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## Valuable IT Links

### Create a Support Request

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

### IT Knowledge Base

*A great resource of information about many of the applications you use and common technical problems.*

### Teacher 2.0 Podcast

**\*\*New Episode Available\*\***

*Great teaching ideas using Web 2.0 tools from some of our own educators.*

### SharePoint Help Page

*Tutorials to help the beginning SharePoint user.*

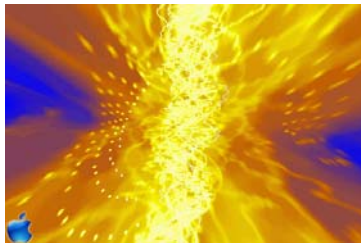
### Contact Us

Send Feedback to the IT Dept

### View Our Webpage

<http://www.bvsd.org/technology>

## IT Week in Review New Internet Webfilter Installed Over Winter Break



WebSense, our current web filtering software, will be replaced over winter break. Our new web filtering application will be in place once staff returns to school in January.

The process to override a blocked web page will be changing. Look for updated instructions during the first week of January.

## Wireless Access

The IT department has been working with Xirrus, our wireless networking vendor, to increase the performance of our wireless networking infrastructure. Xirrus dedicated significant time at Boulder High, which had been experiencing a number of wireless issues. Starting from scratch, they repositioned access points, reprogrammed the arrays, and worked with users to find out which areas were having the most issues. Following these changes the Boulder High teachers and staff reported large improvements.

In the near future, Xirrus will be assessing wireless performance in all schools and making any necessary adjustments to improve connectivity.

## Web 2.0

Recently, BVSD middle school computer ed teachers met to learn and explore the use of Web 2.0 applications in education. They also spent time modernizing their curriculum and launching a collaborative NSF project on scalable game design with the University of Colorado.



## Share your school photos for our District websites.

Our web team features photos from schools on our District websites. We would love to see some new photos submitted from our schools. If you have photos you would like to share, please submit them to [webmast@bvsd.org](mailto:webmast@bvsd.org).

# 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](#).



- Web 2.0 Training
- Clicker Training
- Middle School Computer Ed Training
- Lawson Expenditure Correction Training