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# Cyber Connection

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## Proficiency Updates

On October 30<sup>th</sup> a team of technology specialists from NBISD, along with Chris Tassos from Nixon-Smilely, met collaboratively to update the Proficiency tests.

The Phase II tests were divided into two groups – the Mac and the PC. From there each test was reviewed and updated.

Through this effort the tests are now ready to be organized into a notebook to be distributed at the Steering Committee meeting this Thursday.

## Visit to Waelder ISD

With Dr. Carruther's leadership, the Waelder district is defining their vision of technology integration, while setting teaching and learning goals.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> Melissa and Paula visited the Waelder ISD campuses. They saw the Elementary campus and their lab, which is using the CEI Reading Program. Middle School is integrating content lessons into their labs, in addition to creating a computer generated newsletter for the school.

We appreciated the time given to us by Lester Johnson, Nieves Reynolds, and Eli Moreno.

## Spotlight Award

The CyberConnection Webpage has been revised according to the recommendations of the Steering Committee. Lisa Howard was very receptive to the comments and has made the changes asked for by the committee.

Within the CyberConnection Webpage is the "Spotlight Award" which is designed to recognize teachers who are integrating technology within their classrooms. **Please take the time to nominate someone from your district for this award!**

## Logo Contest Entries

This is just a reminder that the CyberConnection II Logo Contests Entries are due today – November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please email Melissa and Paula any of the entries that you have received and the judging will be done on Thursday at the Steering Committee Meeting. If there are any questions or if you need another copy of the Logo contest entry form sent to you please let Paula and Melissa know.



## Mark your Calendars!

Be sure to mark your calendars for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Apple Learning Series for administrators. Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> we will meet from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and then on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> we will meet from 8:00 – 3:00 p.m.

## LoTi News

Each of the Cyber Connection districts will soon be completing the LoTi surveys. Then on Jan. 29, 2004, Dr. Chris Moersch will be presenting the administrator training session. Be sure to save this date!

## Visit to the Warehouse

Please remember that we will be meeting in the Parking Lot of the Ed Center at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. From there we will drive to the warehouse to look at and tag the computers from SWT.

We know some of you have quite a distance to drive so if you find yourself later than 10:30a.m. please call either Melissa or Paula to let the group know your estimated time of arrival.

Melissa - (830) 708-8180

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## Meeting this Week

This Thursday, November 13, 2003 will be our next meeting of the Target Grant Advisory Committee. We will meet at the Ed Center in the library at 1:30 p.m. We have a full agenda and it should prove to be full of interesting and exciting information.



## TCET Meeting

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> Melissa, Paula, and Tera met with Marthat Peet from TCET. The grant was reviewed, as well having questions asked and answered. The LoTi instrument was discussed at length and it was agreed that the sooner we conduct the surveys the better our baseline data will be.

The community labs were a major topic, and the idea was generated to submit a mini grant for parts, etc. to coordinate with the SWT computers. Tera went right to work with this idea and we now have been awarded a \$1,000 mini grant from Wal-Mart!

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