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Welcome to the First IT Week in Review

We've all heard it—communication is key to success. As we strive to improve our communications with you, we're launching this new communiqué. Each week, we plan to let you know the status of major initiatives, let you hear about important accomplishments, and otherwise keep you informed about the activities in IT. We would also like to hear your feedback. Use the link at the left to let us know your thoughts.

WAN Progress



By far the largest and most challenging project we have ever taken on is the construction of our own private wide-area network. It's also the most exciting! Funded by the 2006 Bond, this new network will provide relief to the bandwidth issues challenging all of us.

When it's complete we will have a state-of-the-art 71 mile network of fiber optic cable connecting schools to the IT Data Center. This new infrastructure is a true information super highway with approximately 7,000 times more capacity than our current networks. To date, we have installed nearly 145,000 feet of conduit and 46,000 feet of fiber. This week's construction has been focused along South Boulder Road and Highway 36.

Engineers from Avaya and Extreme Networks are on site working with IT staff to implement the new systems that will be rolled out as the fiber network becomes available. The first new telephones were activated in our lab and on our desks this week. Over the days to come, we'll be working out the details and preparing the systems to be installed in schools.

System / Software Updates

- Due to a high number of requests, MG Notify (our e-mail filter and notification software) has been updated in two ways. First, email considered to be "bulk" by the filter is now included in the MG Notifier messages. Second, the frequency of its notification e-mails has been increased from every six hours to every two hours during the business day. These changes enable you to release legitimate e-mails to yourself more quickly.
- InfoCentre (library software) Version 3.1 was updated on September 25. This update will provide the following improvements: best-ever product stability, new and improved reports, reading programs reports, spine labels, and patron reports.

Training Sessions

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



- WYNN Training
- Lawson Training
- Infinite Campus: Creating, Editing & Running Ad Hoc Reporting in Infinite Campus
- Professional Development Center Advanced Users Session
- SharePoint Training: Web 2.0 Blogs, Wikis, and Discussion Threads
- Ad Hoc & Mail Merge Training

Meetings at IT

- Digital Content Taskforce, which consists of BVSD teachers, community members, and district employees, began the evaluation process of selecting a video on demand solution for our teachers .
- Internet Advisory Committee, which consists of teachers, district employees, an administrator, and a community member, met to discuss end-user criteria for a new web filter adoption.
- The Take My Teacher Home project launched with teacher training and materials distribution. The goal of the project is to extend the learning day of kindergarten students using iPods loaded with weekly lessons. The project is funded through Impact on Education and the Title 1 office.
- Network Deployment Planning Meeting
- Enrollment Helpdesk Meeting
- Platt/Casey Cabling Needs Discussion
- Several WAN Progress Meetings
- Assistive Technology Inventory and Protocol