

E-rate

Our Category 1 E-rate was at long last approved and certified. Category 1 is what covers our internet and wide area network connections and is reimbursed at the 90% level based on our 100% free and reduced lunch community status. We hope to hear soon on the approval of our Category 2 which covers hardware such as the new switches.

Cyber Security

META is partnering with other Montana State agencies (at long last-the State of Montana has finally realized school districts need the same resources as the rest of state government) to bring forth various cyber security training programs over the coming months.

One of the items completed on July 7th was a stress test of our firewall defenses of which I'm proud to report a 100% defense rate which means if the stress test was the 'bad' guys they were not able to enter out network via our firewall connection.

Summer work

Summer work is in full swing. iPads have been wiped and ready in the various schools, macbooks are being updated and are already being prepared for our new staff joining us this August. Additionally we'll be soon setting up new computers in the teaching labs at the high school in the next couple of weeks.

Switches

The backbone of the school network were delivered the end of June and have been installed in all buildings except Napi. Napi we are waiting on the rewiring of the building to be completed and will install their switches in the next couple of weeks before school starts.