

# Technology Times

## Introduced to something new...

By Destini Taylor

Being a new student at The Technology Academy is different. The school is run so different than a normal school. I like it here a lot better because we don't have to be here as long as all the other schools so it gives us more free time. At Tech we use the computer for most things, well almost everything, and that is very helpful. It gives us a chance to learn how to find what we need instead of them giving it to us. There are also things that I don't like. There was one time when we were supposed to do an assignment and I didn't know that we were assigned it so I had to do the whole thing the day it was due. Luckily, it wasn't hard at all. On the first day it was kind of scary, but it is like that at all schools when you go to a new school and you don't know anybody. Other than the scary thing, it



was just fine. I talked to people the first day that I was here and I've been talking to them ever since. Everybody has their own reason for being here. You know most people would say that the "bad" kids come here, but to me, none of them are bad. They are all very nice and I get along with everyone. Before I came here, I thought that most people who went to alternative schools were really bad and rude. Coming to the Technology Academy has really opened my eyes.

## What is Plato?

By Stefano Corzo

Plato is one of the first computer assisted instruction systems. In my opinion, Plato is a good program, but it can only work on some people and I don't think it can be used for long periods of time. If you're a person that can learn by yourself with no need of instruction, this can work out for you. Otherwise, you should look somewhere else. Overall Plato is a good program for learning and teaching .



Dustin, a Tech student, signing into Plato.

## Who Comes To Tech?

By Melissa Sampson

People of all ages and races, with many different issues, come to the Technology Academy together. Grades range from 6th to 12th grade. The way students end up here is very diverse. Most are expelled from their regular high school and have little choice on what to do about their education. Usually when students are expelled they have the choice of home school, online school, or

an alternative school. Nobody in Tech's morning class is here for the same reason. Reasons of attendance range from weapons, drugs, skipping, threats, referrals, to just not even going to school at all. Tech will accept 12 to 15 kids in each of their classes, although classes can be added or taken away at the advisors wishes. They have classes at 7:30 and 11:30 Monday

through Thursday. Friday classes start at 7:30 for students who need extra help, and class on Saturday is also an option. Students say they like the way Tech is operated compared to a regular public high school. Tech will continue to accept students with different issues and help them to get their full education.



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How I feel about returning to the Technology Academy is okay. I was kind of looking forward to coming back here then going back to my base school. I feel that I could learn more there than here because there is

## How Tech is run

By Robert Foster

What do I think about how the Tech Academy is run? I'm a 17 year old boy and a junior. I like the small group setting of only 10 students per class. Also I like the times of the school day. I think that high school is more fun, because you can move around and you're around a lot more people. I like to have more than one teacher because if an-

other teacher is helping another student then I can get help from the second one. Another thing that I don't like is that there is a ratio of 1:5 girls to boys. If I had a choice of going to my regular high school or coming here then I think I would have to pick the high school. I like talking to people between classes and doing what I want for 7 minutes. Although the tardy policy is a lot less strict at Tech. Another

## Returning to Tech

By Sean Talbert

a more hands-on approach. I feel that students could regroup themselves if they were having problems at there base school and came here. Since there is a smaller group of people here, a student can learn more because there are less distractions. When I found out I was coming back, I knew it would be easier than going to my base school. I feel that I

could do better here than at any other school. Also, as a returning Tech student, I know that it is real work that you have to do and that here they want you to succeed. At a public school, they could care less because you're just another number. So I feel that Tech is a good alternative for most students.



Students working on their assignments in class.

thing I like about this school is that you are only required to come 4

## Shop Til You Drop

### Fundraisers

Several fundraisers are under way to supplement the funds provided by the local school systems. We are continuing to collect General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels. We are asking all our supporters to designate our school to receive funds by using their Food Cards. The Tech Academy completed its first Joe Corbi Pizza and Cookie Kit fundraiser in October. Please remember to help us help your students by providing funds through fundraising. All funds are used to purchase additional supplies for classroom activities, that we normally cannot provide. In the past we have purchased a fuel cell car, a hydrogen rocket, and gone on local fieldtrips.

Support the Academy without spending an extra cent. Just designate the Technology Academy as the charity of your choice when you shop at Food Lion, Safeway, and Giant.

When you use your store card (MVP, Club Card, GIANT Bonus Card), a percentage of the amount spent is given back to the school or online. To apply online, just log into the school website, and click on LINKS.



**“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.**

**Colin Powell**



### Raffle

The Tech Academy will holding a raffle. Items for the raffle include a Knob Creek Poker table with chips, a card shuffler, and two decks of cards. And two tickets to the November 10th Washington Wizards basketball game. Price for a ticket is \$1.00. Call the school for information on how you can purchase tickets.



### Learning Center Computer Sale

The mission of this program is to provide high quality educational and developmental services to the under and hard to serve with adequate safeguards and community supports.

Make a tax deductible donation of \$10 or more and receive your choice of speakers, monitor, mouse, or keyboard. Make a tax deductible donation of \$50 or more and receive a home computer system.

For more information regarding the computer sale, contact John Chadwick at 703-367-0633 at the Tech Academy from 1:00-4:00.

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# The Student Corner

I couldn't believe  
when I opened  
my closet door  
and found...

BY  
JS

I can't believe I opened my closet door and found bags of \$100 bills. At first I thought they were fake, but I checked them with a real one. I didn't tell anybody; I wanted the money all to myself. I thought to myself, where did all of this money come from?

The first thing I did was grab all of the bags and ran into the back room to count how much money was in the bags. I had \$1 million in my hands. The next thing I did was go deposit \$100,000 in my bank account. Then another

\$100,000 in my savings. I drove to the store and started buying everything I saw. Then I bought a car. My mom saw the money and wanted some. I gave her a lot of it. The last thing I did was take my stuff home. People were asking me where I got all of the stuff. I said I won the lottery. When I woke up in the morning, everything was gone. It was just a dream.

