



Technology Newsletter

**Celina Ellis with
Chef Jeff Henderson**



PN-GISD sent 10 teachers/staff to the 33rd annual convention and exposition of the Texas Computer Education Association in Austin from February 5-8. Fusion: Learning in a New Light was this year's theme. This year's keynote speaker was Chef Jeff Henderson. Chef Henderson is a New York Times Best-Selling Author and America's Most Inspirational Culinary Star who made history by becoming the first African-American Chef de Cuisine at Las Vegas Caesar's Palace. His journey of growing up on the wrong side of the tracks landed him a 10-year prison sentence. While there he developed a love of cooking and later climbed the food industry ladder to success on the industry's biggest stages.

TCEA's annual convention is one of the largest educational technology conventions in the nation and the largest in Texas.



**Paisley Ware and Melanie Howard
At TCEA With Moby**

Moby is a character in BrainPop, one of the educational websites used at PN-GISD, which displays animated, curriculum-based content that supports educators and is fun and motivational for students!



If you have any questions about the Technology Task Force meetings and/or agenda items, please contact your campus representative....

Bailey Baxter, Rhonda Bourgeois, Pam Choate, Alysha Daniels, Kim Davis, Tanya Davis, Andrew Dismukes, Scarlet Hammersmith, Shawn Landry, Kenneth Leavins, Diane Leckich, Michelle Mitchell, Mary Jane Moore, Lisa Badon, Stacey Richards, Holly Sartin, Laura Shipman, Tyler Sumrall, Crystal Werkheiser, Ann Woodall

Remaining Meeting Date: May 2, 2013

Region 5 Mobile Mania Conference



Mobile devices have been proven to be useful and essential for integrating technology in the classroom. Several teachers/staff throughout the district had the opportunity to learn more about mobile device implementation by attending the Mobile Mania Conference hosted by Region 5 on February 13. Participants attended various training sessions to learn the accomplishments and experiences of integrating mobile devices in the classroom from various presenters. Several vendors were also on hand. The keynote speaker was Jon Samuelson, better known as ipadsammy on Twitter. He shared his mobile learning story of how the introduction of a mobile iPod lab at his school made an impact on his class and his life. He also shared great ideas and tips from his district, Eanes ISD.



Using Skype in the Classroom



Miss Downs' and Mrs. Belaire's second grade classes Skyped Miss Downs' sister and nephew in Angola, Africa as one of their technology requirements for the 2012-2013 school year. Miss Down's nephew, Trenton is about the same age as the second grade students and she thought it would be interesting for the students at Van Buren Elementary to hear about the school and culture in Angola. The second graders wanted to know what kind of pets Trenton had. They also were interested in the weather in Angola. The classes were surprised about the price of bread and hamburgers in Angola. They found out that a loaf of bread cost \$9 and a hamburger and fries costs \$15 to \$20. The students wanted to know what language was spoken in Angola, and found out it was Portuguese. Miss Downs' class wrote stories about the Skype experience the next day.



PN-GISD now has a mobile app for the iPhone.

From the app store, download the ischoolbox app free of charge. Once it is downloaded, type **“Port Neches-Groves ISD”** in the search box. Thanks to Groves Middle School and Diana Lege for being the first campus to use this app. Look for other campuses to be added soon.

PDExpress Reminder

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