

Technology Times



Internet Safety

Continue to integrate the mandatory state Internet Safety program into your curriculum whenever possible. Your TRT is available to model lessons and assist you in using available resources. Internet Safety resources can be found at:

<http://www.mcps.org/admin/Technology/TRTWebpage/Internetsafety.htm>

ERO

Please **be sure** to enter your MCPS email account into the Electronic Registrar Online staff development application (ERO). If workshop locations change or participants need to be notified of additional details, an email is sent through the system. Contact your TRT if you need assistance.

Technology Prize Awarded

Congratulations to Cheryl Quesenberry of Auburn Elementary School who is the lucky winner of a 2GB flash drive as a result of completing the 2007-2008 Technology Survey. Stay tuned, more prizes to come!

Logging Out

SASI/ClassXP - Please **do not** exit from SASI and/or Class XP using the "X" in the top right hand corner of the screen. This can cause future login problems.

Email - Be sure to logout of your email account before closing. This will help the application run more efficiently for all users.

Microsoft Office 2003

Where's my file? - If you and/or your students are using MS Office 2007 at home, be sure to save your files in a "1997-2003 format." Otherwise, your files will not open in Office 2003 at school. Contact your TRT with any questions.

Daily Computer Procedures

Turn **all** computers on each morning. Before leaving for the day, turn **monitors off and leave computers on**. This allows all computers to receive needed updates.

Symantec (secondary schools only) - It is extremely important to logout of Symantec using the Web Security Button Bar each time you exit the Internet. If you leave a computer after being logged into Symantec without logging out, you are leaving your account open. Symantec will eventually log you out after about 15 minutes of inactivity. However, this is dangerous if another person uses the computer soon after you leave, especially if that person is a student. Remember that you are responsible for web activity under your login. Please be safe and login as yourself, logout when finished, and never share your logins/ passwords with anyone.

Technology Integration Spotlight

A growing number of MCPS teachers are embracing technology as a powerful teaching tool. In this and future editions of the *Technology Times*, we will be spotlighting some of those teachers who are doing great things with technology.

Matt Rezac, a seventh grade social studies teacher at Shawsville Middle School, has been engaging his students with original PowerPoint presentations for many years. Hoop-de Review Basketball, Home Run Review, and Fabulous Football are a few of the games he has created to review Social Studies SOLs. Students actually get to throw a ball, shoot a basket, or attempt a paper football field goal to choose questions and point values. Recently, he offered a workshop at SMS to help his colleagues sharpen their PowerPoint skills. United Streaming videos, PLATO, and SOL Pass are a few more resources he often uses to improve students' achievement. This summer Matt began developing a *Financial Literacy* course for the county which will be delivered online using our Moodle course management system.

Matt is a graduate of Ohio State and has been teaching in Montgomery County for ten years. He is a Virginia High School League official, and the proud parent, along with his wife Jen, of two sons.

