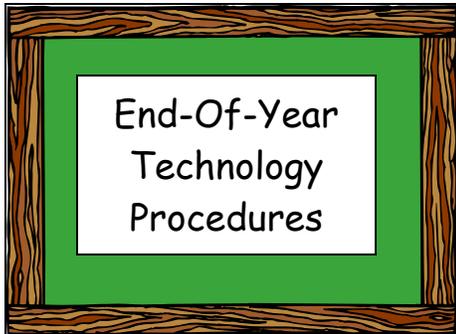




# Technology Newsletter



## End-of-Year Technology Procedures

**Employees leaving for the summer should follow these end-of-year procedures for technology equipment:**

- Label all pieces of equipment, including cables and cords.
- Please DO NOT unplug power cords to computers – JUST SHUT DOWN.
- Please DO NOT unplug power cords for TV, printer, projectors, etc.
- Please DO NOT unplug cables behind TV.
- Please DO NOT unplug hubs.
- Please label and store all remotes in a safe place to be retrieved when school starts. (Technology Department is not responsible for lost or damaged remotes.)
- Remove batteries from remotes to prevent corrosion.
- No *Power On* passwords on any PC.
- All Mimio equipment should be labeled and stored together in your locked cabinet. This equipment includes the Mimio bar, Mimio pen, Mimio pad, and the Mimio USB dongle, which is inserted in the USB port on your desktop computer.
- Classroom iPads should be stored in your locked cabinet/closet for the summer.

**It is extremely important that all of your technology equipment be kept together since most of it is room specific and cannot be interchanged from room to room. Before leaving for the summer, please label any technology that is not permanently attached so it can be kept together. Please label each piece with your room number and store all pieces together in your locked cabinet in your classroom.**



***A very special “Thank You” to the 2015-2016 Technology Task Force Members:***

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# TCEA<sup>2016</sup>

CONVENTION & EXPOSITION

## CONNECTED

Twenty-three teachers/staff members throughout the district attended the Texas Computer Education Association in Austin from February 2—5, 2016. The TCEA Annual Convention and Exposition brings together campus and district-level educators to explore best practices for engaging students, increasing productivity, and innovating teaching and learning through the use of technology.



There were more than 900 industry expert and peer-led presentations on technology integration across all curricula areas for Pre-K through higher education. Over 450 companies were in the exhibit hall displaying the latest products and resources to support teaching and leadership efforts. There were also stimulating keynote and featured presentations to inspire change for classroom, campus and district-wide success.



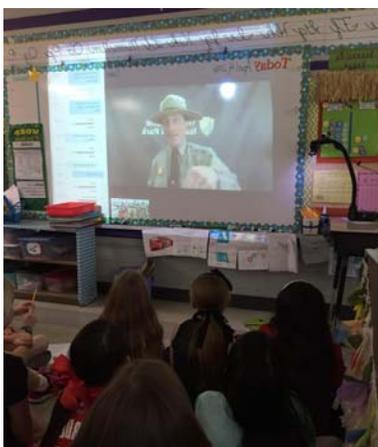
Van Buren Elementary 2nd graders enjoyed a Mystery Skype with the Wyoming Museum on February 5, 2016. The students asked questions to get clues as to where the people they were Skyping were located. Once the students guessed the location, the Museum Guide told them all about the state of Wyoming and the Museum. It was a great experience for the students!

## Mystery Skype

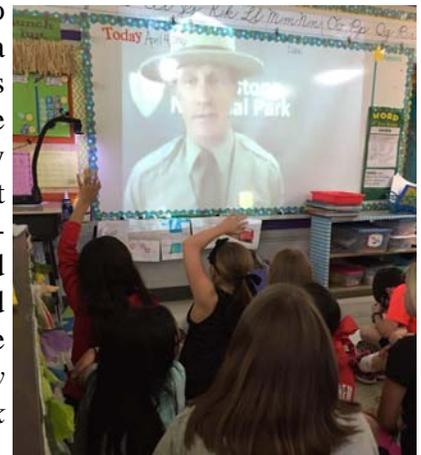


**Skype in the Classroom is an amazing tool for enhancing your lessons and making them come alive for your students! Simply go to <https://education.skype.com/> to register and download Skype from [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com) (using your school email for your account) to get started. Then browse the many options that Skype in the Classroom has to offer to match your lesson plans. Need help or have questions? Call Dana Godair in the Technology Department at 962-0117 or email at [dgodair@pngisd.org](mailto:dgodair@pngisd.org) for assistance. Open up the world to your students. Happy Skyping!**

Mrs. Gray's homeroom class at Port Neches Elementary has been learning about the environment and what better way to learn but to SKYPE with a Yellowstone National Park Ranger! Monday, April 4, 2016, Mrs.



Gray's class had the wonderful opportunity to Skype with Ranger Brian. Ranger Brian, a man who loves his job educating students about the park, showed his enthusiasm for the 144-year old park by giving a little history lesson about Yellowstone, explained about the wildlife that roams, plant life, and answered many fun questions! They learned cool FUN FACTS about the park and learned that WE OWN all 58 National Parks in the United States! How cool is that? *"We enjoy Skyping and learning in our class and look forward to more opportunities!"* Mrs. Gray.



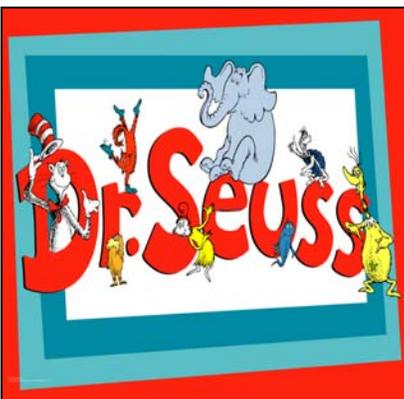
This year, we have enjoyed several learning opportunities through Region 5, Connect2Texas and The Texas Wildlife Association. Classrooms have participated in reading discoveries with former First Lady Barbara Bush, learned about monarch butterflies and dinosaurs and even partied with Dr. Seuss! Distance Learning is an amazing way to learn. It transports your students "out of the classroom" and into a great world of wonder and imagination. Want to see the seven wonders of the world, how about a visit to the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., study the battles of the Civil War and see where they were fought in real time. All of this and more is at your fingertips! Take advantage of the free opportunities offered. New lessons are forwarded to your campus technology person for distribution regularly. Registration is fast and easy. Oh, the places you'll go!

## Video Conferencing In the Classroom



### Reading Discovery—Featuring First Lady Barbara Bush

On January 28th, Mrs. Woodall's reading class joined Mrs. Cavender's reading classroom in a Reading Discovery distance learning program featuring First Lady, Barbara Bush. Her husband, President George H. Bush, Sr., was instrumental in bringing down the Berlin Wall, a symbol of the Cold War free people who suffered harsh treatment. Our class was not chosen to ask questions, but students heard Mrs. Annett Kresser tell her personal story of how she escaped East Germany by hiding in a small enclosed area in the front of a bus. She told about the terrible conditions that people lived in East Germany. Having an education helped her in the free world and she talked about the many freedoms that we enjoy each day but she was denied in East Germany. Students enjoyed hearing from German students and Mrs. Barbara Bush. We also learned about an interactive game app, Cold War Dare, that has been developed where players are the President making decisions about the fall of the Berlin Wall. Students enjoyed seeing the Bush Library at Texas A&M and learning about the impact of the Berlin Wall.



Region 5 ELA Coordinator, Angela Mireles, held a Dr. Seuss Video Party on March 2nd. Students from Van Buren and Woodcrest participated in the party. Ms. Mireles read *The Cat in the Hat* and *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* to the kindergarten and first grade students. For second and third grade students, she read *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back* and *Yertle the Turtle*. Some special Region 5 staff members' children joined the video. They read the stories and made a Dr. Seuss glyph. Students also received some very special Dr. Seuss treats!

Teachers were given a list of supplies both for the glyph and the treats. Both groups made Cat in the Hat glyphs. Students focused on skills of rhyming, alliteration, main idea and also, for the older group, treating others as you want to be treated.

