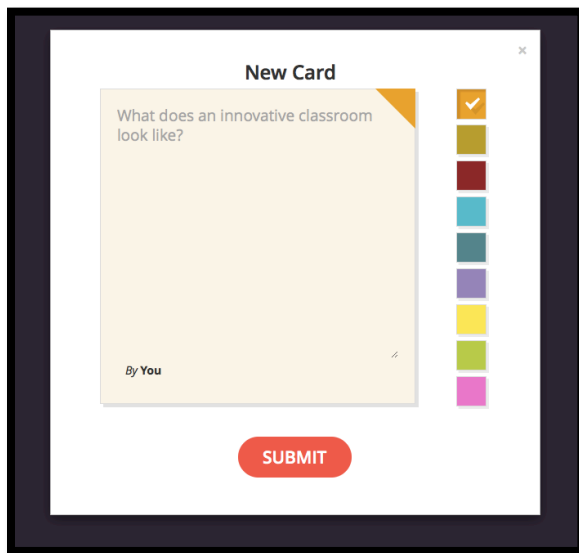
5th Once the session has ended you will publish and organize the posts.