



Tech Tuesday Update (12/16/14)

Welcome to the ARI Tech Tuesday 12/16/14 edition. ARI's Tech Tuesday Newsletter will go into a hold pattern over the holiday break. Publication will resume with a January 6, 2015 edition. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN CLOCK

The 2015 Spring semester [ARI Scholarship Applications](#) are due December 31st.

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Upcoming Important Dates

December 19th -- Virtual Student Senate Presentations. Owsley, Hazard and Knott. For further details contact kelli.thompson@pike.kyschools.us

January 7th -- WIN Ma+h Teacher Leader Training @ Jenny Wiley Resort

January 8th -- WIN Ma+h Teacher Leader Training @ KVEC

January 9th -- WIN Ma+h Teacher Leader Training @ KVEC (snow day)

January 13th & 14th -- ARI Personalized Learning Workshop. For details and registration link, [click here](#).

January 16th -- Virtual Student Senate Presentations. Jackson, Harlan, Letcher, and Pikeville. For further details contact kelli.thompson@pike.kyschools.us

February 20th -- Virtual Student Senate Presentations. Wolfe, Breathitt and Pike. For further details contact kelli.thompson@pike.kyschools.us

March 20th -- Virtual Student Senate Presentations. Magoffin, Jenkins and Paintsville. For further details contact kelli.thompson@pike.kyschools.us



New Important Note Concerning The Holler and Spam (new spam filter in place!) by Bruce Parsons

If you were the target of a spam message via The Holler please read:

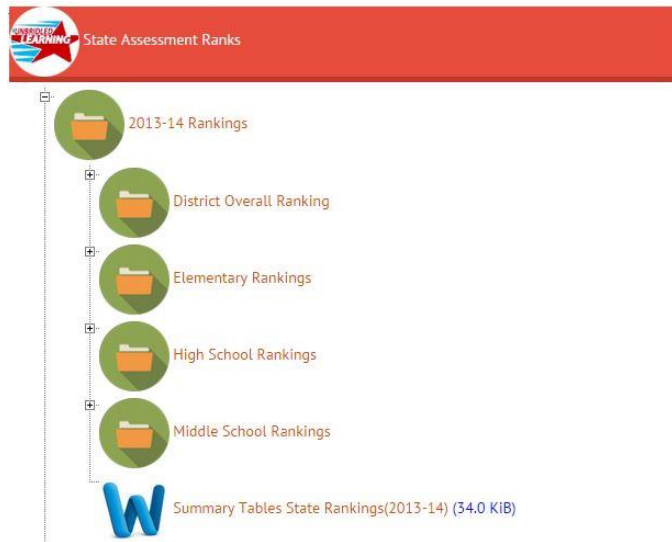
Recently, a spammer successfully sent a mass mailing using The Holler messaging system. I immediately deleted the user and blocked the port they used to send this message to all users. It's now impossible to send a message to all users on the site in the way this SPAM message was sent. A few people had emailed me about it and I responded, letting them know we had fixed the issue and apologized for the message.

As the site grows in popularity and use, especially when links are shared across the web on sites like Twitter, we are going to get more and more attacks from bots and spammers. I'm building the guard up more and more each day but one might occasionally slip through the cracks. As a good reference, we've had over 100 messages like this try to go through our system and to date this is the only one to slip through.

thanks,
BP

Repeat State Assessment Rankings on the **HOLLER**

In an effort to help schools and districts with assessment data analysis we just recently posted 2013-14 state assessment rankings by grade level, subject, test type, and accountable domains. While the School Report Card summarizes each district's results, the data sets within the School Report Card must be filtered and sorted to find state rankings. Rankings can serve as a real-time measure of comparison for how a district is performing in relation to others. When rankings are known across grade levels, subjects, test type and accountable domains then areas to celebrate or improve can be more easily identified.



To make access to rankings easier we created table summaries with hyperlinks to each spreadsheet. The tables can serve as a template that can be tailored for your school or district. Follow the link for a quick [How to Video](#) on accessing ranks and using the template. Follow this [link](#) to access the summary tables.

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Promising Practices



New #KyEdChat by Andrew Castle

Looking for a weekly Kentucky Education specific Twitter conversation? Join #KyEdChat every Thursday at 8:00 PM to chat about all things education. Join other “Tweachers” as they discuss everything from curriculum and instruction to leadership and politics. [Click here for more information!](#)

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eRate Changes



New [What's New with E-rate and How to Make It Work for You](#)

In mid-2014, the FCC announced a sweeping overhaul of the E-rate program. “E-rate 2.0” targets funding for fast broadband services while scaling back support for telephony. This CDE handbook helps education leaders take advantage of E-rate funding by describing the application process and answering questions about new rules, eligibility, timelines, what’s covered and much more.



ARI Tech Tips



New AnswerGarden by Jeff Coots

AnswerGarden combines a Wordle and brainstorming into one tool using the Internet or an iPad App. Create a question, share the link and have your students or staff post answers using only 20 characters or less. The results are then converted into a Wordle format in which you can analyze and use to drive your instruction or staff meeting. [Take a look here!](#)



Repeat Vocaroo by Jeff Coots

Vocaroo is a voice recording service that allows you to upload or embed your recordings to several locations. [Check it out here!](#)



Repeat QR Codes by Jeff Coots

QR Codes found everywhere; including the classroom! Find out how useful they can be in this week's Tech Tip, its easy!

[QR Codes](#)



LITE THE NITE
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Tech Tips by Joseph Smith

Repeat Mondopad upgrades are complete in the following districts:

Johnson, Paintsville, Lee, Owsley, Wolfe, Hazard, Magoffin, Breathitt,
Jackson, Middlesboro, Jenkins, Pike, and Pikeville

Repeat Reminder

The Lite the Nite crew will be coming back around to your schools to implement an upgrade to provide better video, higher screen brightness, and higher quality speakers. This upgrade will only take approximately 30 minutes. While there, have your users feel free to bring up any issues you may be experiencing, so we can address and resolve them while on-site. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for correspondence from me to schedule upgrades for your district. Thank you!

For any question regarding this Tech Tip or other MondoPad questions contact joseph.smith@LTNTechnologies.com

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Links/Resources Worth a Look

NEW Detailed State Assessment Rankings posted on The Holler – Summary Table:

[http://www.theholler.org/download/state_assessment_ranks/2013-14_rankings\(2\)/Detailed%20District%20State%20Placements\(2013-14\).docx](http://www.theholler.org/download/state_assessment_ranks/2013-14_rankings(2)/Detailed%20District%20State%20Placements(2013-14).docx)

How-to Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA3nas8JykM>

Repeat Are e-Textbooks the Publishing World's Future? – Follow Link:

<http://www.edtechmagazine.com/higher/article/2014/11/a-re-e-textbooks-publishing-worlds-future>

Repeat Blended Learning Models – Follow Link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AulAvCKNGo3LdGRIVHNyMkxmVzIYOGU5OHZCWFVTY1E&usp=sharing#gid=0>

Repeat Rural Up Code Academy – Follow Link: <http://www.ruralup.org/>

Repeat Verizon Innovative APP Challenge – Follow Link:

<http://appchallenge.tsaweb.org/how-to-enter>

Repeat DDL Digital Drivers License – Follow Link:

<https://otis.coe.uky.edu/DDL/launch.php>

Repeat CommonSense Media: Digital Citizenship – Follow Link:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/artist/common-sense-media/id792863160?mt=13>

Repeat Device Care Poster – Follow Link:

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/sites/default/files/uploads/pdfs/1to1-es_essentials_program_poster.pdf

Repeat Empowering the Classroom – Follow Link: <https://classflow.com/classflowblog-empowerlearning#sthash.sGS7ty7x.dpuf>

Repeat Seven Keys to Deploying Tablets Successfully – Follow link:

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/2014/09/12/deploying-tablets-successfully-301/?ps=184489-0013000000jokR7-0033000000qhqlB>

Repeat The Rural Student Brain Gain – Follow link: <http://www.dailyyonder.com/rural-student-brain-gain/2014/08/12/7492>

Repeat Your Child's Next Field Trip May be a Virtual One – Follow link:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Lifestyle/childs-field-trip-virtual/story?id=25160036>

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Repeat Leaders vs. Managers - which are you? – Follow link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ubRzzirRKs>

Repeat Don't Use Technology for Technology's Sake! – Follow link:

www.buncee.com/blog/eric-sheninger?utm_content=buffer424f5&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

Repeat ACOT² Six Design Principles for the 21st Century High School – Follow link:

<http://ali.apple.com/acot2/>

Repeat KDE - Digital Learning Resources – Follow link:

<http://education.ky.gov/school/diglrn/Documents/Internet-Digital%20Resources%20for%20Teachers.pdf>

Repeat IT Best Practices for 1 to 1 Districts - Follow link:

<http://thejournal.realviewdigital.com/?i=JULY%202014&acct=Z72188811&email=neil.arnett@pikeville.kyschools.us#folio=16>

Repeat Preparing Your Network for Personalized Learning - Follow link:

http://www.centerdigitaled.com/paper/Preparing-Your-Network-for-Personalized-Learning.html?promo_code=PaperPromo_Featured_ThumbnailPlusText_Centerdigitaled

Please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have questions.

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