



# InTAcT Newsletter

**March 26, 2009**  
**Mimio Mini Lesson**

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

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### **Do you ever have trouble opening e-mail attachments with a .docx, .pptx, or .xlsx extension?**

These are documents that someone saved in a Microsoft Office 2007 format. To open these files you will need to install the Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2007 file formats. The Compatibility Pack can be downloaded from the Microsoft Office website ([www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com)). This summer Microsoft Office 2007 will be installed on all WISD computers and you should not have any more problems opening up these attachments.

### **Are you wondering if an e-mail link is dangerous?**

You can copy the link and past it in the internet explorer address bar. Then press enter. If you are taken to a website the link is okay. If you are taken to a blank page you will know that it was a virus.

### **Are you going to be using technology in your WOW Showcase Presentation?**

The WOW Showcase is just around the corner. If you need any help from the Technology Department or need to reserve equipment, please contact Shelby Morgan or Michael Peterson.



## Do you feel like you need more Mimio Training?

Mimio is now offering a new fee-based training courses. There are three levels of training to choose from:

Master 1: [Beginners Online Training Course](#)

Master 2: [Advanced Online Training Course](#)

Master 3: [In-Person Training Day](#)

If you would like to sign up for one of these courses, please visit [www.mimio.com](http://www.mimio.com) for a complete schedule, pricing and a registration link.

The next **Beginners Online Training Course** starts April 20th and space is limited so be sure to sign up as soon as possible!!



## Reminder....

All employees must turn in 21 hours worth of certificates to get credit for the three comp days. You can earn these hours by attending TECH TUESDAY, InTAcT meetings, or any of the other classes listed on the Staff Development calendar. If your have having trouble getting your hours, you can also schedule a small group session with someone in the Tech Department or work with your principal to find an approved activity.

## Upcoming Staff Development

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
3/31/2009	Tech Tuesday	3:45pm, MS Computer Lab	Technology Staff
4/1/2009	WOW Showcase Preparation/ Roundtable	3:45pm, MS Library	Shelby Morgan
4/7/2009	Tech Tuesday	3:45pm, HS Lab 300	Technology Staff
4/8/2009	Intro to Office 2007	3:45pm, IS Computer Lab	Carrie Bitros
4/14/2009	Tech Tuesday	3:15pm, HPS Computer Lab	Technology Staff
4/16/2009	InTAcT: PC Backup Mini Lesson	3:45pm, MS Computer Lab	Michael Peterson
4/21/2009	Tech Tuesday	3:30pm, IS Computer Lab	Technology Staff
4/28/2009	Tech Tuesday	3:45pm, MS Computer Lab	Technology Staff
4/29/2009	WOW Showcase Preparation/ Roundtable	3:45pm, HS Library	Shelby Morgan