



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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The District Technology Department has moved. We are now located at Beaver Valley Elementary. This move improves efficiency by placing us closer to the main district servers as well as being directly adjacent to the new District Professional Development Lab installed at Beaver Valley.



The ability to use flash drives has been launched this school year. This change has seen positive results which include:

- Student data responsibility
- Greater flexibility in assigning homework.
- Greater network security.
- 21st Century technology usage and more...

## New Labs at BHS, BMS, and Beaver Valley

- In our continued effort to improve technology we have added two new labs at Brush High School. A thin-client lab has been established in the office area allowing students to schedule time by signing up with office staff to complete assignments on an as needed basis. Also, new PCs were installed for seven additional BHS teachers which allowed Technology to create a 4th lab in the recently vacated Technology office at BHS through reuse of the older PCs removed from their classrooms. This 4th lab will not have network access, but may be used by teachers who want students to work on documents.
- The lab located in the Library at Brush Middle School took on new look and added abilities with the replacement of the 12 year old MACs. BMS now sports a new thin-client lab for the use of students and teachers at BMS.
- Exciting news for teachers and staff was announced when the District decided to use some remaining CADI funds to build a new 36 seat Professional Development lab to be housed at Beaver Valley. This lab allows teachers and staff to receive uniform, timely, and relevant training, not only in technology, but also many other needs and uses.

## District Explores Major Network Upgrades

AS MOST DISTRICT STAFF ARE AWARE, OUR INTERCONNECTIVITY NETWORK THAT CONNECTS EACH SCHOOL TO THE MAIN SERVER ROOM AND THE INTERNET BECOMES MORE AND MORE SATURATED AS MODERN APPLICATIONS AND WEBSITES REQUIRE MORE AND MORE BANDWIDTH (OR NETWORK CAPACITY). IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:

[HTTP://WWW.BRUSHSCHOOLS.ORG/REQUEST-PROPOSAL-2010](http://www.brushschools.org/request-proposal-2010)

## In-Building Tech Representative to have greater role in 2010-2011

We are working to provide you a greater degree of support through empowerment of your stipend in-school Tech Rep.

They will have greater access to perform minor troubleshooting and enhanced ability to correct minor technology issues within your building.

All non-emergency in school technology issues should be first reported to your in-school Tech Rep. They will determine if they are able to resolve the issue without further assistance or whether to escalate the issue to the Technology Department staff.

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YEAR  
NEWSLETTER

## Inside Story Headline

*“Our primary goal is to enhance the 21st century classroom experience through continuously working to upgrade technology.”*

**Brush Technology Department**



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