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Spring Break...

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What are your plans for spring break? Will you be conditioning for track or baseball? Will you be doing little shopping? Will you just be lounging around? If your plans do not include using your laptop, you may want to consider checking it in to the Library over the break! Checking in the computer will assure the computer will be safe and charged when you return from break.

The library will accept your laptop and charger, but will not keep your computer bag over the break. Anytime after noon on Wednesday you can check the computer in and it will be available at 8:00 am when we return from break.

Computers will be stored in a locked cabinet and will be charged, if you provide your charger. This assures you will have it at school when you return!

How do we make it better?

We are three-fourths the way through the first school year that all students at Herington High School have laptops for use in classes. For the most part things have gone well, but as with all projects, there are bound to be things that need “tweaked”. What do you think? Email your comments to me! jutech@usd487.org

Keep in mind the focus is education.

- Do the computers meet the need?
- Are the keyboards too small?
- Is there software that is missing?
- Are the bags working?
- How important is having the computer at home?
- Are there questions about how to use the computers that need to be answered?

Please be specific. *Do not include comments on access to websites. If there are blocked websites you need, request them through your teacher.*

Does Your Computer Need Repair?



Spring break is an excellent time to have that little problem with your laptop fixed. Limited if any assignments from teachers and a week that the district technicians can fix those little things that you have been putting up with!

Take a couple of minutes to type a short list of what is wrong. Print this report and tape it to the lid of the laptop, then bring the laptop to the Library and check it in. Please also email this list to Mrs. Ryff at terry@usd487.org. If you email the report before we leave on break, we can contact you if there are questions. When you return from Spring Break, the laptop will be charged and ready in the Library.

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

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www.wordle.net

