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PRODUCTIVITY TIP #19

Eastern Howard Schools Tech Department asks you to lock your computer whenever you may leave the room, so no one can walk in and access resources under your name. Did you know that there is an easier way to lock your workstation though, rather than hitting “ctrl+alt+del” and then selecting “lock workstation?” Gain precious seconds by using a key combination shortcut. In this case, holding down the “Windows” key and pressing the “L” key will automatically lock your computer. How great is that? Now you can lock your computer and walk away with a keystrokes.

CITATION AND THE DIGITAL AGE

The digital world is constantly changing and along with it changes the non-digital world. As you teach students to navigate through those changes there are a few things to keep in mind to help them understand how to use new technology properly in their writing and avoid unintentional copyright infringements or plagiarism. Below are some tips to help keep papers free of the aforementioned::

1. With the internet full of facts and individual ideas, it is easy to confuse one for the other. The best rule of thumb to emphasize is that when in doubt, cite a source. Do be careful though to emphasize the importance of being original when writing. Citations are great, but when 90% of a paper is cited originality and the intent of an assignment may become clearly lost.
2. Keep in mind that as we evolve into a more visually enriched culture through the use of digital photography and graphic design you must also educate students about the use of graphics from the internet in their work. As the written paper is transformed for teaching into blogging and wiki writing it is important to know that “borrowing” a graphic from a website can lead to repercussions down the road. Many graphics on the net are copyrighted and should be treated as such. When in doubt about a graphics source or if it can be freely used, don't use it.
3. And finally for today, with internet sources citation is a moot point if the website is invalid. Always check the credibility of a site before spreading false information, even if you are citing it correctly.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRAINING

- *January 20 tentative Web Page TTT
- *January 21 tentative Brainware TTT
- *Schedule a 20 minute training session today