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Tech Times

The Information Technology Department is pleased to bring you our fifth issue of Tech Times.

It is our hope to keep administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students up to date on what's happening with technology in our schools.

Our newsletter will be brought to you each semester with the latest information available to us.

From all of us in IT, we hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer!

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Is it just me or is our Internet faster?



It's not your imagination. It is faster. In fact, our Internet speed has been increased from 85 Mb/Sec to 300 Mb/Sec. This summer IT will continue with adjustments to provide an even faster network experience for teachers, students and staff. We thank you in advance for using the network only for its intended educational purpose.

Who took my lunch money?



MyLunchMoney will soon be known as MySchoolBucks. This summer the IT Department and the School Nutrition Staff will be working on changing to the upgraded system.

Parents with an existing MyLunchMoney account will be able to access their new MySchoolBucks account using the same email and password information. The new system will also provide account balance information, meal history reports, automatic payment settings and profile details.

Parents may expect a better mobile experience, faster checkout and easier account management.



Information Technology Summer 2015 Checklist

The Information Technology Department has identified the following projects, among its other goals, to accomplish during the Summer of 2015:

- Adding computer labs to Mt. Airy and Hurt Elementary
- Adding laptop carts to Chatham Middle and Kentuck
- Updating older computer labs
- Updating wireless connectivity at Brosville, Twin Springs and Gretna Elementary
- Installing computers in middle school science classrooms
- Updating hallway signage players
- Updating division equipment for an even faster network experience
- Upgrading from MyLunchMoney to MySchool Bucks

Thank you, Mr. McDaniel.

How do you thank someone who has taken you from crayons to perfume...

The lyrics from that familiar song, "To Sir, With Love," capture the sentiments of the Operations Department as we say farewell to our Division Superintendent, James E. McDaniel.

Pittsylvania County Schools has seen a great deal of changes under his leadership. His support has resulted in increased technology in the hands of our students, teachers and staff.

His endorsement of technology has not only seen us upgrade our schools but also develop a STEM Academy that will eventually benefit every PCS student.

Our school division will be forever grateful for his leadership and his support. Our best wishes from this department as he begins a new chapter in his life.

Godspeed, Mr. McDaniel. And thank you.

Report
Cards

M6 Report Card Dates and Procedures

Analyst Ashley Clowers has published two memos outlining the Report Card Dates and Procedures for Elementary, Middle and High Schools:

View and Download Memos on the IT Web Site:

<http://www.pcs.k12.va.us/operations/it/>



Technology Checklist for Closing Out For the Summer

- **Please follow the procedures provided to you by your ITRT relative to technology equipment when closing your classroom for the summer months.** Failure to correctly store your equipment may result in damage, loss of parts, and delays this fall. Your full cooperation in securing your equipment is appreciated!
- **Remember that your computer is assigned to a classroom, not to you, and it remains in that classroom if you are assigned to another room.** Your documents are stored on our network, not on that machine; therefore, they are available to you from any networked machine in our division. Again, thank you for your full cooperation.
- **Download this sheet for a complete checklist of what to do before leaving school in May as well as a listing of what to do when you return in August:**

[Download PDF](#)



Have a great
summer!