

BULLDOG MEDIA MOMENT@ DHS

A newsletter with media center updates along with technology tips and tricks you can use.

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What's happening in the Media Center?

Since school started the media center has been a busy place. We had over 800 students meet with guidance councilors during the days of crazy schedule week. We also did textbook check out 2 days in August as well as had classes in the computer lab that was not affected by data and textbook checkout. We opened before school and for lunches starting on Sept 4th.

September brings us FAIR testing that will take place September 4 – 14 with makeup days on Sept 17 and 18. Even though we have been FAIR testing classes have been coming in to check out books. When you are thinking about scheduling time in the media center, I would like to document your common core standard or sunshine state standard as well as any websites you are planning on using. This collaboration should be helpful to both of us on VSET. Sept 17 will begin media orientation for 9th graders, via the World Cultural Geography classes. Thank you to those teachers who agreed to bring in their classes for this introduction.

Media Center Website

If you haven't had a chance to explore the media center website, please take a minute to do so. You can access it on the link on the DHS website. I would love to hear from you if you can think of any resources or information that would be helpful to have linked for your classes! You can also tell students they can find the Electronic Information Services form, needed to use a computer here at DHS, on the site as well has links to our online resources. Be sure to check back regularly.

New Scanner in the Media Center

I have purchased a scanner for teacher use in the media center that is capable of scanning both sides of the pages into one pdf file quickly and easily. If you would like me to show you how to use it, please stop by and see me.

Copy Center

Remember that you don't need to send the same files over and over again. You can access the pdf files of the materials you scanned on the VCS website under "Copy Center" which can be found after you login in the Technology & Equipment section. You can also access it here: <http://irp.volusia.k12.fl.us/>. Locate the files you have recently sent to the copy center by

choosing to manage your account, log in using you copy center user name and password, then look to the left of the screen and find IRP Archive, click view, to the items you wish to download to your computer so that next time you can print them from your desk!

ScanStation/Achievement Series

Some teachers were not aware that you can send your scantrons to the copy center to print. You can also have the scan station software pushed to your teacher computer (put in an MIS Tech Request) so that you can print from your teacher station. If you are lucky enough to have access to a brother printer then you can scan your answers too.

Read-A-Latte

The coffee bar is open for students, teachers and staff. We are open before school, during the day and both lunches. Costs are small: \$1.00, medium \$1.50 and large \$2.00. We are serving iced coffee, hot chocolate, hot tea and hot coffee. Fridays for students we are doing Flavor Fridays. Teachers we will always offer flavored hot coffee for you every day. Also, teachers and staff we are offering a Read-A-Latte card for \$20.00. At the end of its use the cardholder is entitled to 2 free beverages. The funds are used for used to purchase books, technology and student rewards.

Safari Montage Update

If you haven't checked out Safari Montage lately, now is the time to do so! The district has greatly expanded our subscription to include thousands of new resources! There really is something for everyone. One quick tip for those of you who may have trouble logging in- erasing your stored passwords in Internet Explorer will clear up a lot of problems. Simply right click on the Internet Explorer icon on your desktop and choose "delete" under "Browsing History." Be forewarned that this will delete saved passwords for ALL sites you have visited

Looking for Free On-Line Access to Textbooks

While many of our textbooks are not currently available for free on-line, some teachers have found a way to work around the issue by using a combination of classroom texts and flexbooks that provide the complete text on-line for free. Here is a website that has gathered flexbooks for many subjects, check to see if yours is available: <http://www.ck12.org/flexbook/>

Edmodo Tips

Remember that there is a course on the VCS website to help you get started in Edmodo. To locate the Edmodo course in Propeller, do the following: Log in to blackboard. Click on the

Propeller tab at the top. Open the Propeller Studio folder in the Propeller Class Catalog module. Find PS.Edmodo and click on the down arrows to the right of it and select Enroll. That will take you to the Edmodo course in Propeller. School codes, tutorials and user guides just waiting for you!

Online Resources

Florida Electron Library: <http://www.flelibrary.org>

Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov>

Florida Center for Instructional Technology: <http://fcit.usf.edu/>

What The Kids Are Reading

So, what are the kids reading? The most frequently checked out books since school started:

- A child called "It": one child's courage to survive by David Pelzer
- Go Ask Alice
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel by Jay Asher
- Glass by Ellen Hopkins