



Technology Newsletter

Laptop Update at the Middle Schools

Groves Middle School

Laptops have been distributed to the academic classrooms at Groves Middle School. The 6th grade classes have been using the laptops for AR reading tests and keyboarding practice every day during study hall. Mr. May is using the 6th grade science tutorial CD as an introduction and review to science topics. The 7th grade teachers have been using the laptops for enrichment projects in science, writing in language arts, reading the Texas History textbook, and reinforcing math skills through online educational games. The 8th grade students have been using the laptops to create brochures on different topics in language arts, using Study Island in science, creating colonies in American History through research, and practicing math skills using different websites. The computer lab has also been busy. Mrs. Hollier uses it with her 6th grade choir students to create their own music through JamStudio.com. Mrs. Hollier won a \$1000 grant from JamStudio which gives 200 of our students the opportunity to create their own music.

Port Neches Middle School

At Port Neches Middle School, the laptops are being used across the curriculum at all levels. Math classes are using spreadsheets to track grades; English classes are using Publisher, Word, PowerPoint, and Inspiration Webs; and science classes are using Brain Pop frequently. Students use their laptops to listen to textbook chapters and literature stories on CD. American History classes recently incorporated PhotoStory into PowerPoint presentations for the “student-driven” Veteran’s Day assembly. Mrs. Boudoin frequently uses her laptops for textbook web activities, vocabulary, in-depth research, United Streaming, and Discovery Education activities. Mrs. Thomas’ English students are creating personal “Christmas Cookbooks” which incorporate an informative paper, research report on various Christmas traditions, and personal narrative into one beautiful finished product by her students.

TCEA

The district’s technology lead teachers will be attending TCEA’s state conference from February 8-11, 2011. TCEA’s convention is one of the largest educational technology conventions in the country and the largest in Texas. TCEA provides astounding professional development opportunities, exploration of new trends through interactive learning environments, in-depth presentations from leading educational technology experts, and inspiring keynotes.



STaR Chart

Thanks to all teachers for completing your STaR Chart. The first STaR Chart implemented during the 2003-2004 school year only applied to classroom teachers. Last year, NCLB required additional reporting. Campus administrators are now required to complete an administrator STaR Chart. In addition,

districts have to report their 8th grade student proficiency data as well as their unduplicated number of computers available to students for instruction by Internet type.

Thanks, again, for your diligence!

Mimio Masters

Would you like to join the other 39 PN-GISD teachers who have currently attained a Mimio Masters certification? Mimio Masters is an online Mimio training program that puts you in touch with other avid Mimio users and develops your competency with interactive technologies. If you are interested, please e-mail Brenda Duhon at bduhon@pngisd.org.

Carry the torch as a Mimio Master



Family Access

The final Family Access parent orientation meeting for 2010 is scheduled for December 7 @ 9 a.m.



Family Access meetings are held at the West Groves Education Center board room, 5840 W. Jefferson, in Groves!

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

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Remaining meeting dates: February 17, 2011 and May 12, 2011