



## **Media/Tech Talk**

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### **DID YOU KNOW**

From the smallest microprocessor to the biggest mainframe, the average American depends on over 264 computers per day.

### **GROUPWISE AND GWAVA**

During the past month we have been working to improve upon the amount of spam staff members receive or better yet, do not receive in their digests. Upon investigating our options and working with GWAVA, we discovered that our settings were still in a “training” mode, which was allowing spam to be sent to digests that really should not be getting through the GWAVA at all. As a result, some of us have experienced low amounts of spam in their digests or no digests at all, which is really what this software should be doing. While we continue to monitor this, if you believe that you were sent an email from an external address and it was not received, please contact the technology office for us to investigate. We will need to know the day the email was sent to you, the address of the person sending the email and also the approximate time.

As well as working on the spam, during Spring Break, we have done some major upgrading to our infrastructure. In order to continue to serve the needs of staff in the district and try to improve upon aging equipment, we have spent many hours and still will need to spend many hours finishing this project. Our goal is to have everything set up and ready to seamlessly process for the next school year. In order to make this happen and not interfere with the normal school day/week, we will be doing additional work on Groupwise over the next few weekends.

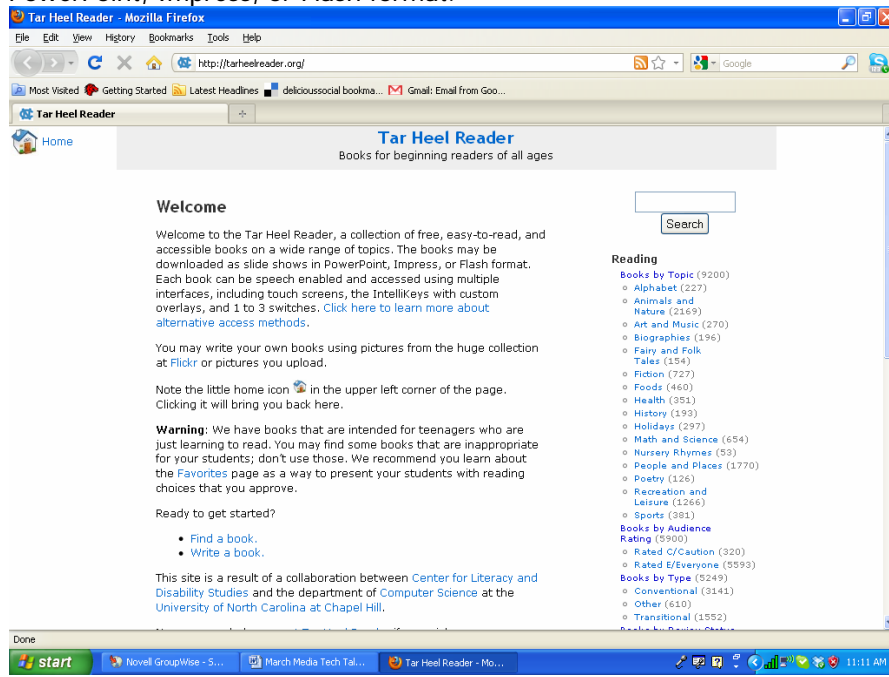
We are planning on the weekend of **April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>** to rebuild, back-up and transfer data with Groupwise. This may mean that you will not have access to your email on these particular weekends. We will do our best to not cause interruptions to your work day, but need to complete this work, thus choosing to work on the weekend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the technology office.

## DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

On March 26, 2010 our District Technology Committee had their second “ad-hoc” meeting. This meeting revolved around the discussion and review of **Windows 7**. Committee participants involved in the meeting will be evaluating **Windows 7** this spring and as a committee will make the determination as to whether we will be using this as our operating system for next year. For more information on **Windows 7** go to: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/home>

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