

KSC TECH NEWS

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IT Welcomes New Technical Specialist

Seth Stockdell is the new technical specialist in the IT Department. He will be the building tech for Central International Middle School and the Bon Air Campus. Seth served as the department summer intern for a number of years before taking the technical specialist position.

Aesop Tip: Talk to the Substitute Before Assigning to an Absence

When you want your favorite substitute to cover your absences, please make sure you speak with the substitute **before** assigning them to your absence. Otherwise your substitute will not know that he/she is scheduled to work that day.

Note Taking Apps for Windows 10

For times when you just want to take down a few notes and save them for later, there are a number of choices you have.

To find out more about notetaking apps, click the icon.



Smithsonian Learning Lab

The Smithsonian Learning Lab brings the beauty, scholarship, and depth of over 1 million museum artifacts into your classroom. Its main features are searching and curating the resources for classroom use. Users can search for resources including images, videos, texts, audio recordings, and learning activities. Searches can be refined to include specific types of resources and museum locations. Once useful artifacts are identified, users can add these to their own collections and annotate the items. Free for grades 4-12.



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Tech Term: Ransomware

Ransomware is a type of malware that attacks your computer and locks everything on your computer up until you pay a sum of money to have it unlocked—a “ransom.”

According to Microsoft, there are 2 types of ransomware—lockscreen and encryption. Lockscreen involves a full-screen message that prevents you from accessing your computer and files. Encryption changes your files so you can not open them. Scare tactics might be used with ransomware—claims that you have done something and that the police or FBI will be contacted if you don't pay.

Ransomware can get on your computer from a number of sources:

- suspicious or fake websites
- opening emails and email attachments from people you don't know
- clicking on bad links in email, and social media posts



Find out more about ransomware and some tips to help avoid it, click the Microsoft icon.

Check out NASASpacePlace!

For a place students can explore Earth and space, check out NASASpacePlace which is sponsored by NASA. There are a number of games, crafts, activities, a fact of the day, gallery, and glossary. With special info for educators, including a Space Place Newsletter, this resource is definitely worth checking out. Click the NASA icon to learn more.

