

Technology Times

Professional Development Incentives

Any MCPS employee who attends an after-school professional development session during the 2007-2008 school year will have his/her name entered into a drawing for several fantastic prizes. These include a SmartBoard, a Classroom Performance System (remote control unit), a Gateway laptop, and more. The more sessions you attend, the more chances you have to win these valuable resources for your classroom!

SPAM Folder

SPAM folders are deleted at 4:00 a.m. every Friday morning. At that time, the entire SPAM folder will disappear from your list of folders until your account receives a SPAM email.



Projector Bulbs

Please **turn off** your multimedia projector when it is not in use. Projector bulbs are quite expensive (\$200-\$400 each), and bulbs are purchased from the warehouse by individual schools.

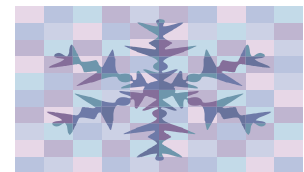
Logging out of Symantec

(secondary schools only) - It is extremely important to log out 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 for access by other users. Symantec is set to log out for all users after **20 minutes** of inactivity. Remember that you are responsible for Internet activity that occurs under your login. Please be safe and login as yourself, logout when finished, and never share your logins/passwords with anyone.

Technology Integration Spotlight

Eric Young is an elementary music teacher who serves Prices Fork, Auburn, and Christiansburg Elementary Schools. He has been an MCPS teacher for four years. Eric is an avid technology user and integrates technology in a variety of ways. He utilizes a SmartBoard to allow his students to interact with rhythms and melodies. He uses an mp3 player and PowerPoint for lesson presentation. His classes compose music using Finale 2008 software. Online resources his students enjoy are Brain Pop and ClassicsforKids.com. He has recently quizzed his students using a Classroom Performance System in which students answer questions through the use of handheld remotes. Eric also uses an online calendar for his lesson plans.

Keep up the great technology integration, Mr. Young!



Internet Safety Tip

Use teachable moments to integrate Virginia's Internet Safety curriculum as often as possible. For example, discuss the meaning of website extensions (.edu, .com, .org, .gov, etc.) when completing Internet research.

Internet Safety resources can be found at: <http://www.mcps.org/admin/Technology/TRTWebpage/Internetsafety.htm>

Technology Professional Development Sessions

Please log into ERO ([click here](#) or use the link provided on the MCPS homepage) to register for the following technology workshops:

- Feb. 7: Effective Internet Use in a Web 2.0 World
- Feb. 21: Exam View
- Mar. 6: MS Office Integration
- Mar. 13: GIS (Geospatial Information Systems)