

District E Technology News

December 2003 Edition

Hello Technology Leaders,

This is the fifth e-mail update of the 2003-2004 school year. Feel free to forward this to others. If you know of others who may be interested in being included in the District E Technology News e-mail list, please have them contact the Local District E Instructional Technology Applications Facilitator, John Rivera at john.rivera@lausd.net.

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1. Technology Consortium Meeting Preview, 1:30-3:30pm, December 15, 2003

Here is the tentative agenda for the December 15, 2003 meeting at Annandale Elementary School. As always, attendance is voluntary but does provide an occasion when technology leaders can share ideas as well as learn.

- 1:30 Latest Technology Updates (re: topics covered or not yet covered by this e-mail)
- 1:50 Presenting The LAUSD A.U.P. To Students – A Useful PowerPoint Presentation
- 2:00 An Introduction To LAUSD's New E-Mail System
- 2:15 A Look Into New Computer Hardware Options: The Tablet PC In Education, The All-In One Desktop, and Other Innovations – Gateway Computers
- 3:25 Open Questions Forum/Networking With Other Technology Leaders

Highlight: Pizza provided as well.

2. LAUSD E-Mail: Migration To New Service... But Not Your Old Messages

LAUSD WebMail will be changing in the next month. The District will switch over to ePALS SchoolMail™ to provide e-mail service. ePALS SchoolMail™ is a total email

and online collaborative tool system, designed to help protect security and privacy. LAUSD is migrating to this system to offer safe email accounts to LAUSD employees and eventually to students. This is a system that requires no equipment other than access to the Internet (a Web-based application). ePALS SchoolMail™ offers a multilingual environment (language translation capabilities), making it an ideal tool for communicating in a multi-cultural school community. ePALS SchoolMail™'s filtering and monitoring system will enable teachers to know what your students are talking about, know what students are sending and receiving, and get students in touch with the information and people that teachers want them to be in touch with as part of their curriculum. ePALS' experience in serving the educational community has allowed it to create a system that's easy to use – even for the technology novice.

Please prepare for this switchover by deleting or storing all messages currently in the old LAUSDnet WebMail system before the first date of implementation. On December 23, 2003, LAUSD will begin switching accounts automatically to ePals. Current LAUSD usernames and passwords will not be changed, allowing users to continue accessing WebMail without having to learn a new password. The link to this will be available on the LAUSDnet website after December 23, 2003. Users will then have an e-mail address that looks like the following: userlogin@lausd.net

Please come to the December District E Technology Consortium meeting for more details and a short demonstration of the look and feel for this new e-mail system.

3. CTAP2 iAssessment Administration And Updates

The deadline to have all certificated staff fill this survey out is December 31, 2003 as stated in Bulletin No. 550. Completion of this survey should not be delayed any further as teachers all over the state are logging in to comply with the state requirement. All teachers are to complete both the proficiency assessment and technology use survey.

If any school needs a list of teachers who have finished this survey, please request to be given administration access to CTAP2 from John Rivera (john.rivera@lausd.net, 323-932-2225). With administrative access, a designated site administrator can monitor completion rates at a site as well as generate reports on the various technology proficiency levels that may be helpful data in determining future technology plans.

To fill out the survey, visit the following web address: <http://ctap2.iassessment.org>

4. Elementary Online Progress Report Evaluation

Please make sure the faculty/staff at your school sites fill out the evaluation form provided to you when you were trained in the use of Online Progress Reports. The information you submit, including comments you feel should be included as choices,

easier ways to navigate through the website, and other constructive ideas will be helpful in improving the system before the next grading period. If you cannot find the evaluation form, please request an e-mailed copy from the District E ITAF or Elementary SIS:
<http://esis.lausd.k12.ca.us>

5. Apple Computers Added To Approved Computer Vendor List

An LAUSD vendor contract has been approved for Apple Computers. Their contract is valid until May 31, 2004. This brings the total number of computer vendors to choose from up to 3. Please note that you must purchase from one of the vendors listed below. Purchase requests from other companies will be rejected by LAUSD Purchasing.

Apple Computer Purchasing: Apple Computers
Contact: Tom Chun, (818) 244-3269, topchun@apple.com
Vendor Code # 101415

Gateway Computer Purchasing: Gateway Companies Inc.
Contact: Thomas Chytka, (800) 211-4952 x33081, thomas.chytka@gateway.com
Vendor Code # 124373

IBM Computer Purchasing: Arey Jones Educational Solutions
Contact: Satina Bitmayl, (800) 998-9199, satina@areyjones.com
Vendor Code # 128327

6. LAUSDnet Website Request For School Digital Photographs

LAUSD's Information Technology Division needs assistance in getting photos of as yet pictorially unrepresented schools on the Web (LAUSDnet). If your school's photograph does not appear on the LAUSDnet website under your school's particular page, please submit a digital photograph of the front of your school to diana.liston@lausd.net.

7. Decision Support System – Helpful Updates And Training Dates

The Decision Support System (DSS) is a secure, web-based system that provides accountability reports of student outcomes and achievement. The District implemented DSS to support its primary mission of increasing student achievement by providing data to those being held accountable for results. School principals and assistant principals of K-12 schools can create their own accounts by completing the self-registration form within the DSS Portal: <http://dss.lausd.k12.ca.us>. All other eligible LAUSD employees interested in obtaining a DSS account need to fill out a Request for DSS UserID

Authorization form. This form can be downloaded from the DSS Portal in the "Getting Started" tab. If you are not sure whether you are eligible to use the DSS at this time, please contact your supervisor.

More DSS 101 training is scheduled for the following dates and times:

Wednesday, December 17, 2003, 8:00am-12 noon
Thursday, January 29, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon
Thursday, February 12, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon
Thursday, February 26, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon
Wednesday, March 10, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon
Tuesday, March 23, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon

Training for these dates will be held at the San Julian Training Site, 1315 S. San Julian St., Los Angeles 90015. To sign up for training, send an email with your name, title, school or office, local district, phone number and email address to the DSS Training Administrator at dsstrain@lausd.k12.ca.us

Recent Update: Now users can download a printable table for the data needed on Section 3 Part A and B of the Single Plan. Please contact the DSS Training Administrator for more information.

8. . UPDATE Website Gets A Facelift: Easier Access To Salary Point Classes

The UPDATE (Uniting Professional Development And Technology for Education) website has been redesigned for better navigation thanks to Monte Vista Street Elementary School Teacher and UPDATE Instructor, Jutti Marsh. Many curricular courses involving the use of technology can be taken for salary point credit via LAUSD ITD's professional development program called U.P.D.A.T.E. To enroll in any of these courses, please visit the following web address:
<http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us/lausd/offices/update/> .

Unfortunately, the demand for these classes have outpaced the availability for them to be offered. Below you will find a list of classes not yet filled to capacity:

December

Introduction to Word Processing (Microsoft Word) *(starts on 12/10/2003)*

(Course No. CTAP 40)

Proficiency Level: Introductory

Salary Point Credit: .34

Hours: 10.00

Date(s): 12/10/2003 to 01/14/2004

2 meetings; Dec10 , Jan14

Time: 04:00PM - 06:00PM

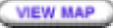
Delivery Format: Face To Face

Instructor: SUSAN KOSSEFF BROWN

Fees: none

Max.Class Size: 20

sbrown3@lausd.k12.ca.us

Class Location: 
FULTON MS
7477 KESTER AVE
VAN NUYS, CA 91405
(818) 785-8624

Current Enrollment: 6
Waiting List: 0

January

Introduction to Spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel) *(starts on 01/08/2004)*

(Course No. CTAP 70)

Proficiency Level: Introductory

Salary Point Credit: .34

Hours: 10.00

Date(s): 01/08/2004 to 02/25/2004

2 meetings; Jan08 , Feb25

Time: 04:00PM - 06:00PM

Delivery Format: Face To Face

Instructor: IRA EHRLICH
iehrlich@lausd.k12.ca.us

Class Location: 
WEBSTER MS
11330 W GRAHAM PL
LOS ANGELES, CA 90064
(310) 478-2041

Fees: none

Max.Class Size: 20

Current Enrollment: 1
Waiting List: 0

Eek! There's a Mouse in my Classroom and It's Attached to a Computer: *(starts on 01/10/2004)*

(Course No. 55.21.570)

Proficiency Level: Introductory

Salary Point Credit: 1.00

Hours: 16.00

Date(s): 01/10/2004 to 01/31/2004

4 meetings; Jan10 , Jan17 , Jan24 , Jan31

Time: 08:00AM - 12:00PM

Delivery Format: Face To Face

Instructor: KRISTINE HAMILTON
kxh3819@lausd.k12.ca.us

Class Location: 
LOCAL DISTRICT F
2151 N SOTO ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90032
(323) 224-3100

Fees: A textbook: I'm turning on my
computer, now what?!
approximately \$20

Max.Class Size: 20

Current Enrollment: 13
Waiting List: 0

Introduction to Presentations (Microsoft PowerPoint) *(starts on 01/12/2004)*

(Course No. CTAP 90)

Proficiency Level: Introductory

Salary Point Credit: .34

Hours: 10.00

Date(s): 01/12/2004 to 02/23/2004

2 meetings; Jan12 , Feb23

Time: 04:00PM - 06:00PM

Delivery Format: Face To Face

Instructor: IRA EHRLICH

iehrlich@lausd.k12.ca.us

Class Location: 

WEBSTER MS

11330 W GRAHAM PL

LOS ANGELES, CA 90064

(310) 478-2041

Fees: none

Max.Class Size: 20

Current Enrollment: 1

Waiting List: 0

9. 2004 Spring Student Technology Showcase Deadline Extended

CTAP Region 11 invites all to participate in the 2004 Student Technology Showcase which is co-hosted by the California Department of Education (CDE), the California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) and Computer Using Educations (CUE). Registration is free and is meant to highlight superior student projects from our area. The date for this showcase is Saturday, March 20, 2004 at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The deadline for submitting an application has been extended to December 16, 2003January 10, 2004. If interested, you can request a copy of the application by contacting Mary Lou Harbison at (562) 922-6602 or harbison_marylou@lacoed.edu.

10. More Employment Opportunities

Los Angeles County Office Of Education has an opening for the following:

Position: Consultant, Instructional Technology

Certificate Required: Valid California Teaching Credential (Elementary or Secondary).

Desired: Possession of Valid California Administrative or Supervisory Credential

Salary: \$82,680-\$96,732

Work Year: 12 months. July 1 - June 30. 246 workdays including 24 paid vacation days.

Application and Job Description posted online (Deadline: 01/09/04):

<http://www.ed-join.com/jobs/viewposting.asp?postingID=50198>

Contact Information: Priscilla Garcia, (562) 803-8577

Walter Reed Middle School in District B has an opening for the following:

Position: Technology Instructor for 6th-8th Grade, Year-Round Track B

Certificate Required: Valid California Teaching Credential (Elementary or Secondary).

Description: School has both MAC and PC labs and a support person on-site.

Contact Information: Courtney Bullock, msbullock@earthlink.net

11. Two New Technology Consortium Meeting Dates Added

Due to a high demand for information and issues concerning technology at LAUSD Local District E, dates for meetings in January and February have been added. The following are the Dates/Times, Locations, and Topics for these added meetings.

Date/Time: Monday, January 26, 2003, 1:30-3:30pm

Location: District E Conference Room, 4201 Wilshire Boulevard, L.A., 90010

(but may be relocated)

Topic: LAUSD's Digital Library Resources For Research Projects: How to Use The Resources Provided/Funded By LAUSD Library & Information Services With Students

Date/Time: Monday, February 23, 2003, 1:30-3:30pm

Location: Delevan Drive Elementary School, 4168 W. Avenue 42, L.A. 90065

Topic: Video Editing Projects For Your Students: A Look At Software Solutions For Macintosh and Windows Users

As always, I hope this has been helpful and informative. If you have any questions, please contact me:

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