



Technology Newsletter

Internet Safety Week September 17-21

The week of September 17-21 was designated as Internet Safety/Cyberbullying week for grades K-12. To start the week off, Keith Dunn, KDCOP, Cyber Safety Expert, presented safety seminars for students at Groves Middle School, Port Neches Middle School, and Port Neches-Groves High School. A Free Parent Seminar was also held at the PN-G High School Auditorium. The presentations covered social networking, cyberbullying, online privacy, texting, and more. Students took part in an educational, interactive experience on Internet Safety while parents saw a different presentation that focused on online predators.



Keith Dunn , Cyber Safety Expert
talking with students at PN-GHS

Dunn is a former homicide detective and Air Force veteran and has been teaching web safety since 1999. He started his career in online safety as an undercover Internet detective, the first of its kind in New Jersey. Dunn talks to more than 600,000 students a year. He also teaches parents how to monitor their child's online experience and how to make sure they are free from online danger. It was a very "eye-opening experience" for everyone who attended. The district received a Certificate of Completion for successfully meeting and exceeding the requirements by the "Protecting Children Online in the 21st Century Act" as stated by the FCC and CIPA.

Welcome to the 2012-2013 Technology Task Force Members

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 Noland, Stacey Richards, Holly Sartin, Laura Shipman, Tyler Sumrall, Crystal Werkheiser, Ann Woodall

Meeting Dates:

October 4, 2012; November 15, 2012;
February 21, 2013; May 2, 2013





We continue to have access to www.edhelpforparents.com, the Internet resource for parents and students, offered at no charge, courtesy of JK Chevrolet Isuzu. EdHelpForParents.com enables parents of PreK-12 school children to assist the student in the preparation of homework through thousands of home-use resources created, critiqued and approved by teachers. In addition, there are numerous non-coursework Internet sites ranging from science fair project help to assistance with college preparation tests. EdHelpForParents is also a site students can personally use to help them with their homework and other school-related topics. Try it out. Share this information with your students and their parents. The Access Code for the site is **JK**.

Mimio Training Opportunities

Mimio educational software offers a range of innovative tools and intuitive features that make interactive learning and teaching easier. Become a master of your Mimio Classroom products and learn to develop highly interactive lessons. Why use Mimio? Here are some elements of a Quality Lesson in Mimio:

- Focus on student-interactivity, not teacher interactivity.
- The learning objective is student focused.
- The learning objective is observable and measurable.
- The screen is uncluttered.
- If animation is used, it has a purpose.
- The instruction is sequenced from easy to difficult and/or from few to many.
- There are many opportunities for the student to practice the skills they are learning.



We know it is important that new teachers have an opportunity to learn Mimio and returning teachers have an opportunity to review and/or ask questions about Mimio. Several training opportunities are available for Mimio Training:

Campus-Based Technology After-School Staff Development is being offered at each campus on an as-needed basis. This is a great way to learn more about Mimio. Check with your campus Principal.

Online Mimio classes provide a forum for sharing ideas and experiences as you work towards improving your teaching methodology, reaching your students more effectively, and energizing yourself professionally. Highlights include weekly assignments, participating in online discussion board, and working collaboratively with other teachers throughout the U.S. Classes for Mimio Masters 1 (4 weeks) and Mimio Masters 2 (5 weeks) are offered at different times throughout the year. If you are interested in attending Mimio 1 or 2, please email Becky Cavaretta at bcavaretta@pngisd.org.

Self-Guided Online Training: Mimio Self-Guided training gives you quick access to training topics. Get the on-demand assistance you need to make a busy day of teaching go smoothly. Set your own pace with video tutorials and guides. For information go to www.mimio.com and click on the Training Tab.

PN-GISD Family Access Portal

The purpose of providing Family Access is to improve communication between parents and PN-GISD teachers and administrators through secure access to their child's educational information. The Family Access portal gives parents/guardians the ability to monitor their child's grades, attendance, vaccination information, discipline, schedules, demographic and family emergency contacts.

- Family Access application forms can be picked up at any of the campuses...check with the office.
- Please include all children on one application form (staple multiple forms together if more space is needed).
- Return the completed application to ONE of your children's schools. A photo identification is required for verification.
- Only parents and legal guardians will be granted this access.
- Once verified, a verification e-mail will be sent with secure login ID and password information.

Questions can be directed to:
 Dr. Brenda Duhon, Assistant Superintendent
 Curriculum & Instruction/Technology
 409-962-4268 ext. 5510 or bduhon@pngisd.org

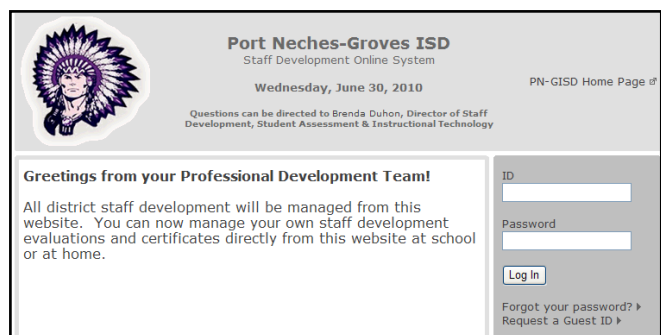
Mimio Masters Training Days



The PN-GISD Technology Department hosted two Mimio Masters In-Person Training sessions this summer for twenty district employees. After completing Mimio online courses 1 & 2, Mimio Masters met in person for a day of review and information sharing. The day included individual and group learning exercises, sharing of Mimio's capabilities and classroom applications by group participants, and collaborative exchange of INK lesson files, MCF gallery files and Web resources. Each participant received the Mimio Masters Live Training Event Certificate.

PDExpress Reminder

PN-GISD has its own online staff development management system...PDExpress. This staff development management system is used to register for PNGISD staff development, complete evaluations, receive CPE certificates, and maintain your online professional development portfolio. Please remember to complete your online evaluations after any in-service activity. If you need help with the system, please email Brenda Duhon at bduhon@pngisd.org.



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