



# Tech Tips

## Child skipping school?

*Simply put a flier on Facebook! Problem solved, right?*

What level would you go to in order to make sure your child wasn't skipping school? One father went to the extent of making a virtual flier, knowing his son was constantly on Facebook, and posted it to his own account. This flier, complete with photos of his son, states "If you see this 12 yr. old boy between the hours of 8:30am & 3:30pm (Mon-Fri) school days, he is skipping school." It then gives contact information, and even tells people to contact the police if he is caught smoking or causing mischief because "they will be nicer to him than his Mom & Dad."

This almost sounds like it may have worked, if the flier hadn't gone viral. It found itself on the

Reddit website, where users re-posted and even prank called the number on the flier.

After all the internet response, Jon's father may have gotten more attention than he wanted. Word has it, he has erased all posts from his Facebook profile, flier included.



## Top 10 selling video games

With the PS4 coming out later this month, we thought it would be fun to look at the top selling games of all time.

10. Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas- Released in 2004, this game has sold more than 27.5 million copies.
9. New Super Mario Bros. Wii- Released in 2009, this game has sold more than 27.88 million copies.
8. Wii Play- Released in 2007, this game has sold more than 28.02 million copies.
7. Grand Theft Auto V- Released September of this year, this game has already sold more than 29 million copies.
6. New Super Mario Bros.- The Nintendo DS version of this game, has sold more than 30.38 million copies.
5. Wii Sports Resort- Released in 2009, this game has sold more than 31.89 million copies.
4. Mario Kart Wii- Released in 2008, this game has sold more than 34.26 million copies.
3. Tetris- This game on gameboy and gameboy has sold more than 35 million copies.
2. Super Mario Bros- The NES version of this game, released in 1985 has sold more than 40.24 million copies
1. Wii Sports- The Wii game, released in 2006 has sold more than 82.98 million copies!

## WANT FREE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS?

Want a nice coffee break for your office? How about a space in the newsletter to tell others about your business? Your business feature could be here! The question last month was:

**In Halloween, Michael Myers' mask was made from what?**



The answer was actually a Captain Kirk mask which was altered for the film. Another movie trivia for you this month:

**In Disney's "The Sword in the Stone", what does Merlin call The Greatest Force on Earth?**

## PRANKSTER WEBSITE TURNS 10.

4Chan may not be a website you visit regularly, but no doubt it is one you have heard of. The website, known as the creator of memes (most notably the LOLcat memes), has gotten a bad reputation for their pranks and questionable content on some of their forums. What kind of troubles have they gotten into in the past 10 years?

In October of 2008, Steve Jobs was 2 weeks away from giving a keynote speech, when a rumor appeared on CNN's iReport that Jobs had suffered a sudden heart attack (his actual death wasn't until 2011). The rumor was traced back to 4chan, but not before other website caught wind of it, and ultimately caused Apple's stock to drop by about 10%.

In July 2013, KISS 108 in Boston held a radio contest in order for listeners to score a chance to meet Taylor Swift. One of the people entered was a 39 year old, 4chan member, who used the community to boost his 25th place status to 1st by getting other members of the community to vote for him. The

contest ultimately decided to terminate after the "integrity of the contest had been compromised". This isn't the first time they've targeted Swift either. August 2012, users of 4chan gained enough votes to send Swift to perform at the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

As of recent, 4chan has started rumor that Justin Bieber has been diagnosed with cancer and have urged teenage girls (and boys) to shave their heads to show support for the pop singer. The hashtag "bald4beiber" flooded twitter for a brief time before being proved a hoax.



## CATS- THEIR HATRED FOR DELL LAPTOPS

Wondering why your cat hates your Dell laptop? No matter where you put it, she manages to find it and do her business on top of it, causing it to smell constantly like cat urine.

Please stop punishing your cat and

pet her again because truth is, it's not your cat's fault. Dell has come forward saying that there is a manufacturing process that's at fault for the smell. For the PC, this is probably not a reputation they want to keep, and are

apparently working hard to find a solution. Although not all laptops have this issue, they have said that smell is neither hazardous, nor organic (AKA containing actual urine).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER TRIVIA WINNER - ARNES WELDING!

Congratulations to our October trivia winner Diane Pratt at Arne's Welding!



Arne's Welding, located at 835 Mission Street, have been in business since 1956. Since opening, Arne's Welding has grown from a small welding shop, to one of Western Canada's premier manufacturers of construction trailers.

With the top-of-the-line quality, and careful construction, the trailers made at Arne's enjoy a virtually trouble-free, and low-maintenance, long life. For these reasons and more, they also boast the highest resale value in the market.

Constantly growing, and always refining their products, they have recently renovated parts of their building and acquired some shiny new equipment- to better make your trailer!

To see what else is new at Arne's Welding, or learn more about their products, call (204) 233-7111 or check out their website at [www.arnes.com](http://www.arnes.com).

## GOOGLE HELPS WITH EVERYDAY LESSONS

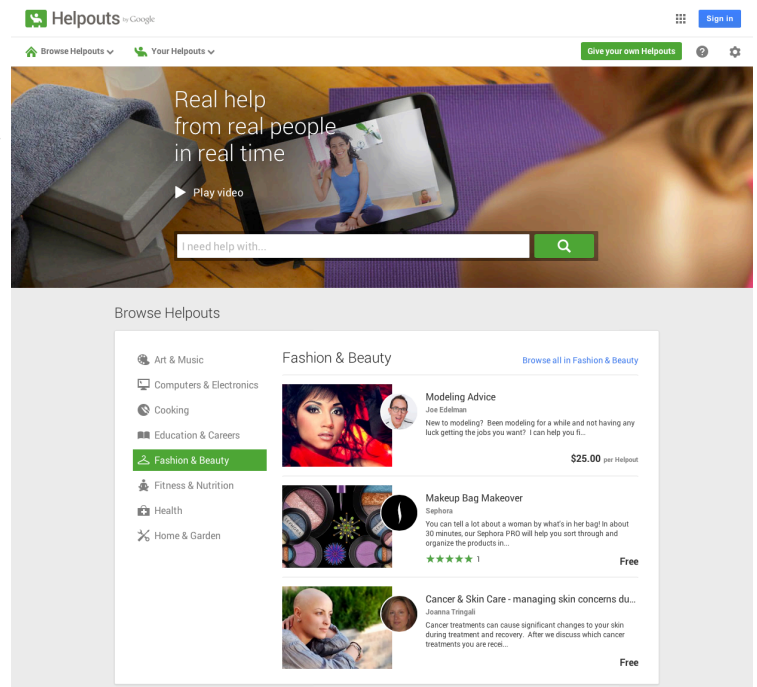
Who hasn't used google to find out how to do something? You type in "how to" into the toolbar and it will give you a bunch of options from "how to tie a tie" to "how to get rid of fruit flies".

Google has decided to take this a step further. As a new tool, Google launched a program that helps connect people with experts over live video for free or paid advice on almost any topic.

To try a "Helpout", you would need to set up an account with Google Wallet, as all transactions are done through there, however, Google is offering a full money-back guarantee if the program does not meet the user's expectations. Prices will range between topics and providers, as providers are in charge of setting their own pricing- a per session rate, a per minute rate, or a payment option.

Users can use either a computer or a mobile device, as long as they have a Google+ account, a built-in or external webcam, and a microphone.

Though Google is starting with only a few providers, but they are saying the amount of providers will increase over time.



**You are invited to a Fundraising Social for Earl Harder**

We hope you can join us for a social in honour of Earl Harder. Come for the music, prizes, dancing, beverages, fun and friends!

**Saturday Nov 30, 2013**

**Riverview Community Club, 90 Ashland Ave.**

**Tickets: \$10.00 • 8 pm to 1 am**

For tickets, email [tinaparas@gmail.com](mailto:tinaparas@gmail.com)  
or call 204-510-2630 or 204-488-1402.



# TechTip Postcard

Insider Tips and Secrets to Get The MOST Out of Your Computer

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## To help keep you safe, we're giving away **"A FREE Disaster Prevention Planning Kit To All Of Our Clients And Friends"**

We decided to offer a Disaster Prevention Planning Kit –  
absolutely FREE to all of our neighbors and friends!

Why are we doing this? Because we want to ensure the safety of you and your business. And if disaster does strike (and we sincerely hope it doesn't!), YOU will be really grateful to have planned out in advance what you need to do to minimize your downtime and costs to your business.

### Who's This For And What's Inside?

This kit is designed for the small or medium business owner, office manager or IT pro who wants to make absolutely certain their business wouldn't be shut down after a fire, flood, theft, virus attack, hardware failure or any of the dozens of data-erasing disasters that could happen to any business at any time.

And let's be honest...chances are that you DON'T have a good disaster recovery plan in place and have really no earthly idea if you truly could be back up and running fast in the event of a disaster. That's why it's so important that you get and implement this simple and easy disaster recovery kit.

- A FREE "fill-in-the-blank" Business Continuity and Disaster Preparedness Plan that will make it SUPER easy for you to put a simple (but effective) disaster recovery plan in place.
- A FREE Emergency Supplies Checklist to make sure you have what you need on hand should disaster strike.
- A FREE guide titled, "The 10 Disaster Planning Essentials For A Small Business Network." This will outline key systems and steps you need to take to make sure your computer network is safe and can be accessed in the event of a disaster.
- A gift voucher entitling you to a FREE Disaster Recovery and Backup Audit where one of our senior, certified technicians will come onsite to review your current backup system to make sure ALL of your data is being backed up correctly and in a usable



To secure your Free Kit, call us today at:

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