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Installs and Upgrades

The 2007-2008 school year is off to a wonderful start throughout our district. For many schools the new school year has provided new or upgraded technology in classrooms and throughout the building.

- All schools upgraded to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones this year.
- At Woodland and Ramay, mounted projectors and 8' screens were installed in many classrooms through a district technology project.
- FHS also had projectors and screens mounted in many classrooms.
- ALLPS received a laptop cart for mobile use throughout the building.
- In the elementary schools, many classrooms received new or upgraded projectors and screens, as well as other classroom equipment, such as Elmo document cameras.



In addition, wireless access points are being installed in many of our schools this semester to provide complete wireless coverage from anywhere in the building.

Secondary Intervention

Two programs with technology components have been adopted by the district this year for intervention programs in the secondary schools. For literacy, Holt, Ramay, and FHS are implementing Read 180 by Scholastic. This program uses a rotation model, including whole group instruction, independent reading, small-group instruction, and the use of instructional software. For math, Ramay and FHS are using Carnegie Cognitive Tutor by Carnegie Learning. Curriculum areas in this program include Bridge to Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

New Faces, New Places

The Technology Department extends a warm welcome to some new teammates.

Sean Bateman is the Lab Supervisor at Fayetteville High School. He has a Master's of Education degree in Educational Technology from the University of Arkansas. He has worked with our district previously as an intern, helping teachers and students at Leverett create projects and integrate technology. He has also worked with Continuing Education at the University of Arkansas to develop online classes, and has a background in video production. Sean has two elementary-aged children.



Sean Bateman

Jake Porter is the System Administrator for the Technology Department. Jake is a familiar face to many as the previous Lab Supervisor at Fayetteville High School. He graduated from the University of Arkansas Sam M. Walton College of Business with a BSBA in Information Systems. While in college he worked on the staff of the University of Arkansas Men's Basketball team as a Manager. After college, he worked for the City of Fayetteville - Operations Division. He is a state certified Part-time Police Officer.



Jake Porter

Thomas Meyer is the GIS & Database Systems Project Manager. Thomas works with the district's Geographical Information System as a support tool for administrators. He also manages the database systems within the district. Thomas earned a degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 2000. He previously worked with a Boston-based technology company.



Thomas Meyer



Marianne Hauser

Professional Development News

The PD program in our district has a relatively new face. Marianne Hauser has joined the Curriculum Instruction and Assessment (CIAA) team as the district's Professional Development Coordinator. She has been working with technology professional development; as the District's new PD Coordinator, her role will expand to include all areas of professional development. The district's next PDI - scheduled for November 19th and 20th - will be held at FHS. Visit the online PD website for classes and locations.

Grant Opportunities

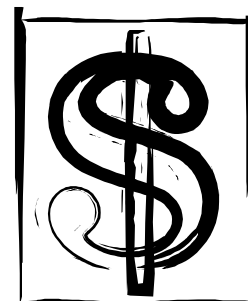
* Technology & Learning's Digital Photo Contest for Kids *

Technology & Learning invites K-12 students to participate in the sixth annual digital photography contest. The competition, open to all K-12 students, challenges you to capture—and share—your unique vision of the world in a "Digital Diary—Through My Lens." If you have an artistic side, you also have the option to digitally enhance your photos with your favorite imaging software.

<http://www.techlearning.com/portraits/index.php>

Application deadline: October 19, 2007

Application process: Students should submit the best possible photo along with a short description about how the photograph reflects the students' point of view. All material is submitted online.



* Target Field Trip Grants *

Target will award up to 800 educators grants of \$1,000 each to fund a field trip for their students, from art museums and environmental projects to cultural events and civic experiences.

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537>

Application deadline: November 1, 2007

Application process: Online

Web Resource



Teachers And Families (www.teachersandfamilies.com) offers free learning resources for pre-K through high school students. Developed by teachers for students and parents, it emphasizes content for pre-schoolers, special education students, and those who are gifted and talented. Parent content includes information on parenting skills, working effectively with schools, and strategies to help students become more interested and successful in school. Though membership is available, it is not required; many of the resources are free.