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EduNet NEWS

www.cscedunet.net (Under Construction)

EduNet, a broadband wireless wide area communication network designed for the purpose of transmitting/receiving data, Internet, audio, and video traffic. EduNet is owned and operated by Carl Sandburg College in partnership with the K-12 school districts within the CSC district.

FROM THE COORDINATOR

While the EduNet website is not completed, it is in good enough shape for your preview. Check out www.cscedunet.net to catch all the action. Any and all suggestions will be welcomed. Suggest away! My thanks to Fred Johnson for all his work on this project.

HAVE POWERPOINT, WILL TRAVEL

If your district is considering joining EduNet beginning July 1, 2006, and would like me to make a short presentation to your Board sometime this Spring, please let me know the date and time you would like me to appear.

EDUNET MAP

Want to see the EduNet system on a map. It's real cool. Check out this DerbyTech web site: <http://cipafilter.com/maps/>. The red antennas are EduNet. The other colors are symbols for additional DerbyTech systems. If you click on the EduNet button at the top, the other antennas will disappear giving you a better look at our system. Links between towers are color coded for throughput and automatically update every few minutes.

Blue: Idle – 256 kbits/s
Violet: 256-1500 kbits/s
Purple: 1500-4500 kbits/s
Orange: 4500-8000 kbits/s
Red: 8000+ kbits/s

Click on a tower and then click on statistics for bandwidth usage information.

As more school districts join, the red antennas will grow in numbers.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EXPANDED DESIGN AND LOGISTICS MEETING

The next monthly meeting to review EduNet's progress is set for **9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 23**, in Room E-139 (Building E). On the agenda for the "Design and Logistics" meeting: 1) DerbyTech Update; 2) WIU Update; 3) Questions from Districts; 4) Next Steps.

In addition, James Arney of Pratt Audio Visual and Video Corporation will be present to provide a **distance learning equipment show** for superintendents and technology coordinators after the meeting. He will bring pricing information and answer questions about what is needed to set up a distance learning classroom. I don't believe anyone who attends will be disappointed.

DERBYTECH TO ROLL OUT PARTNERSHIP VISION

DerbyTech plans to roll out its partnership service by April 1. Eligible citizens may purchase high speed Internet service within the CSC district. As you know, subscriptions may be purchased by students and staff at a reduced rate. Information will be distributed to each school district and it will be posted on the EduNet web site.

CYBER CAMP 2006

CSC has announced that Cyber Camp 2006 has been set for June 15 and 16 on its campus. Cyber Camp 2006 is an opportunity for area teachers to gain hands-on training using technology that will enhance

classroom instruction. The topic of this year's camp is "Emerging Technologies and Their Relevance to Teaching, Learning and Creative Expression." There are two easy ways to register.

1. Internet registration can be found at www.sandburg.net,
2. Telephone registration is available by calling (309) 341-5286.

PROJECT SAFEGUARD UPDATE

As you know, the College is interested exploring the possibility of providing data bureau services whereby administrative/payroll/scheduling and other software can be housed at a secure central location providing local access to the data at the individual schools and administrative sites.

On Friday, February 17, we held a meeting with vendors on this subject at the college. The purpose of this meeting was to help vendors understand the scope of the project. Vendors have until March 17 to submit their RFIs. At that point, we intend to issue an RFP for the data center based on the best plan available.

REPORT FINDS BENEFITS OF SCHOOLS, TOWNS WORKING TOGETHER

The Journal Star recently published an article (January 8, 2006) that summarized a timely report issued by Western Illinois University's Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. The report was researched and authored by Timothy Collins. The account conveyed how rural communities and schools can each benefit by working together.

The author suggested that schools become community centers, providing public space, computer labs, adult education classes, etc. He cited Cuba CUSD #3 as a good example of how a school district becoming a community center can help pass a tax referendum.

Certainly, EduNet's success is based upon village councils allowing DerbyTech to place its antennas on their water towers. We are deeply appreciative for this wonderful contribution to our cause.

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