

Technology Times

MCPS Technology Department

October 2008

Congratulations

Kathy O'Dell is the lucky winner in the drawing for a 2GB Flash Drive. Kathy's name was drawn from the list of teachers who responded to the Technology Survey distributed in September.



Technology Staff Development Opportunities

Sign up in ERO

October 21: GroupWise Email (4-6 pm)

November 4th:

GroupWise Email (9-11 am)

Podcasting in the Language Arts/ Social Studies Classroom (9:30-11:30 am)

GroupWise Email (1-3 pm)

Using the Smartboard to Teach Mathematics K-5 (1-3 pm)

Smartboard for Secondary Educators (1-3 pm)

Teaching Visual Learners with Interactive Technology (1-3 pm)

ArcGIS (1-3 pm)

Interactive Achievement: Accessing Reports (1-3 pm)

November 18: Senteo Personal Response System (4-6 pm)



Internet Safety

Please continue to remind students that cyberbullying is a crime and is not limited to activity in chat rooms. Harrassment using cell phones, text messages, or IM is also cyberbullying.

Click on the following link to visit our Internet Safety website:

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

Email

Please remember to access your email at school through the GroupWise icon on your desktop.

If you need help with the new email system, please contact your TRT for assistance. There are also help documents available online at:

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

There is a GroupWise workshop scheduled on October 21, as well as two on November 4. Please sign-up through ERO.



Technology Integration Spotlight

Since joining Auburn Middle School and the Montgomery County School district Aaron Scott has enjoyed the process of incorporating new technology into his teaching. Prior to coming to MCPS he was very interested in finding new ways to incorporate technology into instruction, however, he found it hard to get his hands on technology tools and training. MCPS has provided the infrastructure and the resources which allow him to use more technology in instruction.

Aaron was introduced to Moodle for Instruction by fellow Auburn History teacher Sandra Ashley. After getting some training from Kelly Knachel, AMS' TRT, he began developing unit tests on the computer that simulate the SOL test. He can show them one question at a time, and can upload images, graphs, charts, and tables just like the SOL test.

Through a Social Studies grant a Smartboard and mounted LCD projector was purchased for Aaron's classroom. His students have really enjoyed the interactive capabilities that the Smartboard offers.

Recently Aaron won a CPS interactive response system at the 2008 Division school year kickoff meeting and began to introduce CPS lessons into classroom instruction. He hopes to learn more from fellow 7th grade history teacher Matt Rezac about how to use the CPS and other gaming instructional approaches to continue improving his teaching.



Computer

Please submit a work order to repair any technology related equipment that you encounter.

Please be sure that **ALL** computers are on at the end of the school day, and that monitors are turned off. This allows for important updates and maintenance to take place overnight.