



Nye County School District Technology Weekly Update

Masters of the Mystic Arts

Week of April 7, 2025

• Quarter #4, Week #5

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- Access previous weekly updates and tech tips here: <http://bit.ly/nye4kidstech>
- [CLICK HERE](#) for an audio summary of this update created by NotebookLM.
 - Notes about the "Podcast"
 - The new Gemini Model used with NotebookLM is noticeably better.
 - This podcast doesn't repeat itself and the two hosts do a nice job of covering all of the articles. The section about the book I'm reading could have been shorter, and it isn't a review, but generally this is again improved over any of the previous audio summaries.
 - It is a bit longer than the previous summaries at 23 minutes.

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Notes

Happy Days, Everyone,

Welcome to this week's update, where we're officially halfway through the fourth quarter. That's right, we're on the downhill slide to summer break, and let me tell you, this hill is getting steeper by the minute! Time flies when you're having fun... or, you know, trying to remember which day is which. It feels like just yesterday it was Monday, and now poof, it's... well, whatever day it is now. Is it just me, or does time move faster on the weekends?

This week, we've got a smorgasbord of information for you. We're diving into a wool-y good book review, discussing some shocking security scams, and offering some Dell-ightful deals in our Tips & Quick Takes section. Plus, we've got reminders, team schedules, and a whole heap of department updates (two weeks worth 🤖) to keep you in the loop.

And before you know it, it'll be time to celebrate! Don't forget, the March Celebrations and Shout Outs newsletter is coming soon! We want to hear all the fantastic things happening across our district for our final shoutouts, so please send in your shout-outs and gratitude as soon as they pop into your head. Don't wait! If you think of it, submit it! The final newsletter of the year, full of end-of-year celebrations, will be released during the last week of May. (Yes, I said that out loud. I'm already regretting this promise, but a promise is a promise! So hold me to it!)

Let's make this second half of the quarter count, and remember, we're all in this together. Now, let's get to the good stuff!

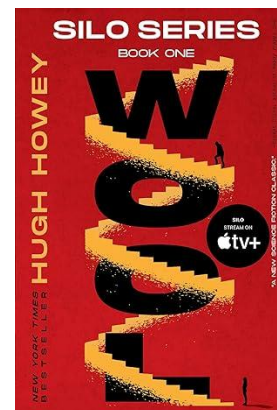
My Best,
-Rob



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Currently Reading

- [Wool](#) by Hugh Howey
 - The first book in the acclaimed, New York Times best-selling trilogy, *Wool* is the story of mankind clawing for survival. The world outside has grown toxic, the view of it limited, talk of it forbidden. The remnants of humanity live underground in a single silo.
 - But there are always those who hope, who dream. These are the dangerous people, the residents who infect others with their optimism. Their punishment is simple. They are given the very thing they want: They are allowed to go outside.
 - After the previous sheriff leaves the silo in a terrifying ritual, Juliette, a mechanic from the down deep, is suddenly and inexplicably promoted to the head of law enforcement. With newfound power and with little regard for the customs she is supposed to abide, Juliette uncovers hints of a sinister conspiracy. Tugging this thread may uncover the truth . . . or it could kill every last human alive.
- If you want to see the other books I'm still working on, I'm here on Goodreads:
 - <https://www.goodreads.com/digitalrob>



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Security

Scam of the Week: Fake Ads, Real Fraud

This tip is pretty specific to a type of business, but it could happen on any Google search. Take a look at the ways to avoid this scam.

This week, cybercriminals are targeting digital marketing professionals by purchasing fake Google ads, also known as malvertising. This scam begins when you search Google for the login page for Semrush, a popular online digital marketing platform. The search results include what appears to be a sponsored Semrush ad. The ad is one of the top search results, and if you click it, you are taken to what seems to be the Semrush login page.

The login page looks genuine, but it is a bit unusual since it only allows you to log in using your Google username and password.

That's because this isn't a real login page. If you enter your Google login information, cybercriminals will be able to access your Google account, which can contain your credit card number and other business information. Then, they can use your account to steal your money or even trick others into sending them personal and financial information!

Follow these tips to avoid falling victim to a malvertising scam:

- **Avoid clicking on promoted or sponsored Google results. Anyone can purchase a Google ad, so navigating to the official website is always safer.**
- Always check URLs to ensure you are visiting official websites, and remember to bookmark your frequently visited login pages.
- While this scam is directed toward marketers, remember that cybercriminals can use fake Google ads to target professionals in many industries. Always think before you click!

The KnowBe4 Security Team



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Tips & Quick Takes

Quick Take

Dell Spring Sale

Spring is here, and Dell is excited to help you gear up for what's next with our incredible **Dell Spring Sale**. Enjoy more of the tech you love at these special prices.

Dell's Spring Sale is live from 4/7 through 4/21.

NCSD Employees can shop at
www.dell.com/mpp/NyeCSD

Dell Spring Sale Exclusive Offers:

- **Inspiron 14 Plus Laptop | \$799**
 - Save \$300
 - Intel® Core™ Ultra 7 processor, Windows 11 Home, 16GB memory*, 1TB* SSD
- **Inspiron 24 All-In-One | \$1199**
 - Save \$400
 - Intel® Core™ 7 processor, Windows 11 Home, 32GB memory*, 1TB* SSD
- **Dell 27 Plus QHD USB-C Monitor - S2722DC | \$245**
 - A 27" QHD monitor with outstanding visuals and USB-C connectivity. One cable lets you transfer video, audio and data along with power delivery.
- **Dell Premier Multi-Device Wireless Keyboard and Mouse - KM7321W | \$78**
 - Experience superior multitasking features with a stylish and comfortable premium keyboard and mouse combo. Complete your tasks powered by one of the industry's leading battery lives at up to 36 months.



Request your exclusive Member Purchase Program discount at: www.dell.com/mpp/NyeCSD then shop online. Exclusions may apply.

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Quick Take

Behavior Tip: Reminders and Cues

Shanda Roderick publishes a monthly Special Education Newsletter for all SpEd teachers. This is a great tip that applies to all students and can help all teacher. If you are interested, you can find the March 2025 Newsletter [HERE](#).



Students respond to reminders and cues. It's important to let students know what you want them to do and how. If students aren't sure what to do, they will do what they want or perhaps do something they shouldn't do. If students are finishing their math, for example, and wondering what to do next, teachers can verbally give a reminder for everyone to hear.

Teachers could also use specific praise that will work as a reminder for other students. For example, they can thank a student by name for putting their math assignment in the tray and getting started on their independent reading. That way, the student is praised for their work, and the others get a reminder.

Cues can be important too. Teachers can even use these in behavior plans. Perhaps it's something as simple as placing a post-it note on a student's desk to let them know they are doing something they shouldn't be doing. Also, use student behavior plans to establish what cues will work best with individual students. Remember, when teachers make eye contact with students, they can use nonverbal cues to remind them what they should be doing (or not doing).

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Suggestion Box Updates

This is a column to provide some information, when appropriate, about items submitted anonymously to the district [Suggestion Box](#).

Our next cabinet meeting is April 7th, so responses to submissions after March 24th will be in the April 14th update.



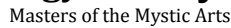


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Technology & Data

Everyone

- A potpourri, a veritable plethora of various requests and work orders.
- An agglomeration of access updates and changes

Operational & Communication Stuff

- website posts - plus kinder round up marketing;
- Admin Meeting visits
- Started planning for July secretary meeting
- family engagement survey reworking and posting

Student Data Team (Eldon, Michelle & Courtney)

- SAIN NDE Conference Call
- Data Dashboard
 - Regular updates & upgrades
 - added histogram charts to Student Engagement Tracker,
 - added two new (AIA) error types to Attendance Errors
 - High School Credit Report see notes below & Middle School Credit Report - updated
 - List of Evaluations - updated
 - student names added to Attendance Code by Student,
 - updating EL dashboard
 - added number of assignments per period fields to Student Engagement Tracker
- Setup New ES Courses (EOM01 EOM Classroom - KG 1st 2nd & EOM02 EOM Classroom - 3rd 4th 5th);
- Setup a Course Request Form in IC for school counselors
- School Photography (uploaded to IC - FES, RMES, TES)
- Set Canvas 25-26 Summer Rollover Info
- EOM course information in secretary handbook;
- Summer School Planning
- ADA Reviews
- Set up AIA attendance code for 24-25 and 25-26 School year
- DF 19 Average Class Size (completed);
- Scheduling Support;
- IC Access Updates
- Pulled 23-24 EOY credit deficiency stats for Grants dept;
- Submitted Q3 ADE report to NDE;
- Set up Frontline file import;
- Created ufn_ReplaceExoticChars() function in IC
- Enrollment Cleanup / Roll Forward (ongoing);
- Household Error fixing support;
- DF 18 Student/Teacher Ratio
- DF 19 Average Class Size (in progress);
- CRDC Data Collection (DONE!)
- Completed & submitted DF 17, DF 24, & DF 40 reports to NDE;
- Updated iVisions to IC Integration script;
- Completed EL student related data ops for C & I



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Technology Team (Justin, Sean, Daniel, Brian & Jen)

- Chromebooks: Repairs are Life!
 - Prepped 20 to go to the vendor and working on receiving the 20 that returned.
- KB4 campaign came in at 70 clickers and a reply. 5.6% phish prone.
- More MFA fun.
- Celebration Committee meeting. ...Quack...
- Investigations into Spam and Phishing and stuff
- Standard profile wipes that are becoming a mass profile wipe Monday morning because testing.
- 'Days of Our Lives' pause and then return. If only swears weren't used.
- Obscure quotes to keep Rob guessing. Mostly cartoon movies. I can't help it, I'm 12.
- Spring dress up fun.
- Computer and CB inventory sheets for Jo & Summer, which means I'm ready for the DF11 (yeah);
- testing support...
- started process of hiring for summer tech crew
- cleaned out withdrawn students from Google
- Student online mischief investigations
- Worked on new cameras and infrastructure for new locations at PVHS.
- Installed paging & intercom pilot system into E building
 - Engineering tests, site visits, and project planning
 - Learned some switch programming on the new Aruba CX platform with Dan, tested its POE compatibility with new paging/intercom/alert project
- Work & troubleshooting for current PVHS paging equipment - room 234, looks like a bad switch port
- Cortex scan of all systems.
- Mt. Charleston core upgrade planning.
- Switch issues.
- Core server updates.
- Phone system troubleshooting and fixes with Jen.
- Virtual system migrations to new IGOR platforms
- Fun phone system stuff
- Linux system updates.
- Tested some policy settings that would help with local network security.
- Sean's report
 - More printers. Always. Actually need more printers now.
 - Learned the Windows Photos app actually decent for editing video.
 - Also learned voice controlling Windows works surprisingly well.
 - Certainly nothing involving the predictable outcomes of decisions.
 - Quick trip to Beatty. Said hello to the donkeys.
 - And suddenly, student computers began being missed. Because Chromebooks not the same thing as actual computers. Are just plastic pancakes with a Chrome browser. Cannot do much of anything not found in the Google waffle. Not computers. Inedible breakfast pastries without versatile speech-to-text capabilities.
 - Felt great disturbance in the force indicating it must be testing time. Like a million voices crying out only to be told to shut up because that is a testing violation.
 - Built a new parent kiosk to replace surprisingly long-lived one at Manse.
 - Rewired garage door to be networked and voice-controlled.
 - Replaced another jamming printer. Suggestion: don't.
 - Set outdoor lights to Easter colors after figuring out what those are.

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Fluff

Sometimes,
it's less about
straight As
and more about
whether our
child will sit with
the lonely kid
in the cafeteria.

PEOPLE SAY I'M
"GOOD WITH KIDS",
BUT I'M REALLY
JUST A GROWN-UP
WHO VIVIDLY REMEMBERS
HOW POSITIVELY AND DEEPLY
IT AFFECTS A CHILD
TO BE TREATED
WITH KINDNESS
AND RESPECT.
I JUST MAKE SURE
TO OFFER THE SAME
TO EVERY CHILD I KNOW.

Nancy Kopman

Do not be afraid of spending
quality time by yourself. That
doesn't make you antisocial or
cause you to reject the rest of
the world. But you need to
breathe. And you need to be.

ALBERT CAMUS



Kindness
doesn't cost a thing,
yet it's the richest gift
you can give.



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Be the teacher that
sees the light in a
student when
others see trouble



teachergoals.com

**You never look good trying to
make someone else look bad.**



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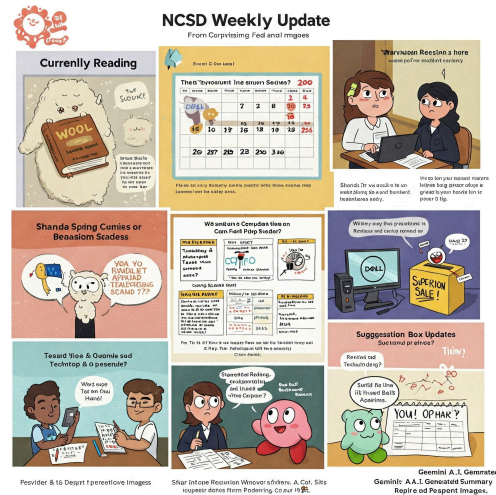
Summary

This week's NCSD Weekly Update focuses on the halfway point of the fourth quarter, reminding staff about upcoming events and providing important updates. It includes information on security, deals, behavior tips, and departmental activities, while maintaining a lighthearted tone.

- **Introduction and General Notes:** The newsletter acknowledges that the fourth quarter is halfway complete, with a reminder of the approaching summer break and upcoming celebrations. It includes links to previous updates, image folders, and an audio summary.
- **Currently Reading:** A review of "Wool" by Hugh Howey is featured, with a link to the book on Amazon and the author's Goodreads profile.
- **Security Notes:** A warning about "malvertising" scams targeting digital marketing professionals is provided, along with tips to avoid falling victim.
- **Tips & Quick Takes:** Information on the Dell Spring Sale, offering exclusive deals for NCSD employees, is shared. A behavior tip from Shanda Roderick's Special Education Newsletter on using reminders and cues with students is also included.
- **Suggestion Box Updates:** An update on the district's suggestion box is provided, noting when responses to submissions will be addressed.
- **Calendar and Reminders:** General calendar items, Board Meeting information, and various reminders for upcoming meetings and workshops are listed.
- **Team Schedules:** Specific schedules for various teams, including coordination meetings, cabinet meetings, and technology team activities, are detailed.
- **Department Updates:** A comprehensive list of updates from the Technology & Data department, including activities of the Student Data Team and the Technology Team, is provided.
- **Kerby & Fluff:** These sections include images and quotes/messages for enjoyment and reflection.
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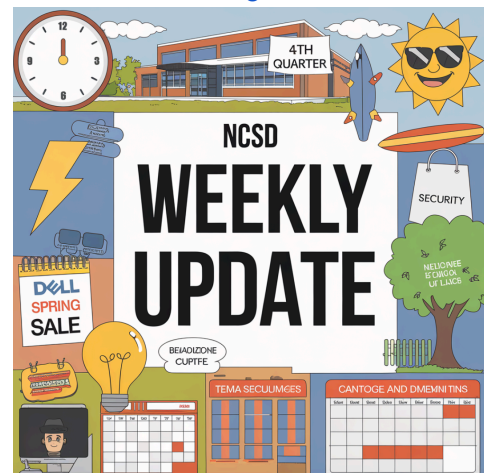
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NCSD Weekly Update - Week of April 7th

Update:

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