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# Cyber Connection

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## Waelder School Board

Dr. Carruthers, on behalf of the Waelder ISD School Board, invited Melissa and Paula to to deliver a TARGET Grant presentation. The presentation was designed to educate the School Board on the goals of the Grant and the activities supporting the goals. We specified such activities as the Spring Technology Showcase, the student competencies, teacher exhibits, and the staff development that the teachers can look forward to.

The teacher Technology Proficiency Phase Training was discussed in detail. The presentation explained each of the Phases and what the incentives are for Phase II, III and IV. The School Board had some questions and the answers helped them towards a better understanding of the Grant, it's goals, and ultimately what this all means for Waelder.

Melissa is presenting TARGET Grant information to the Waelder School Board.



## Connected University

We are working on finalizing the subscriptions to Connected University. If you have not sent in the names of those who wish to participate, please bring them on Thursday. We can then look at the numbers and go forward with this!

Reminder – April 8<sup>th</sup> Deadline  
Presentation Proposals for  
Spring Technology Showcase

Bring your entries to the  
Steering Committee Meeting

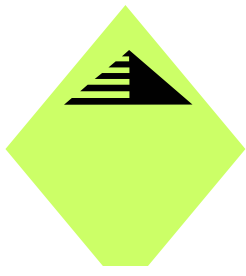
Don't leave your students out of  
this great experience!



Remember your teachers can  
earn a Palm Zire 71 with 40  
Hours of CETE time!



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are needed to see this picture.



## Palm Training

Palm Training continues! Melissa introduced the second part of the Palm Handheld Training to Waelder participants on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, before the School Board Meeting.

This section of the training delves further into the intricacies of the Date Book and the Address Book. It is a lot of fun to watch everyone get so excited about using their Palms.

Then on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, training was offered to Nancy Ney, New Braunfels Christian Academy, and some New Braunfels members. The focus was Palm Basics – getting to know the various applications that are on the Palm plus the vocabulary that is used. This group continued training on April 5<sup>th</sup> with the first Digging Deeper Module on the Address Book.

Here we see Melissa Helping participants from NBISD, and Nancy Ney with Palm Basics.

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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>

## Student Competencies Work-Group Report

The Work Group for Student Competencies met again on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. The work was detailed and challenging as we inserted I (Introduced), P (Practiced) and M (Mastered) into the Technology TEKS Applications for K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

We will meet again on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – noon in order to complete the Student Competency details in order to be able to pass these on to NBISD Phase III and IV teacher who are interested in writing the Grade Level Technology Applications Guides for teachers.

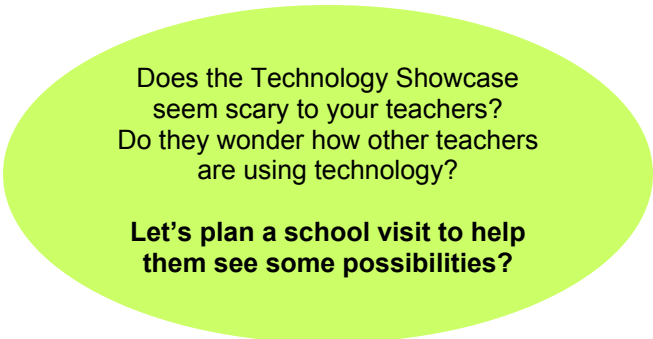
### Dates to Remember:

**April 8th is our next steering committee meeting! Bring the names of those committed to participating in Connected University.**

**We will be meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 – noon to continue working on the Student Competencies**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> are the next two dates for Apple Leadership Training. Make sure these dates are on your calendar!**

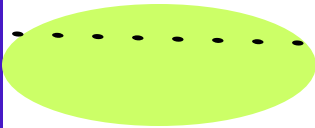
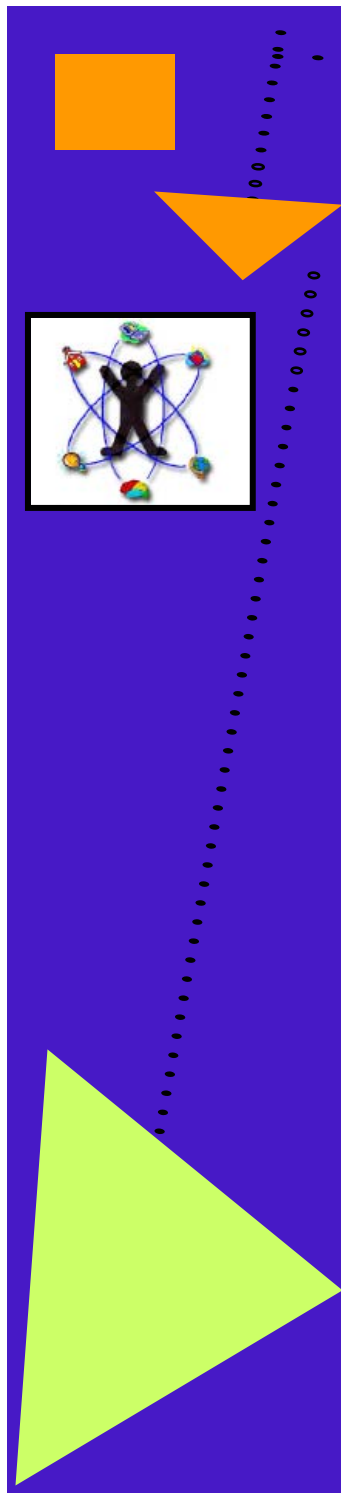
**We are on the lookout for more CyberConnection Spotlight entries – Please send some in!**



Does the Technology Showcase seem scary to your teachers? Do they wonder how other teachers are using technology?

**Let's plan a school visit to help them see some possibilities?**

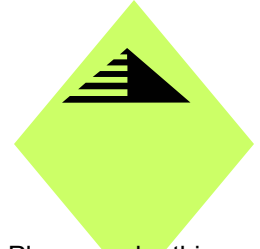
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## The Spotlight is On!

We have not had any new nominations for the Spotlight. Please make this a priority this month. Think about who you would like showcased from your school, fill out the nomination form and send the information to Sheryl. We know there are teachers out there doing amazing projects with technology and we want to let everyone know about them!

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



## Open Labs

DeeDee Roberts from the NBISD Labs reports that each week she has three people attending the Lab classes. They are the same three people weekly, working on various skills such as word processing, internet, email and powerpoint. All three are new computer users and want to learn everything they can!

We look forward to hearing from Nixon Smiley and Waelder about their Open Labs.

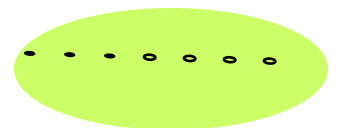
## LoTi Training

Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bruce Rockstroh, the principal from Nancy Ney Charter School, presented the LoTi levels to the Tech Academy from New Braunfels. He did an incredible job correlating the Levels of Technology Integration with the Levels of Blooms Taxonomy. His personal stories supported the LoTi information as well as provide humor to the morning. Each person left the meeting with a greater understanding of Blooms and the overall concepts of LoTi.

## Phase Training

Phase training continues to be successful. All of the collaboratives have reported ongoing testing schedules are contributing to Phase I and II graduates. Waelder ISD sent a list of 26 people who have passed Phase I and are ready to test for Phase II. Keep up the great work!

We would love to hear from the other collaboratives on the progress they are making with the Phase Training!



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