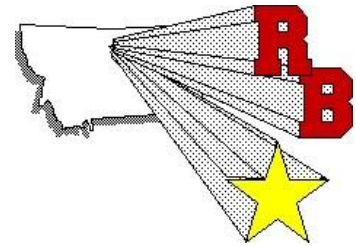


# Technology Department

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IT Director – Robert Parker



First, IT would like to thank Mrs. Duncan's senior English class from the 2017-2018 school year for their part in helping Microsoft do a profile on our school and our use of technology in the classroom. The link to the article is on the school website, or you can use this link: <http://customers.microsoft.com/en-us/story/rockyboy-windows10>. Please take a moment to read it over if you haven't already had a chance to read it.

Now that school is back in session, IT is in full swing. IT is attending to the normal issues of forgotten passwords and getting the teachers and staff acquainted with the new email and Office 365. IT has scheduled for two Microsoft trainers to come to the school on October 19<sup>th</sup> to put on an Office 365 Academy for the K-12 teachers, admin staff, and select administrators from the Headstart.

There were quite a few classroom changes over the summer and not surprising there were just as many requests by teachers to have their SMART boards moved, their desks moved, etc. which required some rewiring and reinstallation. IT would like to thank the O&M folks for their help with moving boards, moving projectors, getting new tiles in place, etc.

K-8 made the decision at the start of school to begin a new testing program called iStation. IT has been very busy the last week getting everything up and running for the teachers to begin testing their students. Within the next couple days everything should be ready for testing in the lab, on an iPad or on a Winbook, both here and at the colony satellite campuses. In addition, IT has deployed 40 new Winbooks to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. With 10 more to be deployed to Mrs. Olson's classroom.

The technology committee will be meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss where to go from here with regard to Winbooks, iPads, etc. IT will be conducting another Bright Bytes survey of the school's technology resources, knowledge of use, enthusiasm towards new technology, etc. The information gathered from this survey is very helpful in determining the next steps for training, where/what to invest in next for technology, what is working, etc.

IT has quite a number of disposed items that are awaiting transport to the Havre recycling place. As soon as the new test app is setup on all devices and the backlog of tickets has been dealt with, IT will be making a trip to Havre to remove all the junk that is cluttering up the offices and hallways.

Lastly, IT would like to welcome Brian Jenkins to the team. This will be his first month here at Rocky Boy and so far, he has been an enormous help. His 19 years of experience has come in handy as the school year is already a very busy one with lots of new staff and projects going.

"Every Student Everyday!"