

CYBERFACTS DID YOU KNOW

- 92% of all students in grades 3-12 have Internet access
- At least 55% of 3rd and 4th graders use some form of Internet communications
- 1 in 4 children from Kindergarten – 2nd grade have used email or visited chat rooms
- 1 in 10 spend more than 8 hours per week on line
- 1/3 of junior and senior high students say on line is their main method of keeping in contact with their friends
- 23% of students have a computer in their bedroom
- more than 50% of students say they want to be alone while accessing the Internet
- 37% of all students have made purchases on line

Statistics provided by www.i-Safe.org

TIPS TO AVOID TECH AILMENTS BY MARY MUNDRANE- ZWEIACHER, CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER

- Rest eyes every 15 minutes by looking away from the screen or blinking eyes rapidly for a few seconds

- Rest hands after bursts of typing
- Stand and move every 30 to 60 minutes
- Do quick stretches and gentle exercises every one to two hours
- Keep back and wrist posture in neutral position when keyboarding
- Set seat so that it does not compress the back of knees

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Tips and Tricks for Google Searches

If you type a keyword followed by **filetype:** the results of the search will only be files of that type with that keyword; i.e./ **tornado filetype:ppt** will give only Powerpoint files about tornados. (no space after the colon)

Using the tilde ~ before a key word tells Google to search for that word and synonyms of that word, i.e., pirate ~treasure will give you results with pirate treasure, pirate loot, etc. (no space after the tilde)

Use Google to get word definitions. Type **define: term** and Google will give you definitions for that word; i.e., **define:tornado** will give you the definition for tornado

SPAM AND YOUR E-MAIL

Unsolicited mail and advertising continues to be a nuisance for all of us. Our current filter keeps out nearly 3000-5000 messages every day, but there are still many that come through. If this is something that you experience, your best option is to not open and delete any e-mail that comes from an unknown party or business.

Many of the Internet's most prolific e-mailers have tricky techniques in which they use to try and slide their mail by a filtering system.

We will continue to support the efforts in order to manage this to the best of our abilities.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY MEETING

The following items were discussed at the October 17, DTC meeting:

1. BlackBoard
2. Forms/Policy Updates
3. Internet Safety for staff, students and parents
4. Technology training certificates
5. 8th grade technology assessment results from 2005-06
6. Google video
7. Gaggle email
8. Karl Fisch – Video on technology “did you know”

BLACKBOARD

As we continue the month of December with our technology coaching piece on Blackboard, here are some interesting on-line resources to look at:

Animated Blackboard Tutorials
http://www.princeton.edu/as/bb Animated_tutor.shtml

Blackboard Animated Quick Tutorials
<http://www.blackboard.com/quicktutorials/>

Quick Start Blackboard Tutorials
<http://otel.uis.edu/blackboard/tutorial/quickstart.htm>

