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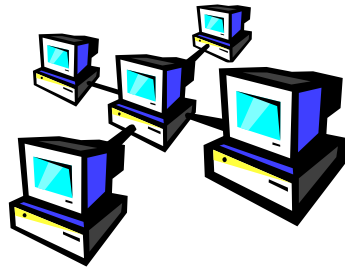


Marshall County Schools continues to seek ways in which open communication can be provided for parents and community members. Email us at: marshallcountyschools@gmail.com

Board of Education policies may be viewed at <http://boe.mars.k12.wv.us/policies>. FY11 New and amended policies include:

- 5.4 Progress and Promotion
- 5.1 Attendance

Welcome to "MARS"



Through our continuing effort to create a more efficient network infrastructure for the hundreds of computers currently connected in Marshall County Schools, a new server and network domain has been deployed called "MARS". This new domain will allow for consolidation of software and the ability to provide better security and support.

Each staff and student will be assigned a storage space on the "H" drive of the server. Any documents and files saved to this network drive can be accessed from any domain computer in Marshall County Schools. This will enable teachers who travel between schools to have access to their documents from any school. This will also allow students to create a portfolio of their work throughout the years, as their assigned folder will remain available to them during their school years.

All users logging into the domain will follow a standard. Staff will login to the domain using their first and last initial followed by the last four digits of their employee ID. Students will login using their first and last initial and the last five digits of their student number. Passwords into the domain may be changed anytime by the user by pressing CTRL+ALT+DEL and clicking "change password."

Not all computers have been joined to the MARS domain at this time, though more are brought into the domain each day. You will know if your computer is on the domain, as you will see MARS in the third line of the login screen.

CELEBRATE a HERO

The 2010 Marshall County Schools fund raising campaign for the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley has begun. The theme of this year's campaign is "Celebrate a Hero." By donating to the United Way, you can be a HERO to the many residents of Marshall County who benefit from the United Way agencies. Over twenty-seven agencies are supported by the local United Way including the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Family Services, Harmony House, Health Right, and the Salvation Army. Thousands of families from our county are served each year.

Through the 21 Century and Beyond!

Cameron High School is honored this year to be a part of the Globaloria Constructivist Learning Community. Constructivist learning is the method of teaching through learning and learning through teaching. Students are involved as much in the teaching process as they are in the learning process. Globaloria is a social network for learning. It engages youth in a college-level course in which they learn to create educational web -games for social change.

In Globaloria, students work independently and in small teams to design and develop their original games from an idea to a finished product. They learn game design 'hands-on' through an online gaming and programming curriculum that uses Adobe Flash. They learn to use a wiki, make social profile pages and team game pages, produce and post interactive game content, prototype videos, simulations, graphics, music and sound effects, and write blogs about their gaming ideas and content research. They collaborate and receive feedback from classmates, educators and students at other schools, and professional game makers. No prior web design or programming skills are needed. Students learn it all from scratch.

Since 2006, the Globaloria Platform and Curriculum has been piloted at American University, New Orleans, and West Virginia schools and colleges. It has been customized for different grade-levels (middle school, high school, university) and applied to various topics and subjects (Business Education, Mathematics, Social Studies, Biology, Language Arts, etc.). Teachers and students are involved in comprehensive professional development summer training programs and ongoing training to support them throughout the academic year.



Students at Cameron High School are involved in Game Design 1 and Game Design 2 classes through their Business Technology classes with Mrs. Williams. Several students have said that they feel empowered by the Globaloria learning community, like they are doing something important and having fun in the process. “We are actively involved in the STEM component of Globaloria and students are beyond excited with the opportunities that they are being given. I look for great things to come out of this wonderful educational experience”, said Mrs. Rhonda Williams. Come on Marshall County ‘Get Your Game On!’ For additional information please log on to <http://www.worldwideworkshop.org/>.

See you in the Globaloria Blogosphere!

Transfinder Planning on the Horizon

Marshall County Schools is in the process of partnering with Transfinder, a national leader in student transportation management systems. Utilizing the advanced Geographic Information System (GIS) of MapInfo, database technologies of Microsoft, and report generation from Business Objects Crystal Reports, this program will enable Marshall County Schools to visualize data related to students, routes, drivers, and vehicles on detailed county-wide street-level maps. These electronic maps can be used to create routes, driving directions, and daily schedules for pick-ups, drop-offs, vehicles and drivers. This information can then be integrated with Google Earth to visualize planned routes and related information in rich geographic detail that can be shared throughout the district.



The Alicia Project



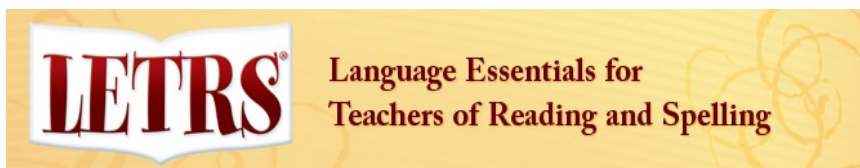
Alicia Kozaliewicz

Marshall County Schools, in conjunction with county law enforcement, and the office of the district attorney, are planning to bring the Alicia Project to 6th through 9th grade students in our county schools on Friday, November 5th. The goal of the Alicia Project is to educate children and parents to the threats posed by internet predators through presentations and literature, provide resources and a forum to those that have been affected by internet predators, and to actively pursue legislation to protect and help those that have been lured by internet predators and to make sure the predators can no longer victimize young children. Social networking crimes have skyrocketed in recent years, and students need to be aware of the potential dangers when using the internet for social networking purposes.

The Alicia Project is named for its founder, Alicia Kozaliewicz. In January of 2002, Alicia became the victim of an Internet luring. The predator transported her to another state and there, for four terrifying days, held her captive. Returning to school a year later, Alicia was soon highly involved in both academic and extracurricular activities and graduated with high honors. During these years, she came to realize that other children need not suffer her traumatic experiences. She joined her local Pittsburgh, PA Air Search and Rescue group, and created an Internet Safety Program, the Alicia Project; Alicia has addressed a number of conferences, forums and summits for both governmental and private organizations, lending her personal and unique insight of the subject. Her story has been featured as part of Internet Safety programs across the nation, and internationally in magazines in the hope of raising awareness. Alicia was chosen to receive the 2007 Courage Award by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in recognition of her efforts. Collaborating with four other young victims, Alicia has recently co-authored "You're Not Alone", and OJJDP publication whose goal is to empower abductees. Now studying at a Pittsburgh University, Alicia's goal is to earn the title of Special Agent, and to join one of the FBI ICAC taskforces that were instrumental in her rescue. In her words, she wishes "to ultimately become the person who rescues the child, and then helps to recover that child's soul."

In order to meet the needs of students with learning disabilities, teachers must be well versed in research based reading interventions more than ever before. Students who meet the criteria of having

a learning disability after going through the response to intervention (RTI) process have significant reading deficits that can only be met through intensive research based reading interventions. In response to this student need, Marshall County Schools Department of Special Education is providing training in a series of texts called Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS). LETRS is not a program specifically but it does provide teachers the necessary skills to analyze student weaknesses, determine appropriate assessments as well as remedial programs.



Eleven teachers of students with disabilities will receive 8 days of training by one of the co-authors of the LETRS modules, Dr. Carol Tolman. Dr. Tolman has taught the LETRS modules in states as diverse as Montana, Iowa, Delaware, Texas, Colorado and Louisiana. Her audiences have all given her nothing but the highest praise for her knowledge, presentation style, and teaching ability. Carol comes to both LETRS and DIBELS training from 25 years of classroom and clinical teaching experience in public schools. Carol spent twelve of those years designing and implementing an innovative, exemplary program for academically challenged high school students. Carol's credentials include a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and a doctorate in educational psychology from American International College, with a concentration in reading.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

During the month of October, Marshall County Schools will be celebrating National Bullying Prevention Month. All schools will have educational programs for students focused on creating a bully-free safe environment. Students will be asked to

speak up, reach out, and be a friend when they see bullying.

Bullying prevention and intervention is a team effort of our schools, students, parents, and the community. Together we must **STOP BULLYING NOW!**



Keeping Our Students Safe

From a security perspective, the most important function of a door is to control entry. Combining security with accessibility can be problematic for schools, but Marshall County Schools has found a good solution. Cameron Elementary, Central Elementary, Hilltop Elementary, McNinch Primary, Sherrard Middle School, and John Marshall High School all have a new school access card swipe entry system. Administrators and staff may enter the building by using a special card that grants access. All visitors to the building must be granted entry by pushing a button to request access. An individual located in the main office has the control to temporarily unlock the door to allow the person to enter. Sand Hill Elementary and Washington Lands Elementary both have been installed with an Aiphone. This system also allows an individual in the main office to see who is requesting access prior to admittance into the school. The remaining county schools are scheduled to receive security entry systems this year. Marshall County Schools is pleased to add another layer of safety protection for our students.



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John Marshall to Host Project BEST

John Marshall High School will be hosting their annual construction trades forum sponsored by Project BEST on Thursday, October 28th. Displays will be available by the construction trades from the Ohio Valley beginning at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., a presentation and panel discussion will be held to provide further information on the impact of the construction trades in the Ohio Valley as well as opportunities for training. The forum is open to students and parents as well as members of the community interested in entering the construction trades.

American Education Week

The goal of American Education Week is to spotlight the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. The theme for this year is *"Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility."* This tagline calls upon America to provide students with quality public schools so they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century. All schools in Marshall County are in the process of planning American Education Week activities. Each day during the week of November 14-20 will spotlight a different aspect of school life.