

Log Off Your Teacher Computer!

Please work on developing the habit of logging off of your computer if you must be away from it, even for five minutes. Students should never have access to the teacher's computer.

This past week, on several occasions, I logged teachers off of their computer. As I walked by their room, the door was open, no one was in the room and the teacher was still logged on to their "teacher computer".

There are several issues involved here that I'm sure you will recognize as important:

- Many have asked on various occasions, about having increased access to the Internet for teachers. I cannot in good conscience, open up teacher access when I know that students are permitted (at least tacitly) access to the teacher's computer, with the teacher still logged on.
- By policy, students do not have email access. They do if they are permitted to be on the teacher's computer.
- Your N: drives are wide open for mischief. Anyone can delete ALL of your saved files on N: if access to your teacher computer is not restricted to teachers' use.
- The Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires of us that we do that we possibly can to protect the children from the bad aspects of the Internet. If they are allowed to work on teacher computers, we are not doing all we can. It's that simple.

Thanks for taking care to be careful. This is still a new tool in the classroom, and it will take some adjustment to adapt to its presence.