

Curriculum Corner

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iConnect and More

The iConnect program in grades 8-12 reached a milestone at mid-way through year one. To the credit of teachers and students, the evolution of teaching and learning is underway. A recording of our recent parent information night is found on the district home page as iConnect Night Presentation. Our thanks to Mrs. Susan Sullivan and Mrs. Amy Marino both of whom shared how they are using the technology in their classrooms. As in grades 8-12, grades 6 and 7 continuously integrate the use of the school laptops. Whether as part of a science experience, social studies research, written expression in English or a variety of other applications, technology is a regular tool in the classroom.

A combination of iPads and laptops exist throughout Alden. Students are creating projects and using apps for skill practice and beyond. Earlier in February at their theme nights, for example, the fourth and fifth graders used QR codes or other applications to create book reviews and scavenger hunts as well a range of other projects. Students across all grades "Mystery Skype" with schools around the world.

At Chandler, our youngest students have access to a bin of iPads in each classroom to create original content on a daily basis. With tools such as Explain Everything, Puppet Pals, and Book Creator, students are creating videos, electronic puppet shows and presentations to illustrate their learning. The students also enjoy "Mystery Skyping" with students in new places.

Across all four schools, teachers are familiar with the SAMR model. This model provides a framework for technology integration:

S: Substitution (technology is a direct replacement)

A: Augmentation (technology is a substitute but with functional improvement)

M: Modification (technology allows for redesign)

R: Redefinition (technology allows for creations not previously possible)

We continue to utilize Strategic, Technology and School Improvement Plans as guides. Please visit these documents on the district and school web pages.

Watch the
"iConnect Night
Presentation" on
the district home
page