TECHNOLOGY

What's Happening in the World of Region 4 Technology

Tech Integrator Meetings

It's been great to get out and meet so many of you at your schools in the past few weeks. In this newsletter, are some of the topics I have been hearing you ask for at our meetings. I look forward to finishing the rotation to all the schools, grades and departments and getting the chance to talk with all of you. Throughout the year Pam and I will be updating the Information Technology section of the website and sending a newsletter a few times a year.

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Where to Find Tech Information:

Region 4 Homepage - District- Information Technology Department- Tech Integration and Tech Tips

GOOGLE:

Many of you have expressed interest in learning more about google docs and how to effectively use it with your students and colleagues. Here are some links to some great Google Resources. We all know if you don't know something… Google it!

http://www.ninjagoogle.com/

http://www.gcflearnfree.org/googledriveanddocs/1.2

TEXT TO SPEECH:

If you are using a Mac computer there is built in text to speech features in the accessibility settings.
http://support.apple.com/kb/PH14230
There are also free text to speech and recording apps for the iPad that are good. The best one I have found is "Voice Recorder" I like this one because it gives you the option to save in photos as a movie file, google drive, or via email. You can download easily a voice recording from an ipad to your laptop or desktop computer.

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DEVOS VIDEO

Last year we implemented the Devos Video System. The Elementary Schools and John Winthrop watch their morning announcements using our online video site. Throughout the year we have posted events and training videos. Last year Pam Murphy created a "Beginning Smartboard Training video" and a "Beginning your WebPage" instruction. To access these

IN DISTRICT use this address:

http://10.10.2.9/home

If you are watching from home use this address:

http://72.10.125.150

Once on the site you will see a tab on top called "Video on Demand: There will find the training videos. We will keep you updated as new videos and training are added throughout the year.

Have you used Remind?
(Previously called Remind 101)

Connect instantly:
Teachers simply sign up, create a class, add students, and start messaging. Students and parents opt-in to join classes via a unique class code. Once classes are set up, teachers can connect with their classes, and get instant feedback on their messages. Teachers never see students' or parent's phone numbers, and students never see theirs. A great way to say "remember the field trip tomorrow" or "don't forget your English book"
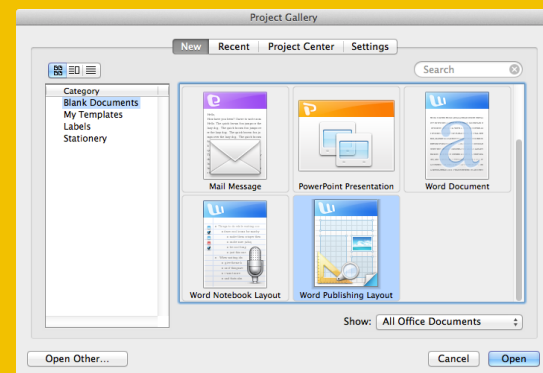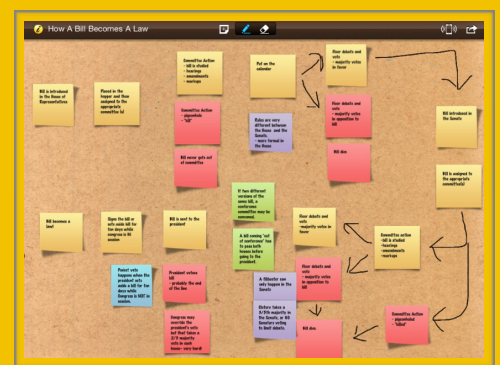The service is Free and available on laptop, phone or iPad

https://www.remind.com

ARE YOU USING..

Word Publishing Layout?

Many people use Microsoft Office for Word, Excel and Powerpoint, but did you know that if you are creating anything with charts or graphics, the best choice is in the Word Publishing Layout? The tools are very much the same as Microsoft Word, but moving text or pictures is much easier and won't compromise layout. Great for creating graphic organizers! When you go into create a new document you will find word publishing in the "Project Gallery"

iBrainstorm?

iBrainstorm is a set of collaboration tools for sharing and collecting notes. The iPad serves as a canvas for colored sticky notes and freehand drawings. Up to four handheld iDevices can create and flick notes to the the iPad's digital, dynamic cork board. The best part of the app is IT'S FREE!