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News You Can Use

NETWORK WIRING UPDATED

Some major behind the scenes changes have occurred at the high school. I thought it important to mention, else they would go unnoticed.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Loeffelholz, Mr. Stepflug (Slim), Mr. Shireman, Mr. Priebe and Mr. Welp, the fiber cabling for the computer network was installed. Once the fiber was pulled to the sections needed, Mr. Welp ran additional network cable to each classroom that was affected by the change.

We spent the remaining part of the week replacing networking hardware that was needed to allow classroom computers to take advantage of the improvements.

As mentioned in a previous issue of this newsletter, the high school computer network is now mapped into sections. This will prevent major district wide failures. If an area goes down, it will only be noticed in that particular section and nowhere else.

The major “switch” than distributes information throughout the network is now located in the library area. This is a much more

secure area and will prevent any “unauthorized” access.

Thanks again to our maintenance department. Not only did they save the school a major labor expense, but they completed the project in less time than we first anticipated. Thanks guys!

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT:

“One of the reasons people stop learning is that they become less and less willing to risk failure.”

---John W Gardner

IN-SERVICE OFFERINGS

It was good to see that many took advantage of the mini-workshops that have been offered this winter and spring.

Many teachers took advantage of the Streaming Video training and several even spent half of one day updating their lessons, downloading videos, reviewing standards, and seeing what the Streaming Video has to offer in the way of lesson plans and resources.

Ms. Baumann just completed the PowerPoint workshop which was well attended. All who attended were able to learn how to properly construct a presentation that keeps content the primary focus.

Thank you Ms. Baumann for organizing this after school program for our teachers.

Don't forget about the upcoming Digital Photography workshop. Mr. Mc Lane will be hosting five sessions Wednesday, April 13, and continuing on April 14, 20, 21, and 27. These sessions will be held in the high school's main computer lab (by the library), after school, from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

SUMMER CLASSES

Looking to gain some college credit and/or some additional cpdu's? This summer there are two Regional Office of Education classes being offered here at East Dubuque School.

The first class is *Using WebQuests & Virtual Field Trips to Improve Classroom Instruction*, and runs June 7 thru June 13. The second class being offered is *Classroom Web Pages*, which is in session July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2005.

You can check out the details for each of these classes and others as well by going to <http://roe8.lth2.k12.il.us/summer%20booklet%202005.doc>

As you can see, there are numerous ways for you to learn some things that can be a big benefit to your classroom. We plan to continue offering a variety of offerings in the future. Thanks to those who could attend what has been offered and thanks ahead of time to those teachers who take advantage of future opportunities.

Remember, if you need any assistance- let me know (jambrosia@edbqhs.org). ‘Till next time... Joe Ambrosia