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Cyber Connection

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Apple Training

On February 10th and 11th Kevin Davies returned to New Braunfels in order to meet with Academy participants. The first day was fascinating as everyone divided up into groups and participated in learning iMovie video. A task was given to the group to make a movie that would convince Kevin's wife to move to Texas. Some of the movies were very convincing and others...were lots of fun!

The second day we shared the movies, with popcorn and all the trimmings. Later in the day everyone participated in the "Setting Priorities" activity, which provided an excellent framework for ordering the goals that we have set for ourselves to accomplish. Another activity was "Vision" which was an exercise in establishing your personal vision, making it clear and compelling.

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Logo Contest

After the Tuesday Apple Training all of the collaborative members went downstairs to the District Technology Meeting to vote on the Logo for the 2004 spring Technology Showcase. We voted according to age groups and came up with three finalists. From the finalists a difficult decision was made as they were all excellent choices! The winner is Emily Ricks, a fourth grader from Seele Elementary. Emily also won two years ago as a second grader.



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Visit to Waelder

Melissa and Paula visited Waelder ISD on Monday, February 23rd. First they met with Dr. Carruthers, and Nieves Reynolds for their first round of Palm Training. Melissa led their two hour session and both proved to be quick learners. Dr. Carruthers was not a first time Handheld Computer user, and he was still very enthusiastic about what he learned.

After the Palm Handheld Computer training Melissa and Paula met with the faculty of the district and presented them with information on the Grant itself, the Phase training and the Technology showcase. The faculty members were eager to hear about the opportunities for the district, and how it would impact the classroom teacher.

Here we see Melissa presenting a powerpoint on the Target Grant and the Phase testing

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Feedback Information-Reminder

We want to remind you that there is a website that is dedicated to your confidential feedback related to the TARGET Grant.

You can submit your feedback (brag, complain or tell about outstanding projects) or anything else that is on your mind concerning the grant. This has been set up by the TCET – the grant evaluators. We encourage you to take advantage of this path of communication at any time.

The website for this channel of information is:

<http://insight.southcentraltec.org/ilib/newbraunfels/feedback.html>

Reminder: May 11th and 12th are the next two dates for Apple Leadership Training. Make sure these dates are on your calendar!
March 18, is our next steering committee meeting!



We are on the lookout for more CyberConnection Spotlight entries – Please send some in!

Visit to Nixon Smiley

After going to Waelder on Monday, Melissa and Paula packed up their equipment and headed for Nixon Smiley on Thursday, February 26th for Palm Handheld Computer training. They met with seven of the Central Office Staff and Administrators for their first session of the training. Everyone was anxious to learn as much as possible about their Palm Handhelds, and they enjoyed all of the new information.

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The Spotlight is On!

We have a new Spotlight to talk about! Showcased you will find the teachers from Nixon Smiley who visited New Braunfels last fall, as well as the host teachers from New Braunfels! Please take a look at this at:

<http://www.newbraunfels.txed.net/TechDept/CyberConn/spotlight/spotlight.html>

Then think about who you would like showcased from your school, and let us know!

Open Labs

Nixon Smiley has their Open labs going! On the last page of the newsletter you will see the great job Cris Tassos did with the flyer advertising the availability of the labs to the community. The New Braunfels labs are also open on Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:00p.m..

Student Competencies

Thursday, March 1, 2004, was the first meeting held to begin developing student competencies. Chad Chamness who was representing Nixon Smiley joined the New Braunfels Technology Specialists and librarians.

The group reviewed competency profiles from other districts across the state. They looked at the format as well as the content, documenting the positive, negative and missing elements. Each of the profiles was discussed with all of the representatives giving their input. The group ended the day by beginning to design a format that would work best for the CyberConnection group. The next meeting will be on March 25th.

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Join your friends and
return to school to learn
and have fun!

Sessions begin soon!

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Offer **FREE** to the Public
**EVENING COMPUTER
CLASSES**



Cyber Connection II

Elementary Computer Lab

6:30 – 8:30

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

February 24th through April 29th

ATTEND ONE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

Session A	Microsoft Word Processing I Microsoft Word Processing II	Feb. 24 th March 2 nd
Session B	Powerpoint I Powerpoint II	March 9 th March 23 rd
Session C	Internet and Email	March 30 th
Session D	Multimedia I– Digital Camera/Scanner Multimedia II– Slide show/CD Burning	April 6 th April 13 th
Session E	Names and Numbers Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet Microsoft Database & Mail Merge	April 20 ^t April 27 th

Cheryl Nance – Instructor

Chris Tassos – Director of Special Programs

TO REGISTER CALL: MARY ANN RICE 582-1536 ext. 0129

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