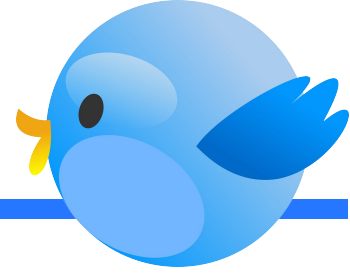
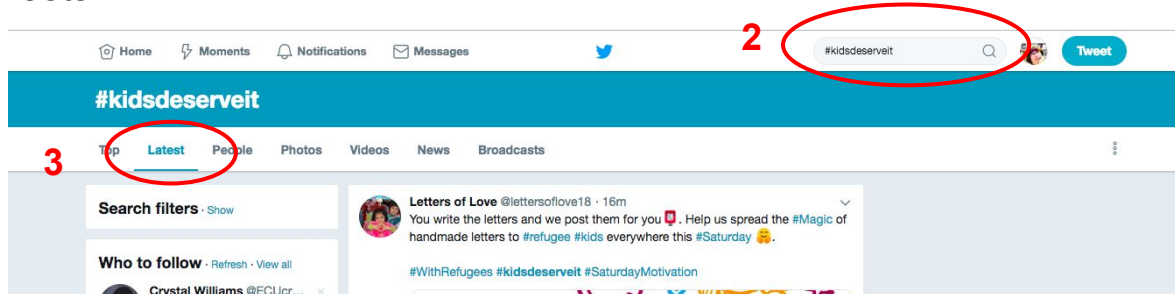


# Taming Twitter Chats



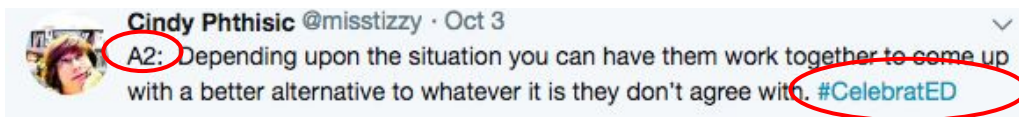
## Finding Your Chat

1. Know your group's hashtag. Know the day and time they will meet.
2. At the appropriate day and time, go to Twitter on your computer or mobile device. Search for the hashtag (ex. #pqreads)
3. Inside of Search, click on the "Latest" section. This will display the most recent tweets.



## Participating in a Chat

1. When the chat begins, the moderator will post a welcome tweet that asks you to let the others know who you are and your role in your organization. Tweet your reply and include the hashtag for the chat.
2. After a couple of minutes they will begin asking questions. These begin with Q1, Q2, Q3, etc.
3. Your response should begin with A (for answer) and the corresponding question number: A1, A2, A3, etc.
4. Make sure you include the hashtag for the chat before you post. This allows other group members to see your posts even if they don't follow you.



## Final Thoughts

Twitter chats can move at different paces depending upon how popular they are. It's ok to lurk without responding the first few times. Take the time to read through, like, retweet or reply to the posts made by others in the chat. Once you get a feel for the flow of things be sure to add your own thoughts and follow other group members.

Use these steps to help you get started with Twitter Chats and before long you'll be tweeting like a pro!

Find schedules for education related Twitter chats at:

<https://www.participate.com/chats>

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