

BULLDOG MEDIA MOMENT@ DHS

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

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The Month in Review - September

We had FAIR testing done through the English/Language Arts classes for 10 days using all of the computer labs, and then for 2 additional days we did FAIR makeup testing in 2 of the labs. In addition we had 15 Teachers use the Media Center totally 95 classes. Included in those classes were the 9th grade World Cultural Geography students, I taught a media orientation lesson. I worked with the 10 grade language arts classes introducing them to our online resources in addition to helping them with creating citations for their first research project of the year.

436 students used the media center before school, 535 students used the media center during lunch and 553 students came to the media center during the day on a pass. We had 1358 books checked out this month. We have also been updating the data base of all the students with current Electronic Information Services contracts. The media center was used after school, for a county wide Clicker training for science teachers and it was used during the day to provide space for district Technology Teachers to meet and work on curriculum. I want to thank all the students that helped with the FCAT infrastructure test by logging on to all the desk top computers and all the laptops in the 4 testing carts.

Media Center Closed to Students for Testing

We are sorry for the inconvenience, but AS OF RIGHT NOW, the media center will be **CLOSED** to students during the day (including before school and during lunch) on the following days due to testing: **MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th, TUESDAY OCTOBER 9TH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, and MONDAY, OCTOBER 15th through FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH (for FCAT testing)**. We will update you if there are any changes in the dates. We will try to open as soon as testing is complete each day. I will send out an email notifying everyone that we are open. Teachers will still be able access the media center to check out materials, copy center scanner and use the workroom. If testing is in session, please use the back door (be careful the door does not slam) to access the media center and the kitchen/workroom so that we do not do anything that would disrupt the testing environment happening in Lab 105/Fishbowl and the main area of the media center. Thank you for your patience!

What's Happening in Media Center (other than testing)

The Senior IB students are working very hard on completing their Extended Essays. The 9th grade World Cultural Geography students have been learning about plagiarism and academic integrity in their classrooms and in the media center with a power point presentation and an online tutorial review. We also are going to be soon beginning the integration of our small group common core lessons. If there is anything I can collaborate with you on to help you or your students in the media center or in your classroom, please email me or stop in.

Copy Center/ Iripilator

Remember that you don't need to use the scanner over and over again to send the same files each year. 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/>. Simply locate the files you have recently sent to the copy center and download them to your computer so that next time you can print them from your desk!

Student Computer Contracts

In order for our students to use any computer (including laptops) here at DHS they must have an Electronics Information Services agreement on file here in the media center. We have sent home the forms with all 9th graders through the English/Language Arts classes. New students receive one when they register and all other students may find the form on our media center website. Please encourage your students to return these forms. When you sign up to use the media center labs, we will continue to provide information to you on your students. For those of you using laptops, to assist you in knowing which of your students have returned their forms we have placed a database of students by alpha code on the I drive for you to access/check your students. This database is updated daily. We appreciate your continued support as we help our students demonstrate academic integrity and responsibility as they use computers.

MIS/Technology Service Requests

Please note the following changes and clarifications from Technology Services due to a decline in the capital budget:

1. Technology Services will now only provide batteries for audio enhancements. We must provide our own batteries for everything else.
2. They will not be providing an additional or replacement wireless mouse. They can provide a wired mouse if the user puts in a request.
3. They are unable to replace or add new printers as a standard practice. All users should have access to a network printer in a relatively close proximity.
4. They are also unable to replace VCR/DVD players. DVD's can be shown through your laptops.

Email/Internet/Social Media Netiquette

Several people have asked me to send out some reminders regarding guidelines when using email, the internet and social media. Here are a few things to consider:

1. **Be concise and to the point**, focusing on basic professionalism in an amiable work environment.
2. **Use spell check and grammar check.** E-mails with no full stops or commas are difficult to read and can sometimes even change the meaning of the text.

3. **Do not write in CAPITALS.** IF YOU WRITE IN CAPITALS IT SEEMS AS IF YOU ARE SHOUTING. This can be highly annoying and might trigger an unwanted response. Therefore, try not to send any email text in capitals
4. **Do not overuse Reply to All.** Only use Reply to All if you **really need** your message to be seen by each person who received the original message.
5. **Answer swiftly.** Try to respond within 24 hours.
6. **Read the email before you send it.** A lot of people don't bother to read an email before they send it out, as can be seen from the many spelling and grammar mistakes contained in emails. Apart from this, reading your email through the eyes of the recipient will help you send a more effective message and avoid misunderstandings and inappropriate comments.

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Edit Photos On-line For Free- Student Projects

Imagine the dynamic projects and presentations students could create with access to free photo editing software. Just introduce them to Picnik, a free website that allows you to edit images online without a login! <http://www.picnik.com/>

Common Core

The **Teaching Channel** has dozens of **free videos of Common Core instruction in action**. This free nonprofit site requires a registration, but it is well worth it: <http://bit.ly/z75z8N>

What Kids are Reading:

1. [A child called "It"](#) by David J. Pelzer
2. [The Hunger Games](#) by Suzanne Collins
3. [Purple Heart](#) by Patricia McCormick
4. [Thirteen reasons why](#) Jay Asher.
5. [The last thing I remember](#) by Andrew Klavan

6. November blues by Sharon M. Draper
7. Reality check by Peter Abrahams
8. The Market by J.M. Steele
9. Willow by Julia Hoban
10. If I have a wicked stepmother, where's my prince? by Melissa Kantor