

November 15, 2011

Dear Students and Parents:

It's hard to believe but it is time to begin selecting our 2012 Technology Team and preparing for the Regional Technology Fair hosted by Faulkner State University in Bay Minette. **The date of this year's fair is still to be determined.**

Past Technology Fair participants and their parents can attest that competition requires time and energy on everyone's part, including the parents. If your child would like to compete, please note that you will be asked to spend a significant amount of time with your child in preparation for the event.

The Technology Fair gives students the opportunity to display computer skills in a variety of categories. Students can compete as an individual or as a group and in a variety of categories.

We will be competing on 3 different levels:

Level I—Grades 3 & 4

Level 2—Grades 5 & 6

Level 3—Grades 7 & 8

Within each level we will have the opportunity to enter projects in the following categories:

General Applications [Projects in PowerPoint, Word, Publisher or almost any software that doesn't fit the other categories]

Multimedia Applications [PowerPoint with sound and/or animation]

Video Production [programs created with Windows Moviemaker or similar video editing software]

Web Page Creation [Projects created to display on the internet or intranet using FrontPage, Dreamweaver or similar software]

In addition to the actual presentation each student will be required to complete a notebook and story board. Details on each will be provided at a later date.

Students who are interested in competing at the Regional Fair should be prepared to present a draft of their project to a selection committee on either Wednesday, December 8 or Thursday, December 9 (a specific day will be assigned to you at a later time). Please note: only students who present their project to the selection committee will be eligible for consideration.

Additionally, to be eligible for consideration the following minimum requirements should be met:

- 1) Determine if you are competing as an individual or group. No changes will be allowed for any reason after team selection is complete.
- 2) Determine your category. *If the selection committee feels that your presentation would be more competitive in a different category you will be asked to consider the change.*
- 3) General Applications and Multi-Media presentations should contain 5 completed slides
- 4) Video Production should contain 30 – 45 seconds of video
- 5) Web Page Creation should contain at least 2 page links

The Technology Team will be selected and posted on the computer lab doors no later than the end of the day Friday, December 10.

Beginning after the Christmas break team members will be required to stay after school a minimum of 4 days to work on their projects. The days are still to be determined but will be organized by category (for example all Multi-Media projects will stay one day while all General Applications will stay another day). If you are not able to stay on your category day the student will be responsible for coordinating another day with Mrs. Michener. *Please note: any student not staying the minimum requirement of 4 days will be dropped from the team.*

Finally, all Technology Team members and their parents will take a chartered bus to the Regional Fair. While there is no cost for the actual fair we anticipate a charge for the bus, which will be approximately \$5 - \$10 per person. Also, there will be a yellow team shirt (same as past years). The team will be allowed their shirts on practice days and for competition. The cost will be approximately \$17 - \$19.

We ask that if you are interested in being considered for the Technology Team that you complete and return the attached form by Tuesday, November 22. We look forward to working with your child/ren.

Sincerely,
Laurie Michener and Michele Grimes

Technology Team Consideration Form

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

My child would like to be considered for the Technology Team and will submit a presentation in the following category:

General Applications _____

Multi-Media _____

Video Production _____

Web Page Creation _____

Individual _____

Group _____

List all members of your group _____

Primary Parent Contact Name (This is the parent designated as the primary guide for the individual or group during project development and competition)

Contact Numbers for Parent Advisor named above:

Home: _____ Cell: _____

Work: _____

E-mail address (es): **(Please list as many as you would like to have included in communications)**

I understand that my child/ren will be asked to stay after school a minimum of 4 assigned days. If the minimum requirement is not met I understand he/she could be dropped from the Technology Team.

Parent Signature

Date