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*The quickest way to ask the Support Center for assistance!*

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## IT Week in Review

### WAN Progress



This has been another busy construction week. Crews have been installing conduit to Flatirons, Creekside, BCSIS/High Peaks, Horizons, and Eisenhower as well as to the backbone that runs along Highway 36 and west of Broadway in the area of New Vista. Current totals are 191,000 feet of conduit installed along with 104,000 feet of fiber cable.

### Internet Filtering RFP

This week the Division of Information Technology released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for internet filtering to the top vendors in the industry. The Internet Advisory Committee (IAC) provided valuable input which was used in the creation of the RFP and they will be involved in the review of submittals. Proposals are due by November 13, 2008.

### Teen Internet Safety Summit

Students from Monarch High School were among 160 teenagers from around Colorado at a Teen Internet Safety Summit on October 20, 2008. Held at the Old Supreme Court Chambers downtown, the event was designed to educate teens about the dangers online. Colorado Attorney General John Suthers provided the keynote for the day. MySpace, the FBI, and an online gaming expert were among the featured workshops at the event. Each school that participated in the event is now in the process of designing Internet Safety Action Plans to implement in their community.

### 2008-2009 Computer Replacement Update

Each year, the Division of Information Technology receives, images, and deploys computers as part of our four year computer replacement cycle. This year we began our work during the summer break and have made considerable progress.

Fifteen of our Tier I Technicians, led by manager Mike Goodyear, have installed more than 1,320 computers in twelve schools and at the Ed Center since the beginning of summer.

### Important Reminder: Scheduled Power Outage

The Division of Information Technology will be doing an upgrade to the power in the District server room during the weekend of November 22, 2008. This

modernization will provide the necessary power to support the new equipment that is being installed as part of the WAN project.

**This will mean that all District technology will be unavailable during the weekend of November 22, 2008. This includes, but is not limited to, district email, district websites and servers, Infinite Campus, and Lawson.**

## Don't Forget to Update Your Password

As a follow up to our message last week, we continue to encourage employees to begin updating their passwords now. Additional information about changing passwords and instructions on how to change your password can be found [here](#).

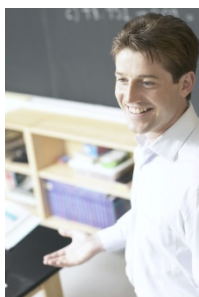
## Reminder: Accept the Electronic AUA

As a reminder, all employees must accept an electronic Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA) annually as a condition of their use of District technology resources.

To learn more about or accept the electronic AUA, please see our [AUA website](#).

## Training Sessions

The following are recent training sessions conducted by the IT Department. For a catalog of available classes, visit our professional development website, [Avatar](#).



- The Instructional Technology team hosted a Clicker 2 training for middle school math and science teachers on Tuesday. The focus of the training was Higher Order Thinking questioning using the clicker technology.
- Word 2007 Training
- Excel 2007 Training
- Novus Training

## Other News...

- Technology Contact Meetings will be held in the coming week. Some of the topics to be discussed include: Digital Content Initiative (DCI) Update, Kerpoof contest posters, and SharePoint: Tech Contact Area and Alert Demo.
- Interviews for the position of Technology Trainer have been completed. A selection will be made in the coming week.
- We are pleased to welcome Megan Serani into the IT applications group. Megan brings extensive Lawson functional knowledge, customer service, and technical capabilities to the team and we are excited to have her aboard.
- In addition to the online Elementary Standards Based Report cards and the new online ESL report cards, we are pleased to announce the addition of the new online Instrumental Music Report cards. Instrumental music teachers will receive training on how to input data into these new report cards the last week of October.