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Cyber Connection

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Logo Contest - Technology Showcase

You will be receiving the information for the Technology Showcase Logo Contest this week. The contest will run from December 8, 2003 until January 30, 2004.

Please encourage the students in your school/district to enter this contest. There are several ways to do this. The students may be given the directions and work on it independently outside of school. Another option would be to work on this within the classroom as an assignment, or as an assignment within a lab situation.

You will be getting a PowerPoint depicting the past logo winners. The students entering the contest need to know that they should not use mascots unless they use the mascots of all of the collaboratives. If you wish to add additional slides to the PowerPoint showing more "logo" samples please feel free to do so.

Voting will take place on February 10th at the District Technology Meeting. Since it is also an Apple Training Day the entire Steering Committee will be in NB and be able to vote!

Feedback Information

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.southcentralrtec.org/ilib/newbraunfels/feedback.html>

LoTi Surveys

This is just a reminder that the LoTi surveys need to be completed before the Christmas holidays.

Teachers can be given the assignment to do this individually or you may want to have someone designated to meet with teachers during their planning period to complete the survey.

Please remember that Dr. Christopher Moersch is meeting with us on the 29th of January and the results of the surveys will be an integral part of his presentation.



Mark your Calendars!

Be sure to mark your calendars for February 10th and 11th for the next two days of Apple Training. May 11th and 12th will be the final two days of training scheduled. So be sure you have these dates down on your schedules! Also, for everyone's convenience, we have moved the steering committee meetings in February and May to the Wednesday afternoons at the end of the Apple Training days so we can eliminate another drive to New Braunfels.



Spotlight Reminder

Each of the Cyber Connection collaboratives has the opportunity to nominate teachers for the Spotlight on the website. Please remember to do this!

Meeting Martha & Lemoyne

We were fortunate to have Martha Peet and LeMoyne Dunn join us at the Apple Training last week. Martha and LeMoyne are with TCET – the TARGET grant evaluators.

Reminder from Sheryl – We will be meeting at Chucks Transport at 11:30 on 12-11-03. Have a list of what you need from the cables, keyboards, etc. Please bring a few boxes to put your equipment in!



There were 28 entries to the Cyber Connection logo contest last month. The winning logo was submitted by Misty Johnson, a kindergarten teacher at Carl Schurz Elementary in NBISD. Everyone who entered the contest will receive a certificate of appreciation for participating.

Meeting this Week

This Thursday, December 11, 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.



Ruby Payne Tip

Many at risk students have little or no predictability at home. Therefore at risk students are going to get a better start to the day if they are greeted with routine. These students benefit from a consistent start of the school day, which builds a sense of safety and prepares them for learning. Dr. Payne suggests that in addition to announcements and roll call each morning, students are given several daily assignments/tasks, which lowers their anxiety levels and settles them into the classroom environment.

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