

# KSC TECH NEWS

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## Be Aware of Chrome Malware Message

If you use Google Chrome as your browser, please be aware of a popup, which contains the message "The 'HoeflerText' font wasn't found," which then suggests users download an update to their computers. The update, however, is actually a **malware download**.

"The 'HoeflerText font not found'" malware lure, which targets Google Chrome users on Windows, continues to make the rounds. The message appears to be a legitimate popup from Google Chrome but it is not.

If you are visiting a website and the message below pops up, ignore it and close out of the website. Legitimate warnings from the Chrome browser never appear as overlays to a web page. Additionally, Chrome does not send out any message for a missing font download. Any such messages received are sourced from malware or malvertising.



**Summer PD is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for May 31-June 2 and June 5-9.**

## Storybird

Storybird is "a platform for writers, readers, and artists of all ages." Storybird inspires students to write; picture books for K-5, chapter books for grades 5-12, as well as poetry. To check out Storybird's website, click the icon.



## Tech Tip: Closing a Malware Pop-up Window that Will Not Close

If you find yourself in a position with an unusual window that pops up that request you download something or call a toll free number because your credit card and log in information has been compromised, you should immediately close it and ignore it. But what happens when you try to X-out and it is impossible to get rid of the pop up no matter what you do?

Control bar (located at the bottom of your screen) <right-click> Task Manager

Select 'Processes' tab

Select the offending program in the list (Chrome or IE or whatever web browser you use)

Push the 'End Task' button at the lower right. (or right click and select End Task)

This should fix the problem.

## Tech Term: Malvertising

Malvertising (a combination of malicious and advertising) is online advertising to spread malware. It involves using malicious or malware laden advertisements into legitimate online advertising networks and webpages.



## Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Videos

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