

MEDIA AND TECH TALK

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DID YOU KNOW

Cuil, a technology company pioneering a new approach to search, unveils its innovative search offering, which combines the biggest Web index with content-based relevance methods, results organized by ideas, and complete user privacy. Cuil has indexed 120 billion Web pages, three times more than any other search engine (http://www.cuil.com/info/news_press/).

To see what Cuil has to offer, go to www.cuil.com.

HELP CONSERVE ENERGY AND YOUR CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT

Everyone is reminded to turn off all equipment in classrooms, offices and work areas over Spring Break. This includes: computers, monitors, VCR/DVD players, printers, Phonic Ear units. Please do not leave your Phonic Ear transmitter charging during the break; it may ruin the batteries or the unit.

COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

The Copyright Office site offers information on how to obtain copyrights and how to follow copyright law, including information on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and other recent developments. To view this information and further details, please go to <http://www.copyright.gov/>

REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

RTA dates are July 27-31, registration information to come at a later date.

SPRING BREAK UPDATES

Once again, this year, we will be doing updates to our server's over Spring Break. There should be no interruption to services provided by the district; however if you should experience an issue, please contact the Technology Office.

“WORTH THE SURF”

Take the Labor Out of Lab Reports

LabWrite is a tool for instructing students in organizing and preparing proper lab reports. The tool is organized into four sections: **Pre-Lab**, in which students answer a series of questions to prepare an introduction; **In Lab**, a laboratory notebook for taking notes on lab procedures and recording data and observations; **Post-Lab**, a guide for writing the report; and **Lab Check**, a guide and checklist for checking over and revising a lab report before submitting it. Each section operates in a choice of modes: self-guiding, hardcopy handouts or interactive tutoring. **LabWrite** provides full support for descriptive labs and labs that students design for themselves. And it includes an extensive set of resources, such as an Excel tutorial and guides for creating tables and graphs, which students can use on their own or teachers can use for in-class instruction.

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Create Rich Learning Experiences with Digital Media

PBSTeachers® has introduced **PBS Teachers Live!**, a series of *free* monthly Webinars designed to help pre K–12 educators learn new ways to integrate online instructional resources into the classroom and engage students in curriculum lessons. The series features leading education experts, authors and PBS producers who will discuss timely and relevant curriculum-related topics and share their knowledge and ideas on using digital media to create rich learning experiences for students. The Webinars will cover technology integration topics and a wide range of subjects, including science, math, reading/language arts, social studies, history and art. Past topics include Changing Views of History, Changing Views of Race; Teaching and Learning with Digital Natives. Upcoming topics include Remixing Shakespeare for 21st Century Students; Using 21st Century Resources to Celebrate Earth Day; and Effective Integration of Math and Science.

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