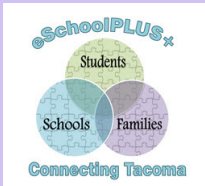


Instructional Technology

December 2011 Newsletter



eSchoolPLUS +

New tools will be available for staff, students and parents next year

-**eSchoolPLUS** will replace eSIS, Easy Grade Pro and many of the functions currently available in the Tacoma Assessment Database of TAD. Since this is a web based tool, data will be live when published & accessible 24/7 from any internet connected device.

-**Microsoft Office 2010 and Windows 7** will be available to all staff PC's by the end of the 2012 school year for PC's capable of running these applications. To learn more about Win7 and Office 2010, visit our Technical Support site and use the links on the right hand side of the page. Currently, there are over 1,000 videos available from the Office 2010 site. The Windows 7 site has 42 videos from Atomic Learning, relevant links and a printable reference page.

-**Data Warehouse.** In simple terms, a Data Warehouse is a powerful database that can gather data from many sources and with the right software make historical and possible future trends available so users can make informed decisions. We currently have disparate data sources that either do not communicate or have "difficulty" communicating with other data and the humans that could benefit. To learn more, search for data warehouse.

-**Sharepoint** is a tool used for building solutions. Some organizations only use it for one purpose such as document storage. SharePoint can excel at collaboration, and make us more efficient with our business practices. We are currently building both intranet and extranet sites using SharePoint. For many users SharePoint offers a quick way to get and retrieve information online from any computer connected to the internet. There are alot of possibilities of what can be built with SharePoint.

Calling All School Webmasters!

We will be putting together classes to help you with your school Sharepoint website. Please let us know what you need help with. Call or email Cindy Pantley at 3541.

Tech Tips



Check Grades with the TPS app!

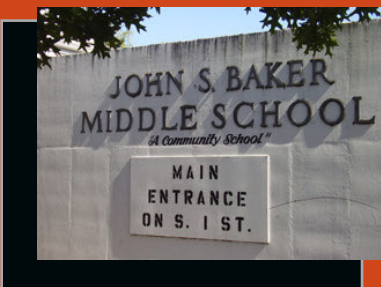
Check grades online with your phone with the Tacoma Public Schools mobile app! To access the free download, to the iTunes store and search for "TPS Grades", or use this link (you will need iTunes software)

Increase Productivity with AutoCorrect

Microsoft Office contains a useful tool called AutoCorrect that will automatically replace commonly misspelled words.

Select Tools in Outlook, options, spelling, spelling & auto correction, autocorrect options.

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As the New School Facilitator, I am excited for the students to start in the building on January 2nd. All are invited to attend our opening ceremonies and Open House on January 27th from 6-8pm.



Ryan Booth, Facilitator

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Coming Soon!
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tpsit.org