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Where did I leave it?? !!!!!...

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Since the start of the school year a common message has been shared with every memo.... ***“Keep your laptop with you or in a secure place!”*** Considering the frequency of student laptops turned in to the office, I need to review just what that statement means and what the consequences are for not following the guideline.

Laptops and the associated parts are the responsibility of the individual student. If a student laptop or equipment is lost, damaged, or stolen, the student will be responsible for the cost of the repairs or the replacement. A common item could include the AC adapter. Currently the cost of a replacement adapter is \$15.00. Damage to the computers could include keys... at a cost of \$20 for the replacement, or hinge covers at a cost of \$20. A lost computer will cost \$350 to replace!

Please take care of the computers. Keep them with you or lock them in your locker. If you want to check them into the Library overnight, they will plug them in and charge them for you. The computer will be safe and you can pick it up in the morning before classes. Avoid leaving them in the hall... under the bleachers... or even in the care of a close friend!

Key Websites:

Herington Schools	http://www.heringtonschools.org
School Library	http://books.usd487.org
Safe Videos	http://ttc.usd487.org/safevideos
E-mail	http://mail.usd487.org
KanEd Desktop	http://kportal.learningstation.com

Blocked Sites:

A common complaint from students is that sites are blocked from access. The filter at school is intended to keep users safe and to keep the focus of our technology on education. If there are sites needed for classes, report them to a teacher. They can make a request to approve the site for use on school computers. Staff requests are handled on the day they are received.

Atomic Learning Changes



If you have not used Atomic Learning yet, you should! What a great tool to help learn about a new piece of software or to remind you how to use an old software tool. The Technology Skills Collection consists of nearly 40,000 tutorials on more than 120 software applications for both Macintosh and Windows platforms.

Each of the trainings are segmented into short demonstrations of each tool in a software program. If all you want to know is how to print out of PowerPoint, then all you have to watch is a 2 or 3-minute demo. Want to know more about setting up a spreadsheet, the program starts at the basic level and moves up to the advanced user.

Access to the is through www.atomiclearning.com. You will use your email address and the same password you use for KanEd login. A great way to learn new software or remind yourself how to do something!