

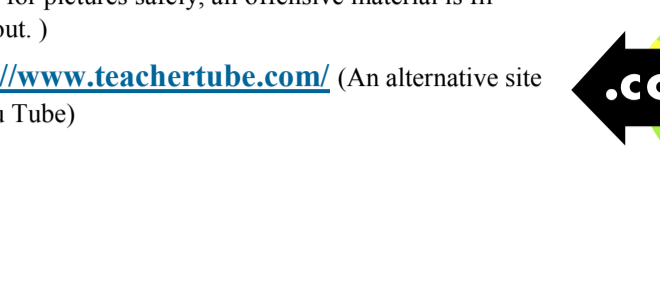
Technology Newsletter

Current Events

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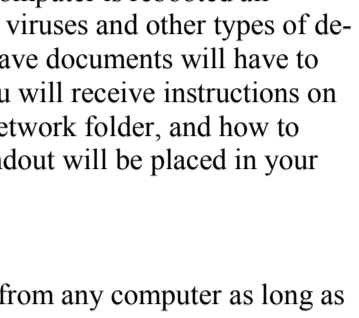
We are pleased to announce the arrival of computers from the building project. A computer lab will be added to the Elementary School, a mini lab in the Elementary Media Center, a Tech Ed. Lab in the Middle School, and a science lab in the High School.

The Technology department is also working on installing a new software in all of the computer labs. It is a classroom management software called SynchronEyes. It is designed to let the "teacher" computer view what the "student" computers are doing. You can also create quizzes or lock and control computers remotely. This software is installed in the Middle School computer lab, HS room 218, and the Middle School Media Center. Eventually, it will be in all of the labs. Click on the picture below for more information and to view a demo.



Interesting Sites

- <http://www.picsearch.com/> (Allows children to search for pictures safely, all offensive material is filtered out.)
- <http://www.teachertube.com/> (An alternative site to YouTube)



Deep Freeze

Each computer in the district is going to get the newest version of Deep Freeze installed. In order to help save energy, Deep Freeze will shut off each computer every night. Many of you that already have deep freeze on your computers know that documents cannot be saved on the computer because as soon as the computer is rebooted all changes are lost. This helps protect the computers against viruses and other types of destructive behavior. This means that everyone wishing to save documents will have to save them to the network, or to a personal flash drive. You will receive instructions on how to access your network folder, how to save to your network folder, and how to move existing documents into your network folder. A handout will be placed in your mailbox.

There are many benefits to saving to the network:

- You will be able to access all of your documents from any computer as long as you are logged into the computer as yourself.
- The servers are backed up every night so if something is accidentally deleted you can notify Matt and Heather as soon as possible and they will restore the document for you.
- In the event that your computer crashes you will not lose any data since it is now on the network.

Don't worry....Deep Freeze will not affect what is already on your computer. Everything that is there now will be there after it is installed. Also, Deep Freeze can be temporarily turned off, or "thawed". If you would like to make permanent changes to your computer, install software, hardware, etc., simply fill out a problem sheet and we will temporarily "thaw" your computer for you. Most of the computer labs have the new version installed and we will be making our way into classrooms soon. You will be notified when Deep Freeze is installed on your computer.

Friendly Reminder

We would just like to remind people that students should not be allowed to use computers that are on the administrative network. The computers that are on the administrative network include all office computers, nurse computers, and all bibliomation computers in the media centers. If you are unsure if your computer is on the administrative network, please do not hesitate to ask Heather or Matt.

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