

Did You Know

There are over 2.7 billion searches performed on Google each month. The number of text messages sent and received every day exceeds the population of the planet. By their 21st birthday, digital kids will have sent/received 250,000 emails/IMs, spent 10,000 hours on the phone, and watched 20,000 hours of TV (with 500,000 commercials).

Technology Coaching

As the month of October has flown by, we have had the opportunity in most buildings to share great resource information with the entire CPS staff. The focus was on websites and databases; teachers were given information on easily accessible sites at their fingertips on charlottenet.org. Utilizing the age appropriate sites through the K-12 media link is a quick way to see content specific information for your classes.

Do you have a favorite educational website? If so, please send the link in an email to Jennifer Varney, Director of Media and Technology at varneyj@charlottenet.org.



November Tech Training Schedule

The Tech trainings for November have been scheduled and published. You should have received an e-mail of the schedule along with instructions for registration. Teaching staff can receive PD credit for attendance. If you have questions or did not receive this e-mail, please contact Gloria at ext: 5750.

Our focus for the remainder of October will be to continue to assist you with websites and databases as part of our October technology coaching and also with Blackboard, which will be the technology coaching focus for November and December.

If there are other trainings you are interested in, please contact your technology coach and share that information with them.

Using Blackboard

Several members of our Charlotte Public Schools staff are utilizing Blackboard in a variety of ways.

The District Administrative team has begun using Blackboard as a part of their Professional Learning Community, individual staff members have been putting their courses and materials on Blackboard and some committees have been using Blackboard to communicate agendas and other relevant information.

If you do not currently have an account and are interested, download the account request form from Teacher Place under Technology Forms.

REMC 13 and Eaton ISD have funded this program as a resource for teachers

to use. Blackboard has the ability to be a powerful tool to use with students in preparing them for the future.

Tech Tips

Using the Windows key by the space bar along with the “L” key on your keyboard will allow you to lock your computer from unauthorized viewing or use. In order to unlock, re-type in your password. This prevents having to power down and re-start your computer.

Web Page Updates

CPS desires to have current, accurate information on the district Web Site. As a staff member, if you have a web page or information posted, please review the information for accuracy on a regular basis. Building information should be reviewed and updated often. If you notice building or district information posted on the site that needs to be changed, please contact Jeff Haston at hastonj@charlottenet.org.



Internet Safety Tip: Carefully Select Your Usernames and Passwords

- NEVER select your password to match your username.
- NEVER use passwords that contain info about yourself, family, pets, significant dates, or other personal info that someone could figure out if they knew anything about you.
- NEVER use the same password or username on all of your accounts.
- AVOID using words that are in the dictionary (include alpha-numeric characters).
- AVOID adding a number in front, behind, or simply reversing a word.
- NEVER give your password to anyone.
- BE AWARE of “shoulder-surfers” who may be watching as you are logging in to accounts or Web sites.
- CHANGE passwords frequently.
- STORE your passwords securely where passing traffic cannot see.
- ERASE the hard drive on your computer completely, using a file-wipe utility when you sell it, give it away, or replace its hard drive.