cisd tech talk

cisd tech expo

The Crowley ISD Annual Technology Expo showcases how our students gain college and career skills through the use of technology tools in the classroom.

At the event, both students and teachers will demonstrate technology use and speak about what they have learned. This event will also highlight local businesses and organizations that support the use of technology in education. These exhibitors will help demonstrate the connection between learning in the classroom and careers of today and tomorrow. Finally, students will showcase their talents with technology-based projects.

Visit http://www.crowleyisdtechnology.com/2015-crowley-isd-tech-expo.html to get involved!

When: Saturday, March 21
        9 am - 1 pm
Where: Bill R. Johnson CTE Center
Who: students, parents, staff, and community members
Cost: Free

exercise apps for the new year

Today, more people are looking for ways to integrate their smart phones and other digital devices to help with their physical fitness goals for the new year. Here are a few (free) apps to help with fitness and weight loss goals.

Health App for Apple
This app gives you an easy-to-read dashboard of your health and fitness data. Heart rate, calories burned, blood sugar, cholesterol — your health and fitness apps are great at collecting all that data.

Google Fit for Android
Just carry your phone and get access to your walking, running and cycling activity. Set goals based on either duration or steps and see your progress throughout the day. Receive performance-based recommendations for activity goals.

Nutrition Tips
This app gives you hundreds of interesting and useful nutrition tips and nutritional health facts.

Beep Test
The beep test involves running back and forth between two markers at an increasing pace as indicated by audio beeps. Your fitness level will then be calculated based on how long you can keep the pace.

tech website

Find out the latest information in classroom technology on the CISD Information and Technology Services website.

There are resources for parents and faculty including information on iPads, Microsoft Online, eLM eTextbooks, the TechBlog, and much more.

Bookmark http://www.crowleyisdtechnology.com/

iRockstar of the month

Crowley High 9th Grade teacher Kayla Molina is our iRockstar of the Month for using EDpuzzle for her lessons. https://edpuzzle.com

Do you know an iRockstar? Email their name, a photo, and a brief description of why they are rocking technology in their classroom. Nominate them at stacey.dudzinski@crowley.k12.tx.us

7 habits of highly effective teachers who use technology

1. They always start with the "Why":
Technology for technology's sake is dangerous. Highly effective teachers who use technology always have a reason for using new technology tools. Whether it saves them time, improve learning outcomes, or helps with lesson planning, highly effective teachers always start with the why.

2. They are mallable and can easily adapt
Technology is constantly changing, and the classroom environment will be drastically different in two years. Understanding the big picture is key.

3. They embrace change
Most teachers who use technology today are innovators or early adopters. Embracing (not fighting) change is key. The world hates change yet it is the only thing that has brought progress.

4. They share, share, and then share some more
Technology has opened the door for collaboration beyond the school walls. A teacher in New Brunswick can now collaborate with a teacher in the United Kingdon. Knowledge is power, but it is also free (and should be). Technology lovers share best practices, which benefits everyone (which is the point!)

5. They think win-win-win-win
Technology cannot work properly if there is no buy-in from the administration, parents, teachers, and the students. First and foremost, there is nothing better than having an administratior embrace technology. Secondly, it is imperitive that you show your parents the value of technology. Thirdly, as a teacher, you have to truly believe that it can impact learning outcomes. Lastly, (and most importantly), students must see the value!

6. They are extremely thorough and think two steps ahead.
How are you going to present new technology at the professional development meeting, especially if you know some teachers don't embrace change? Highly effective teachers who use technology already know the answers to any question, and they have concrete examples showing its effectiveness.

7. They actively care
Teachers who use technology typically are the ones who can't sleep at night because they are so excited about a lesson plan idea, are thinking of ways to engage their classroom, and pinch themselves at night, wondering how they get paid to inspire students. They don't just care; they actively care, and they embrace technology, not because it makes their job easier, but it allows them to make a greater impact.

- Source: http://www.edudemic.com/effective-teachers-who-use-technology/

digital native learning styles

Did you know:

•Digital natives retain 90 percent of all pictures that they see.

•They tend to disregard things written in black and white as unimportant. (Think about your notes for students to take home that never make it.)

•When looking at a page, they scan from left corner to right corner and then down to bottom left corner and on to bottom right — reading the middle LAST!

•They are drawn to bright colors such as bright red, orange, and neon green.

•Eighty-seven percent of all of our learners are visual-kinesthetic.

•A University of Michigan study found that both students taught nontraditionally and traditionally scored the same on tests at the end of the year, but the following year the nontraditional group retained 70 percent of the information while the traditionally taught retained only 15 percent.

Source: scholatstic.com