



April Tech/Media Talk
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DID YOU KNOW

Common Sense and Google have teamed up to help kids get the most out of the Internet and use it in a safe and smart way.

<http://www.commonsensemedia.org/tips/internetsafety/>

DATA DIRECTOR

<https://www6.achievedata.com/eisd/?Login>

Bookmark the link above to have easy and quick access to the Data Director login page.

Check out the Help menu in the top right hand corner of the Data Director home page once you log in to assist with any questions you may have in regards to creating exams, bubblesheets, scanning, etc.

The data in Data Director is currently being managed by Eaton Intermediate School District which uploads new information once every eight weeks. If you are experiencing roster issues, please email the name of the students, the grade and building to varneyj@charlottenet.org in order to

maintain our records. Please keep in mind that students can not be added or deleted individually that it is done in a mass process in the time frame stated above (once every 8 weeks).

As we continue to work through the implementation process, we will continue to evaluate in each district in order to make suggestions to our ISD to make the process smoother. If you have any suggestions, please also send those to the email previously listed.

GWAVA UPGRADE

The GWAVA upgrade was completed during spring break. While we had some minor complications, as of Thursday, April 17, 2008, you should be receiving your GWAVA digests twice a day. If you are not receiving digests or specific email, please contact your building lab manager to assist.

FREE RESOURCES

<http://www.curriki.org>

Curriki, is a play on the words 'curriculum' and 'wiki', it is a nonprofit organization that is building the first and only Internet site for Open Source Curriculum (OSC), which will provide universal access to free curricula and instructional materials for grades K-12.

We are focusing initially on developing an online repository for K-12 curricula in the areas of mathematics, science, technology, reading and language arts, and languages. Developers of Curriki want this repository

FREE RESOURCES CONTINUED

to attract everyone from educators, students and parents, to programmers, instructional designers, authors and public officials throughout the world to contribute or freely access quality learning materials.

<http://geosearch.metacarta.com/>

MetaCarta is a *free* Web site that maps news articles to their location on a map. The site indexes more than 1,400 sources, including stories from the Associated Press, Reuters, and other news sites and blogs. Search for a place name or zoom into the map to a specific location, and articles related to that spot will be displayed. Repositioning the map refines the search. Browse by category, such as health, politics, sports and world news.

<http://www.palomar.edu/dsps/actc/mla/>

Using the **MLA Citation Generator**, students choose the type of MLA source they have from the drop-down box. Then they select their citation type: Book, Multi-Author Book, Reference Book, Multivolume Set, Magazine Article, Web Page or Song. A form will create an MLA-style citation for the information the student provides.

REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

- RTA dates are July 28-August 1
 - You can register now at <http://www.solutionwhere.com/inghamisd/cw/CourseByCateg.asp>

- Booklets will go out in early May to staff
- You can download the booklets also at <http://remc13.org>