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Website

Zamzar is an easy site to use for downloading those youtube (or other sites') videos for use in class. Plus, it converts all kinds of files, too!

It's free and easy!

www.zamzar.com

Tip

Zoom in and out of anything on your computer quickly and easily.

Hold down the Control key while you use two fingers on your track pad to push up or down to zoom in or out, respectively.

FYI

Anyone using multimedia projectors with a new computer will need a different adapter than the ones we have presently. Apple made a change in the new MacBooks.

Introductions

Hi, everyone! If I haven't met you yet, I hope to be able to do so soon. My name is Andy Hanson, and I'm the new Technology Staff Development Coordinator for USD #418.

My primary role in the district is to help teachers positively impact learning through effective technology integration. That could look a lot of different ways; from helping you plan lessons with the right tools for the right jobs, to coaching with you in your classroom as you try new things and need that little bit of extra support in case it blows up, or just observing your class to help you come up with ideas. I'm here as a support system for you.

My goal is to provide ongoing and sustained staff development that matches your needs. Stay tuned for announcements, special groups and training opportunities, suggested websites, tips and tricks, and anything else that may help you.

I look forward to working with you!

iChat Changes

We are now using jabber accounts with iChat instead of AIM accounts. You can continue using your AIM accounts, but you won't be able to talk with anyone on iChat who is using a jabber account.

You can add a jabber account and either delete or keep your AIM account. Look for instructions to be sent soon.

Why did we make the switch? Larry said the AIM accounts were often problematic to create, and jabber works every time. ☺

Coming Up

A specialized group for Promethean users will be starting soon. Those with boards and those who just want to use the software are welcome to attend. Each session will be built as a stand-alone session; so don't feel like you have to come to every meeting. We will be learning new things and sharing ideas and resources.

Suggestions

Please email or call with any suggestions you have for this newsletter. The goal of this publication is to keep you informed about technology topics in USD #418, provide simple and quick tips and tricks, and hopefully you get something useful here or there.