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TECHNOLOGY VISION:

Greetings staff, as the school year is winding down the District Technology Department is gearing up to make many upgrades and changes this summer. The department will be migrating our email system to Gmail, upgrading the district phone system and service in all schools, re-imaging and installing new computers, as well as continuing along with the LCD projector initiative at all elementary schools. We are expanding our Google Apps for Education deployment by implementing Gmail, offering additional professional development and adding Google Chromebooks at the high schools, with an eventual goal of getting a Chromebook into the hands of each high school student by the beginning of the 2015 school year.

Enjoy your summer! Brian Borosh, Director of Technology

ANNUAL TECH REMINDERS

Before you leave for summer:

1. Backup your files from your district computer to Home\$, your Google Drive or an external harddrive/flashdrive.
2. Reset your Moodle Course to clear out students, assignments, forum posts etc. from your course so it is cleared to start the next semester.

How to Reset Your Moodle Page:

<http://www.esasd.net/Page/2508>

At the start of the new year:

1. Reset your district password for both teachers and students. (PLEASE - no ID numbers in the password - 8 characters minimum)
2. Synchronized passwords will allow your district username and password to be both your Google and Moodle username/password.



TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES



BIG CHANGES ARE COMING TO EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT! AN INCREASE IN TECHNOLOGY WILL BE SEEN THROUGHOUT THE NEXT YEAR.

Chromebooks @ HS

LCD Interactive Projectors @ ELEM

Document Cameras @ ELEM

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TECHNOLOGY-BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR. STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS AND AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO HELP YOU THROUGH ALL THESE NEW OFFERINGS.

Elementary Offerings

August 26 Google Day

Interactive Projectors &
Document Cameras

Elementary Google Academy
(Sept - Dec)

Elementary ActivInspire
Academy (Jan - April)

Google APPreciation (For
Experienced Users)

Secondary Offerings

August 27 Google Day

Year long Chromebook
Academies

Tech Focus Fridays (dropins):

1st Friday: EHS

2nd Friday: JTL

3rd Friday: LIS

4th Friday: EHN



SUMMER CHANGES

District Email: By June 27th, the district will migrate all existing district email accounts to Google. Don't worry, your email address will stay the same, only the "look" will change. The only thing you need to be concerned with is exporting any of your Contacts that are currently in your email; your building technician can assist you with this process.

Moodle: You asked for it and we listened. We are happy to announce that we will be upgrading to Moodle 2.6. In addition to resolving many of the glitches that we have experienced in the past, Moodle will now be integrated with your district Google Drive account.

Phone Service: A new district-wide phone service will be implemented over the summer. The new system will have many new features, including voice mails to email and district-wide 5 digit dialing.

United Streaming: United Streaming has gotten a lot easier. Usernames and passwords will now be synced with Active Directory, meaning just use your district username & password to sign-in.

Edmodo: Edmodo users will be glad to know that we are moving to our own ESASD Edmodo domain, so teachers and students will be able to log into Edmodo using their district credentials.

Chromebook Implementation: High school teachers and students will be seeing a lot of Chromebooks in both high schools next year. Chromebooks have a five second startup, are already integrated with your district Google account and allow single sign-on.

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