



InTAcT Newsletter

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Welcome Back and Welcome to New Members

For more InTAcT information visit the InTAcT webpage: <http://www.whitesboroisd.org/MP.cfm?P=4986&>

What is InTAcT?

InTAcT stands for....

Instructional Technology Action Team.

The purpose of InTAcT is to provide a site based team on each campus to support district instructional technology initiatives and ensure that all technologies (hardware/software) are being maintained and utilized to meet the learning needs of all students and the instructional needs of all teachers on the campus.

InTAcT members are here to help you when you need help with technology on your campus. Each InTAcT member will have a sign posted outside their door so that you can find them easily.

Website News!!!

You can now visit the InTAcT webpage to find technology help. We will have quick reference guides, announcements, and meeting dates posted. You can get to the webpage from the Staff Resources page or the Technology page of the WISD website.

We will also be sending newsletters to all employees after every InTAcT meeting. This will help keep all employees informed about what is going on with WISD technology.

Quick Tips: Document Camera and Your Laptop



1. Please be sure to check your VGA (monitor cable). It must be connected to the video out on the document camera.
2. If your screen does not show up on your projector, please remember to press and hold the [fn] key and f₄ key at the same time. Some laptops require you to hold down the f₅ key instead (try the f₄ key first).
3. For blurry screens, please be sure to focus your projector first before adjusting the focus on document camera.



**If you have not received a laptop for your classroom, you will have an opportunity to apply for the Laptop Grant next semester or you could also win one in the WISD Web Contest.

New Technology @ WISD

AirLiner™ wireless slate

All WISD teachers will be receiving the AirLiner™ wireless slate. The new technology will be arriving sometime within the next year. Funding for the new AirLiners is coming from the Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation.



What is an AirLiner™?

The AirLiner wireless slate is a lightweight tool that you can carry with you as you teach. You and your students can interact wirelessly with your SMART Board™ interactive whiteboard from up to 54 feet away. Use the batter-free tethered pen to switch between pen and mouse modes to control any software application, write notes or highlight information. For example, write out a math problem using the wireless slate, and then hand it to a student to fill in the answer.



Melissa Baggs, Gayle Morgan, Sam Rodriguez, and Jody Long all won Mimios to use in their classrooms at the 11/11/08 Mimio Interactive Training.

Upcoming WISD Staff Development Classes

November 24th—Web Training

December 2nd—W.O.W

December 3rd—Advanced Web-Training

December 9th—Movie Maker

*If you have not signed up and would like to attend one of these classes, please e-mail Michele Carpenter.

For a complete list of the Staff Development classes visit the Staff Resources page on the WISD website.

Reminder.....

You only have a couple more weeks to get your websites ready for the WISD web contest. The deadline is December 8th.

1st Prize = Laptop
2nd Prize = Camera
3rd Prize = Flash Drive