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# Chalk Talk

## TEF – What’s TECHTOBERFEST?

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Technology in all its many forms has become an integral part of every teacher’s classroom at every grade level. It can create remarkable educational opportunities that are so exciting and it can also create quite a variety of challenges. Teaching in an enriched technology environment takes a very well trained teacher. The trick may be learning how to effectively use and teach in a technology enriched learning environment and that doesn’t just happen by accident.



Techtoberfest training at Stansbury High School

at Stansbury High School learning about technology in the classroom. The day consisted of a treasure house of class sessions dealing with cutting edge skills, techniques, and proven practices. This was a day of sharing best practices by colleagues who know how to succeed.

Techtoberfest is a professional development day that’s not just for teachers. It was also for secretaries librarians, Para Professionals, counselors and other employees who work with kids. Techtoberfest was designed to be a day full of training on how to utilize and integrate technology to enhance learning by students. There were more than 100 presentations. Expert presenters from the school district where

joined by presenters visiting from all over the state.

Techtoberfest is a huge undertaking involving an outstanding planning and implementation committee consisting of IT specialists, curriculum and instruction staff and others enlisted to attend to every detail. Teachers come together from the entire school district to participate and be inspired.

TEF would like to ring our education bell (not very technology minded) for the great team who keeps the district technology systems and equipment working. That is not an easy job.

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The Tooele County School District and its IT Department have recognized the challenge and taken many meaningful steps to provide and enhance the use of technology. On October 6, employees of the school district spent a day



Tooele County teachers went back to school as a students for a day learning about technology in the classroom.



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