

Meaningful Information Kindling Enlightenment's Message #6 – Technology

March is always a crazy time of year in schools. It's a long month, and testing is coming fast! It is also the time when we are actually starting to plan for next year. Next year's kindergarten parents have already checked in with the school and are making their plans. The 2011-2012 budget is being planned (even though the State doesn't have a budget).

So much is happening that it's hard to keep track sometimes. I hope that each of you is able to focus on what is most important for your students, your classrooms and your responsibilities.

One of our continuing focuses is technology. It's a very exciting time for technology in schools. Our Tech Committee is meeting and thinking about (1) how to support our existing technology and (2) where we go next with technology.

Let's just focus on our existing technology right now. I need to know how well our existing technology works. As I described to you earlier, our Internet bandwidth was expanded in January. Some of you have told me that your Internet is much, much faster, while others have told me that you see no difference at all.

I'm asking you to fill out a very brief technology survey that will take you no more than 3 minutes, unless you want to add comments. It will let us know what is working, what is not working, where it's working or not working, and how much work we have to do.

Please fill out the survey any time this week or even this weekend.

I'm all for dreaming about what technology can do for us, but I'm even more for making what we have operate as well as possible.

I'll let you know the results of the survey.

Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6DBPYKW> to fill out the survey.

Thanks for all you do,

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