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MCPS Technology Times



Microsoft Office 2007

MCPS has obtained the required license threshold for Microsoft Office 2007. Therefore the Division can now upgrade from version 2003 to version 2007. Input from users is being solicited as to whether the upgrade should take place during the upcoming summer or during the summer of 2010. **Please click on the following link to access the survey and enter 506685.** The survey will close at 4:00 p.m. on June 11, 2009.

<http://esurvey.inspireddata.com>

New Student Information System

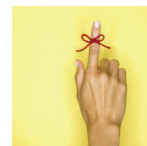
This summer we will begin using a new student information system, **Star Student**, which will replace SASI and Integrate. Training sessions will be provided at your school upon return from summer vacation.



Moodle & PLATO Reminder

Please back up any course(s) you have developed in Moodle. [Click here for Moodle Course Backup and Restore Procedures.](#) If you have any questions, see your TRT.

All current PLATO classes will be deleted August 1. Please contact your TRT in August to set up classes for the 2009-2010 school year.



Recertification Courses

Check ERO in the Fall for information regarding the MCPS/NRCC course offerings for teachers!

Before Leaving for the Summer.....

Please delete any unneeded files from your H-drive and shared drive. As always, best practice is to back up files to a CD or flash drive.

In GroupWise, please delete all email in the Sent and Trash folders that are no longer needed.

Be sure to turn laptops in to the Media center at your school. Click on the link below, complete the form, and include it in the laptop bag.

http://www.mcps.org/admin/Technology/TRTWebpage/WordDocuments/summer_Laptop_Maintenance.pdf



Technology Integration Spotlight

BHS Photography teacher Mike Kaylor is an avid user of technology in his classroom. His students use both still and video cameras to create projects as they learn the function and operation of many different types of hardware and software. From using Canon, digital, SLR cameras and Photoshop software to create still photo portfolios to video cameras with the latest video editing software (Final Cut Suite) to produce professional quality movies. As an end of the year project, Mr. Kaylor's advanced students produce a tribute to the year by incorporating all they have learned along with the latest motion graphics (Shake 2-D and 3-D) and 3-D graphics (MAYA) into their final video which is shown to the entire school to wrap up the school year. Several of Mr. Kaylor's former students have found successful careers working for studios that have produced Hollywood movies, national magazines, and other interesting careers. Mr. Kaylor keeps up with the latest technology available and is able to share with his students cutting edge software and techniques as they happen. Students love this class! In an age where technology is an integral part of every student's life, this class allows students to explore the depths of technology and foster a better understanding of the creative expression that enhances the emotions of the visual world around us.

TRTs are available until June 19th and will return on August 5th. If you need assistance, call 381-7785.