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Blog 3: A Day in My Life without Media

*With Media…*

My cell phone and my computer structure my day. I use my cell phone as an alarm clock, to check the time, reminding me to hurry up and get out of the door in the morning for work. I use the calendar in my cell phone to remind myself of upcoming events, to make appointments, to run errands, etc. My cell phone and computer lead me to Facebook where I keep in touch with friends, see pictures and videos family from all over the country and how big their children are getting, different events going on in their lives, and for birthday reminders. I use my computer for lesson planning, grade recording, and website updating for my job, to check my three email accounts, to research engaging teaching ideas for my classroom, to search google for an answer to just about anything I am pondering. I use my cell phone weather app to look at the forecast for the week to plan my activities accordingly. Instagram, Pinterest, Blackboard, Facebook, Clock, Calculator, The Weather Channel, Chrome, Calendar, Camera, Gmail, Phone (where my contacts are stored), and Messaging (for text messaging) are the main applications depicted on the home screen of my Samsung Galaxy smart phone. I use Word, Excel, Audacity, Windows Movie Maker, PowerPoint, and all of my “favorites” stored in my main web browser to complete my tasks for the online degree I am currently working toward. I call my mom on the way home from work pretty much every day to see how her day was and to share how mine went. I listen to the news/music on the radio in the car on my 35 minute commute to work to stay current with events and new songs.

*Without Media…*

Would I be earning my EdD in Instructional Technology and Distance Education with a concentration in Curriculum Development without the convenience of media? How would I wake up in the morning on time for work? How would I remember to go to the doctor/dentist? How would I keep in touch with friends and family? How many people would I insult by not remembering their birthday? What would I do without media? Sadly, I would be completely lost.