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Cyber Connection

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Waelder Palm Graduates

Dr. Carruthers and Nieves Reynolds have the distinction of being the first Palm Graduates of the CyberConnection Grant. On the 15th of April they both successfully completed the last round of training provided by Melissa Garffer.

The graduates were excellent students, providing humor and enthusiasm to each session. Even though they had used Palms in the past they were amazed at the many ways the handheld applications can be applied, and they are looking forward to the LoTi software training that will be used with the Palms.

Nieves Reynolds and Dr. Carruthers are showing their advanced skills with the Palm Handheld.

Important – Link for Handheld Training Feedback!

If you have completed the Palm Handheld training please take the time to fill out the observation form provided by TCET at the following link:

<http://insight.southcentralrtec.org/ilib/handhelds/>

Open Labs

Open Labs in New Braunfels and at Nancy Ney are continuing to operate successfully. Nancy New reports that students are coming to their labs as well as adults from the community.

DeeDee Roberts, manager of the Lone Star Lab in New Braunfels, reports that she works with several people on many different skills. They are interested in working with and learning about the internet, as well as perfecting word processing skills.

In Nixon Smiley, the Labs are open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with a new skill being introduced on Tuesdays and then the skill is practiced on Thursday.

DeeDee Roberts is shown here working with an interested learner attending the Lone Star Lab in New Braunfels.

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REMINDER!!



Dates to Remember:

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

The Steering Committee Meeting will be held on the 12th after the training for the day so you do not have to return on the 13th!

May 19 & 20th – Writing Exhibits with Apple Trainers! More information to follow at the Steering Committee.

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

More Graduates

Palm Training continues to fascinate the trainer and trainees! As Melissa teaches each group she is amazed at what new details she is still learning. Melissa and her "students" marvel at the capabilities of the Palm and they have had some great conversations as to how all of this fits into the daily use of the Palm Handheld.

The final topics of the Handheld training include Digging Deeper into the Note Pad, Advanced Housekeeping, and everyone's favorite – How to use the Camera!

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Here we see Melissa with Palm graduates from Nancy Ney and New Braunfels Christian Academy.

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 meetings for teachers who wish to work on Student Competencies over the summer were held on the 29th of April, and the 4th of May. Over 30 teachers attended the two meetings. They were given applications to fill out if they wish to work on with this work group. They will work throughout the summer to complete the competencies, and create five activities for the competencies at their grade level.

Summer Staff Development

Here is a list of the staff development opportunities set up for the summer of 2004. We will send flyers, and discuss the possibilities and logistics of hotel accommodations for those so far away.

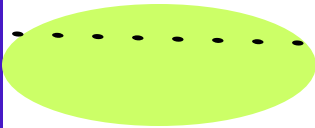
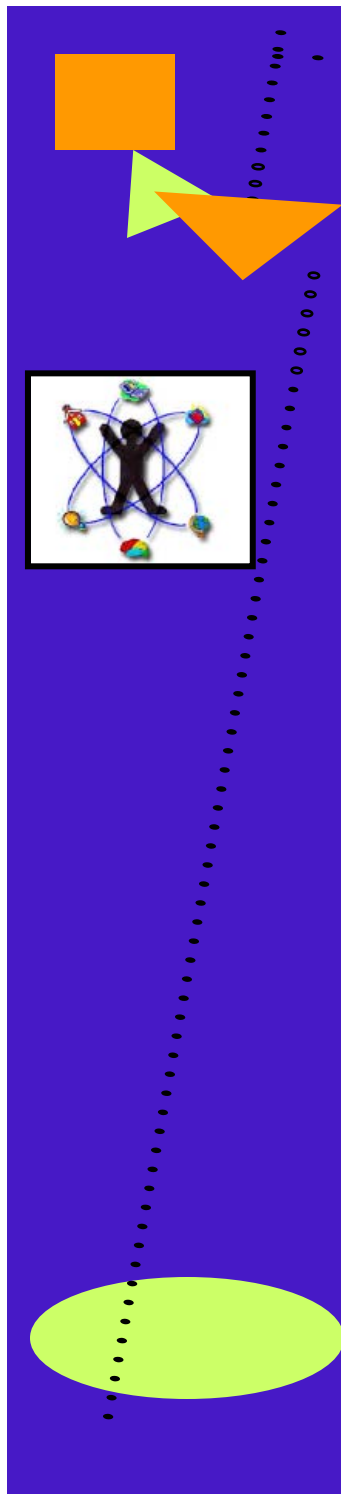
June 7th & 8th – LoTi for Teachers

June 14th, 15th, 16th – SEDL Active Learning with Technology

June 17th – Questioning Strategies

June 21st – LoTi for Administrators

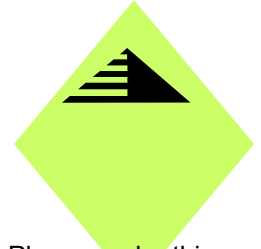
July 19th - 23rd – Floating to Success



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>

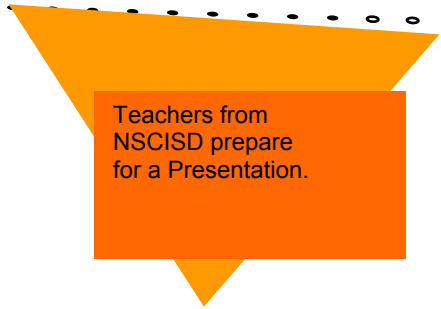


Technology Showcase

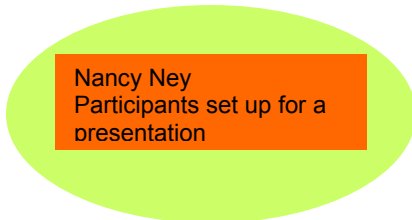
This past weekend, on the 8th of May, the Collaborative Technology Showcase was held. Students from New Braunfels ISD, Nancy Ney, and Nixon Smiley CISD delivered 15 minute presentations on a multitude of different ideas and concepts, showcasing how technology is being used in the classroom. And not just one grade level – there were students from Kindergarten classrooms as well as High School!

All of the participating students and teachers had their names in a drawing for prizes. Two lucky students won an iPod, while teachers were thrilled with either an iPod or a ProScope.

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Teachers from NSCISD prepare for a Presentation.



Nancy Ney Participants set up for a presentation

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