

Philip Salemi, Superintendent

Superintendent's Corner-October

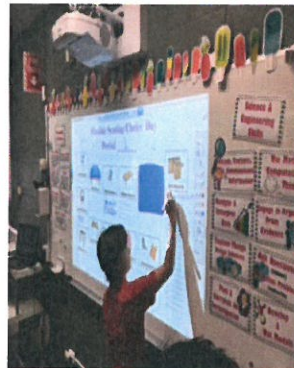
Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

The research is overwhelmingly clear: when parents play a positive role in their child's education, students do better in school. From Curriculum Nights to our High School Night there were many opportunities to connect parents to our schools. One of my personal favorites was our Grandparents Day at WPS. It was great to see the interaction between grandparents and their grandchildren. They were able to visit the classrooms, play games and enjoy a snack together. In all, we had about 150 grandparents show up! It was truly an experience for all that attended.

One of the best parts of my day is when I visit our buildings and see our children engaged with all of the new technology the District has installed over the summer. Teachers all over the District have been using the new technology in their classes. You may have seen some of the upgrades at our Curriculum Nights or learned about them from your children. Some of the upgrades are:

1. 24 classrooms in WMS were configured with interactive projectors.
2. All 430 students in WMS have access to new Chromebooks.
3. 110 laptops were purchased for the teaching staff.
4. 7 SMARTBOARDS from WMS were redistributed to WIS and WPS.
5. Every classroom in the District has a WiFi access point.

We do plan a night in the next few months where parents will have an opportunity to come in and learn more about our technology. Below are just a few of the pictures capturing our students "engaged in technology."



Parents in grades 1st through 8th should have received their child's Fall MAP scores by now. MAP data provides an instructional level and measures academic growth from year to year. Our staff will be working with your child all year to ensure they are making adequate academic growth. If you have questions about the scores please contact your child's teacher or principal.

As always, I welcome your comments, questions or feedback. You can reach me through email at psalemi@sd925.org or by cell 708-670-1927. Have a great October!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Salemi".

Philip Salemi
Superintendent