

KSC TECH NEWS

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What Makes a Password Safe?

Just a refresher on what the criteria for creating strong passwords are:

- It must be at least 8 characters long.
- It must not contain easily guessed information such your birth date, phone number, spouse's name, pet's name, kid's name, login name, etc.
- It shouldn't contain words found in the dictionary.
- It should contain special characters such as @#\$%^& and/or numbers.
- It should use a variation of upper and lower case letters.

To check out more on creating secure passwords, check out the article "7 Ways to Make up Passwords that are Both Secure and Memorable" from Make Use Of. Click below to read the article:



Tech Tip: The start of 2017 is a great time to change your KSC password. To do so, log in. From your desktop, hit CTRL+ ALT+ Delete. A blue screen with options will pop up. Choose the "Reset Password" option to create a new password.

Edtech Tools to Check out in 2017

eSchoolNews suggest 8 edtech tools that educators have reviewed and recommend. To see what they are click the icon below.

eSCHOOL NEWS
Daily Tech News & Innovation

Upcoming Test Dates

IREAD-3 March 13-17

ISTAR Jan 9-Feb 3 part 1. Part 2 April 10-May 19.

ISTEP+ Part 1 Applied Skills (grades 3-8, 10)Feb 27-March 10 - paper and pencil.

ISTEP+ Online Multiple Choice and technology enhanced items (grades 3-8, 10) April 17-May 6.

Just a reminder: public wireless Internet speeds will be degraded during testing periods. This will allow us to make sure that only Kokomo School testing devices will have the most Internet bandwidth available to provide the best experience for those users testing. During this time, personal devices will be allowed on the network but internet speeds will be degraded.

Check out Common Sense Media: Survival Guide to Digital Lingo!



Hoosier Family of Readers



As of 12/31/16, we have distributed 1,831,921 books to Indiana students.

Until February 8, 2017 teachers, students, families, and community organizations will continue to have access to over 5000 digital books with the same login they have been using all year.

PBS Learning Media

The Indiana State Fairgrounds is offering a biotechnology virtual learning program fro grades 6-10. To check out *It's All About the Genes Virtual Learning Program* click the icon:

