

Description

During parent conferences on October 29, 2015 I handed out information about Remind which is a way for me to send out group text messages to parents who sign up. For the parents who I have not met with, I sent home the information in the student's Friday folders. By Sunday morning I already had 3 parents from my partner teacher's homeroom and 4 parents from my homeroom.

Impact

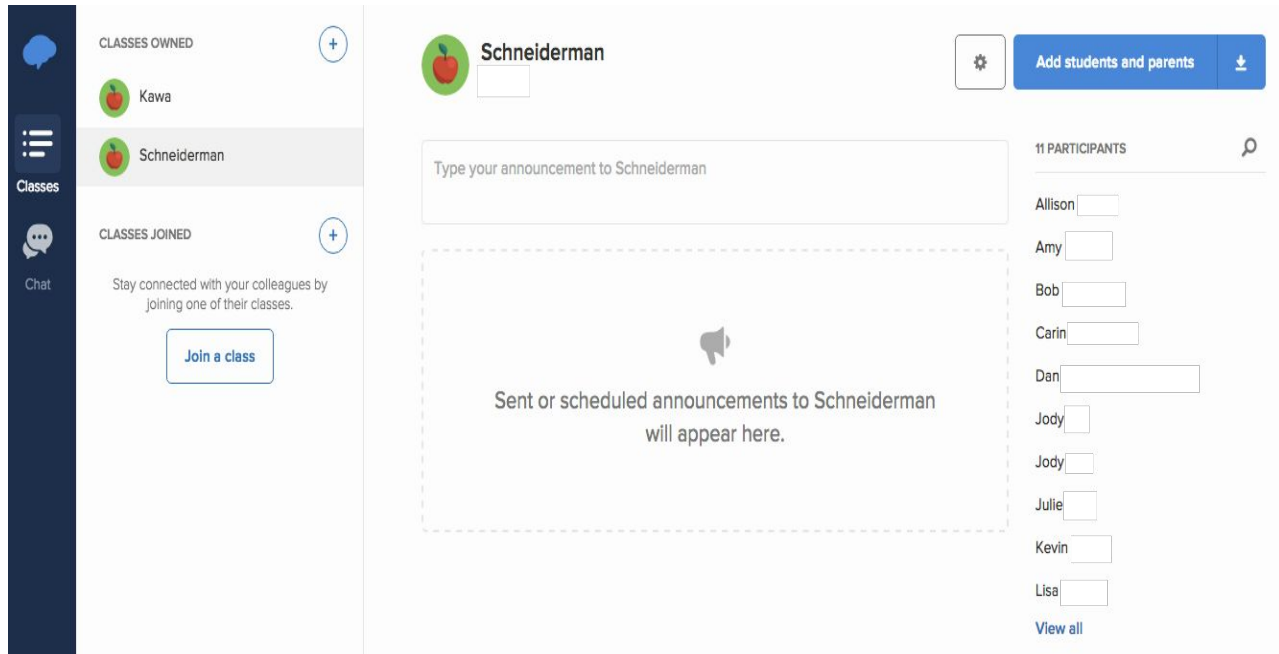
My wife has been using Remind now for a couple of years. She has told me that it has helped her with her school to home communication. She explains that too often there is a communication break down when you send information home with the students. With Remind she doesn't have to rely on the students giving the information to their parents once they get home. This communication tool allows her to get the information directly to the person who needs it. For me, I can't believe it has taken me this long to begin using it. In addition to my wife telling me about it I have heard about at the E-Tech conference I attended last year, and it has been discussed in some of my Akron classes. With several parents signing up for it after just days, it confirms that parents want to know what is going on in their child's classroom. I wasn't sure of the response I would get, but I am even more encouraged and motivated to start using Remind.

Intent

For the immediate future I want to see if more parents will sign up for Remind. In a few days from November 1, 2015 I will again check to see if more parents have signed up. By the end of the week I will send out my first group text message thanking the parents for signing up and confirming that it works. After I use it a few times I will ask for some feedback from the parents on how it is working and what type of group messages they want sent using Remind. This will allow me to use it efficiently and effectively. After I get some feedback from the parents, I will send out more information on how to sign up for Remind to the parents who haven't signed up and explain to them how other parents have benefited from using it. My goal is to get at least 50% of my parents signed up before winter break and then continue working on getting more parents signed up by the end of the school year. I have already explained to the parents that the plan is to send out messages that pertain to school-wide events like fundraisers and book fairs as well as things happening in the classroom like when projects are due or test dates. If all goes well, this will be something that I use at the beginning of the school year next year.

Once I have more experience using Remind, I plan on training other teachers in my building how to use it and how it has benefited myself, the students, and the parents.

Remind screenshot for my homeroom



This screenshot shows the Remind app interface for a homeroom class. The left sidebar contains icons for a chat bubble, a list of classes, and a chat icon. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'CLASSES OWNED' with a plus icon, 'CLASSES JOINED' with a plus icon, and a 'Join a class' button. The 'CLASSES OWNED' section lists 'Kawa' and 'Schneiderman'. The 'CLASSES JOINED' section has a message: 'Stay connected with your colleagues by joining one of their classes.' The main content area features a header for 'Schneiderman' with a settings gear icon, an 'Add students and parents' button, and a download icon. Below the header is a text input field for announcements. A large dashed box contains a megaphone icon and the text: 'Sent or scheduled announcements to Schneiderman will appear here.' On the right, a list of 11 participants is shown, each with a name and a checkbox: Allison, Amy, Bob, Carin, Dan, Jody, Jody, Julie, Kevin, Lisa, and View all.

CLASSES OWNED (+)

Kawa

Schneiderman

CLASSES JOINED (+)

Stay connected with your colleagues by joining one of their classes.

Join a class

Schneiderman

Type your announcement to Schneiderman

11 PARTICIPANTS

Allison

Amy

Bob

Carin

Dan

Jody

Jody

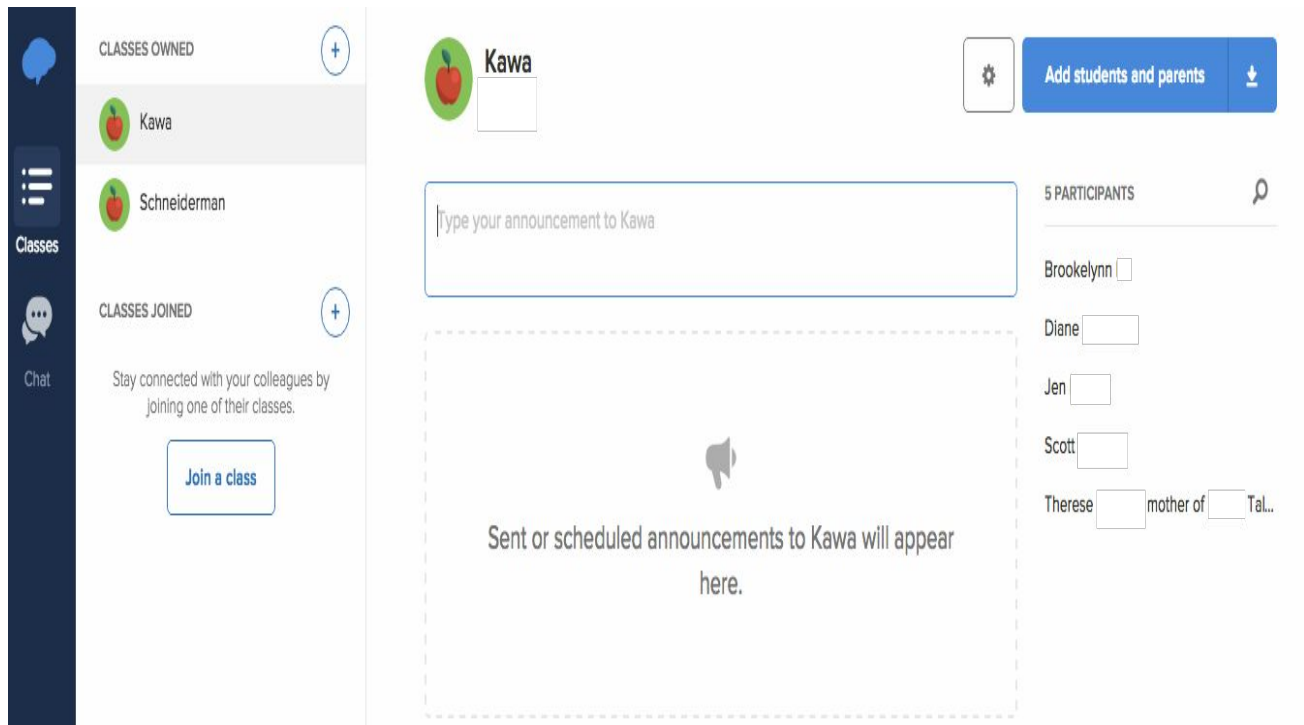
Julie

Kevin

Lisa

View all

Remind screenshot for my 2nd switch class



This screenshot shows the Remind app interface for a 2nd switch class. The left sidebar is identical to the first screenshot. The main content area features a header for 'Kawa' with a settings gear icon, an 'Add students and parents' button, and a download icon. Below the header is a text input field for announcements. A large dashed box contains a megaphone icon and the text: 'Sent or scheduled announcements to Kawa will appear here.' On the right, a list of 5 participants is shown, each with a name and a checkbox: Brookelynn, Diane, Jen, Scott, and Therese mother of Tal...

CLASSES OWNED (+)

Kawa

Schneiderman

CLASSES JOINED (+)

Stay connected with your colleagues by joining one of their classes.

Join a class

Kawa

Type your announcement to Kawa

5 PARTICIPANTS

Brookelynn

Diane

Jen

Scott

Therese mother of Tal...

