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Raymond School District Bi-Weekly News Letter - Monday Oct 26, 2009

Tech Corner

Welcome to the **first** bi-weekly edition of Technobabble! Technobabble is a new bi-weekly Technology news letter that will focus on Tech within the Raymond School District and occasionally spotlight the national goings-on with regards to Technology in general. Our hope is to better communicate various IT and Technology issues with you and to share some helpful technology tips. Send us some feedback by emailing us directly at: tbeditor@sau33.com.

We hope you find Technobabble Helpful!

Technology in the Classroom

by K.Lemoui

Technology in the modern classroom is growing at a pace never before imagined. Everyday new software, hardware and websites grace the educational scene with a never ending supply of "great ideas" to enhance learning. In reality, many of these new technologies go undiscovered due to the rapid pace of development and lack of developmental time for many educators. So how are teachers in the 21st century combating this problem? Simple, communication! Web 2.0 applications such as Moodle and Facebook allow teachers to share technology in innovative ways like never before.

Perhaps the best advice is to find a technology that meets your educational goals, learn it and then share that experience with other teachers.

Future goals within Raymond will provide a regular forum where teachers and staff can come together to share their technological insights and learn how to apply new technology through group discussion and specialized training sessions. This school year our goal is to bring these and other helpful resources into reality.

Dude, Where's My Tech?

District Wide – by K.Lemoui

Work continues on the installation of new Firewalls at IHGMS and LRES. We successfully configured 2 new firewalls on Tuesday and have begun work to integrate them with our content filtering hardware. Once completed the MS & ES will notice a significant speed increase.

High School – by D. Malo

The IT department is in the process of installing overhead LCD projectors in the High School for use with the Smartboards. The IT staff is also in the process of getting Compass Learning up and running, which means additional computers in a number of classrooms.

Middle School – by M. Johnson

After working diligently with the Para-Educator Network support staff, we have recently resolved the issue where our paraeducators could not download tests. The problem was caused by our old firewall stripping out some suspicious looking information.

Elementary School – by S.Ellis

Many of the teachers using the new reading series, "Treasures", have the Instructional Navigator installed on their computers. This gives them a Lesson Planner and Calendar set up they can do their lessons plans and import and export them, and a point and click access to Teaching Resources.

Tech Tips:

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Hitting the Enter key after entering your password is the same as clicking

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