

TIJERINA TECH NEWSLETTER

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TECH NEWS

This newsletter is an attempt to keep Tijerina teachers up-to-date on all the new (and not-so-new) technology at our school. Please print out a copy of this newsletter and save it in a safe place for future reference.

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*Remember to shut down
all your computers every evening
before you leave school.*

NEW SOFTWARE

Vmath

VMath is now available for grades 3-6.

Teachers: Go to www.voyagerlearning.com and click on the Vport Login button on the top right of the page. Log in using your username and password (which will be sent to you soon), choose your class, and click on the My Class Tab. Print out a list of your students with their usernames and passwords.

Students: Go to www.vmathlive.com and log in with your username and password. Run through the Mathlete Maker and then begin using the program.

To access the User Guides for Vmath:

- ❑ Go to the Teachers folder on the Tijerina server.
- ❑ Open _Technology\VoyagerMath-VMath



Check out the **Tutorials link** on the teachers' site.

Vport - Ticket to Read

Ticket to Read is now available for grades 3-6.

Teachers: Go to www.voyagerlearning.com and click on the Vport Login button on the top right of the page. Log in using your username and password (which will be sent to you soon), choose your class, and click on the My Class Tab. Enroll your students in Passport and Ticket To Read. Your student usernames and passwords should be the same as those of Vmath.

Students: Go to www.tickettoread.com and log in with your username and password. Then begin using the program.

To access the User Guides for Ticket to Read:

- ❑ Go to the Teachers folder on the Tijerina server.
- ❑ Open _Technology\VoyagerReading-Vport and TTR



Check out the **Tutorials link** on the teachers' site.

STARBOARDS AND TEAMBOARDS

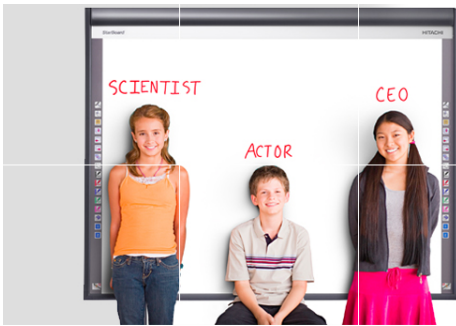
StarBoards and TeamBoards have been installed in the 'old' building. We are in the process of installing the software and making sure that they work. Email your CNS if you are having any problems using them.

You should have a folder on your desktop named **Starboard Training**. Check out the Flash training modules inside. They will help you with your Starboard.

If your board stops functioning, try the following:

- Unplug the USB connection
- Restart your computer
- Plug in the USB connection
- Recalibrate your board

If that doesn't work, call your CNS



UNITEDSTREAMING VIDEOS

UnitedStreaming from the Discovery Channel is a great resource for Students and Teachers. If you have never used it, get started today by downloading the instructions from the Tijerina website.

If you are using UnitedStreaming, please remember the following **guidelines**:

- Always **download** your videos to **your computer**.
- Do not using **streaming** to watch the videos.
- If you need to share your video list, put them on the server until your colleagues download them. **Then delete them from the server.**
- Do not leave videos on the server!!

If there are videos in your folders on the server, they will be deleted so let your CNS know if you are sharing them.



WIN A LAPTOP LAB FOR TIJERINA!!

Enter the seventh annual **Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes** for your chance to win one of five grand prize wireless computer labs for your school, including 20 laptop or notebook computers, an interactive whiteboard, a mobile cart, a projector, a printer, wireless access points, a portable document camera, a digital camcorder, and a \$5,000 digital media grant from Discovery Education and CDW Government, Inc.

Enter **once per day** until May 1, 2009 at <http://cdwg.discoveryeducation.com>

Remember to turn off your projectors whenever you are not using them.

ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated reader is on hold for a little longer until the online setup is finished. We will soon be able to access more than 30,000 AR tests online. Have your student continue reading. You will be informed as to when they may begin testing again.



MORE TECH NEWS

- The Library has just received 10 new computers. They will be set up and ready for student use soon.
- The Library also has a new Starboard with a Projector.