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# CyberConnectionII



## Items of Interest

- August trips to Waelder
- Meeting with Keith Mitchell
- Nancy Ney Presentation
- Star Chart
- Website Update
- Ele's Bundle of Joy

## Reminder!

### The next Steering

**committee Meeting is  
this week Thursday  
the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at  
1:30 p.m.**

## NBISD Lab Open

The Lab in New Braunfels is now "Open for Business". The Herald Zeitung had a wonderful article on the lab in last weeks paper.

## Meeting with Keith Mitchell

Keith Mitchell (a former New Braunfels teacher) now with Apple Computers came to New Braunfels on September 23. Keith met with Jennifer Faulkner, Melissa Garffer, Lisa Howard, and Paula Bredewater to explain how the exhibits are developed on the Apple Learning Exchange.

Each person creating an exhibit will be the "author". The "Builder" will be a designated person on each campus to actually put the information into the template designed for the exhibit.

In order to produce successful

exhibits we will need to:

- define an Internal Review Process
- have an exhibit analysis session with those interested in development of exhibits – this will allow them to see mistakes that they do not want to make.

Jennifer was asked to verbalize the impact of the Apple Professional Development we have received. Keith taped her comments so eventually she will be featured in an Apple created video.

## Nancy Ney Visit

Melissa made a visit to Nancy Ney on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September to present information to the faculty on the specifics of Phase Training.

Melissa showed them some sample tests, and explained how to prepare for the testing.

Nancy Ney is getting ready now to have training and testing for all of the teachers on campus

## Star Chart

It is time to complete the Texas STAR Chart again! Jennifer will do the training with us on Thursday, so we will be comfortable going back to our schools and having the teachers complete the survey.

All teachers in each district will be asked to complete this STAR chart. The deadline will be coming up quickly – November 15<sup>th</sup>. So take a look at your calendars and begin planning accordingly.

## Visits to Waelder



*Six teachers from Waelder took some time in August to visit with Melissa and Paula.*

This summer Melissa and Paula had the opportunity to visit with an enthusiastic group of teachers from Waelder.

The meeting began with an overview of the district's technology capabilities and equipment. As you can see in the picture to the left Waelder has their Phase III laptops out and ready to use.

The focus then changed to a basic overview of Phase III. After the Phase III summary the teachers were able to go to the Apple

Learning Exchange and see the exhibits that are posted there, keeping in mind the path we are taking with developing exhibits.

On August 30<sup>th</sup> Tera, Melissa, and Paula all went to Waelder to visit with Anneta Buenger, the new interim superintendent. Tera presented the history and overview of the grant, as well as introducing Dr. Buenger to the goals of the grant.

## Web Site Update

The CyberConnection webpage has been refreshed thanks to the work of Lisa Howard. The names of the steering committee have been updated, practice tests have been posted as well as the pre and post assessments for Phase III. In addition the newsletters have been added to allow readers to see the chronological view of CyberConnection events.

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



**Congratulations Ele and Becky!**  
Ele Moreno and his wife Becky are the proud parent of a son, Christopher Michael. Christopher was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, weighed 6 lbs 1oz, and was 18.5 inches long. We hope Ele will bring pictures to the Steering Committee!

## At Risk Meeting

Melissa and Paula had a meeting with Tera as well as Michelle Casteel, a counselor from NBISD, and Lori Gruwell the Social Studies Curriculum Specialist from New Braunfels, in order to identify the factors that will put a student in the at-risk category. We also discussed how to keep teachers informed about students on the list while maintaining all confidentiality measures. This was just the beginning of our quest to develop Individual Learning Plans for our at-risk students.

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