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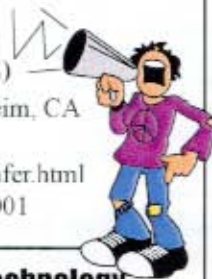
Message from the Coordinator

Welcome from the Instructional Technology Department in Educational Services. The *Beacon, Technology Edition*, will be a monthly newsletter coming to you with technology training information, interesting and informative websites, and things that are happening in the ever-changing world of technology. If you find a great website or opportunity that you feel other teachers would be interested in, send me an email with the information and we may feature it in the next issue. Each month we will also be featuring a teacher who is doing exceptional things in the classroom with technology integration. If you know of someone who fits this description, maybe yourself... just drop me an email or call. My email address is whitdd@fUSD.net or call 357-5000 extension 7056.

Upcoming Conferences

Computer Using Educators (CUE)

Spring 2001 Conference - Anaheim, CA
May 17-19, 2001
Register at: <http://www.cue.org/confer.html>
Registration Deadline: April 20, 2001



Who's Who in Instructional Technology



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Web Sightings...

<http://www.algebrahelp.com>
Great site for parents who want to help their kids with algebra, but don't understand the process. Includes link to other math sites, study tips and worksheets.

<http://www.letsfindout.com>
Designed for elementary students, this site lets children explore several subjects, many scientific in nature.

<http://www.babelfish.altavista.com/translate.dyn>
This site will allow you to translate your text into another language.



Teacher Spotlight-- Travis Wood Almeria Middle School

Travis Wood came to the Fontana Unified School District from Alert Bay, Canada. He is presently in his first year of teaching 7th grade Math/ Science at Almeria Middle School and has established himself as an innovator, effectively developing instructional strategies that add to his subject content. His effective integration of technology aligned with the standards has

proven to be very successful.

He has implemented an e-mail homework system accessible to students if they are absent from class. His "Almeria Mars" program has generated a great deal of student excitement and participation as well. This Lego-robotic device constructed in a man-made landscape can be accessed and controlled from students' home computers. Travis believes that technology is a powerful instructional tool that enables him to help improve his students' basic skills and instill in them a desire to continue to be lifelong learners.

If you would like further information, Travis can be contacted at: woodjti@fUSD.net

Digital High School As We Know It...

Both Kaiser and Citrus high school's Digital High School Grants were approved by State evaluators on March 8, 2001. Their grants will be given official approval by the State Board of Education at the State Board's April meeting.

Kaiser high school will receive \$562,200 in first year funding, while Citrus will receive \$114,300 (based upon October, 2000 CBEDS). Earlier this year, Birch High School received \$91,000 in first year funding.

All of Fontana's high schools are now participating in the Digital High School Grant program (FOHI received \$1,140,000 last spring, A.B. Miller \$1,047,000 in 1999). The only school left to be funded is Ted J. Porter School, which has an application awaiting review at the State. Porter's review is due to take place between April 23rd and May 4th. Porter's DHS grant application is for \$25,000.

For those unfamiliar with the Digital High School grant program, its purpose is to create a learning environment conducive to powerful uses of technology in the classroom. The grant requires that every classroom on the campus be connected to the Internet and that specific goals and objectives for both students and teachers are clearly defined for a period of three years.

Funding for the DHS program continues indefinitely with funding set at \$45 per student each year.

Principal's Award

To Travis Wood

For Appreciation + Thanks

Because of you our school is a better place to learn.

You have proven to me by your actions that
one person can make a difference.

I applaud you for what you have accomplished
and look forward to hearing even more great
things about you in the future.

Given This 11th day of May '01

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

R. Roll
Principal



Travis,

Great job on the
math test! 91.7!
you are doing a truly
fine job! Thank you
Richard

Travis:

Well done on the Test.
 $0/1 + 2/3$ 32 passed and
12 scored in the 60th%.
Thank you for the good
teaching.
Richard

Travis,

Thank you for the
visit to your room
for our Walkthrough
Training. all were
impressed with your
teaching! RBH

P.S. I attached the walkthrough handout ^{for} you.