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WHERE HAVE I LEFT IT?

One of the key issues discussed at the start of the year was keeping track of the laptops! This continues to be an issue for several students. Almost on a daily basis, students are searching for misplaced computers or AC adapters. To date all have been located. Sometimes they are located in the office, sometimes in a classroom and sometimes at home in a closet! The important thing is they are located!

A couple of key reminders:

- Always use the bag provided to keep things safe and secure.
- Either have the computer with you or locked in your locker.
- Do not share your locker combination with others.
- Report losses to the loss to your teachers and the office.
- Do not leave the computer unattended in a classroom.



THIS YEAR THE LAPTOP HAS ALLOWED....

The addition of laptops for all students this year was a huge leap for Herington High School. It provides ready access for students anytime and anywhere. The questions now are.. "What has changed at school because of this addition?" and "Is the access to technology helping students learn?"

Teachers and principals will be trying to answer these questions during the next few weeks. This is your chance to have some input into the discussion. **Send me an email with input on all or some of the following topics.**

1. How has the laptop been used in classes?
2. How has the laptop been used outside of classes?
3. How often is your laptop used in classes? (Daily, Weekly, Hourly?)
4. How can the program be improved?



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Laptop Loaners:

Laptop loaners are available to students only when their laptop is in for repair work. If you have a technical issue, bring your laptop to the Library and turn it in with an explanation of the issue. A loaner is provided for the day, if you need one.

Leaving your laptop at home is not justification to check out a loaner. Contact Mr. Utech if you have need of a computer loaner for reasons other than repair.

Key Websites:

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