

January 2011

**Our mission is to create a learning community that prepares all students to be productive, responsible, and successful.**

## **Are You Tech Savvy?**

Do you tweet on Twitter? Do you have a blog? Do you catch your favorite shows via a podcast? Have you ever Moodled? For some, the above questions might as well be written in a foreign language. These are just a few of the terms that have become commonplace in our ever increasing technological society. While we may not know a tweet from a blog, our students/sons and daughters not only know these terms but use this technology daily.

One of our district goals is to continually evaluate technology needs in order to stay current with equipment and teaching of technology. To enhance the education we provide to our students as well as increasing the students' interest in the material, it is imperative that we integrate as much technology as possible into the curriculum. This process is most effective when we use the tools that are a part of our students/sons and daughters' everyday lives. To assist in guiding the technology plan for the district, we created a district technology committee last year that meets three times a year. The goal of this committee is to discuss current technology uses and resources as well as the direction for the future. If you have suggestions for technology use, topics you would like to see brought to the district technology committee, or would like to be on the district committee please contact me at any time.

In an attempt to continue to increase district communication as well as utilize the technology mentioned above, my New Year resolution is to use Twitter, Blogs, Podcasts, Moodle, and Google applications as ways to send out information, provide professional development opportunities, and garner input from the community. Please let me know if you have suggestions or input on ways to more effectively use technology in the district.

Thank you for everything you do to make our school district great.

Happy New Year!!

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>**-No School-Teacher Institute

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** -School Resumes

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**-Report Cards Sent Home

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**-In-Service-12:17 Dismissal

**January 17<sup>th</sup>**-No School-ML King Jr. Day

Through the school improvement process, we hope to promote a positive atmosphere and increased communication and welcome your input and suggestions on ways to accomplish this. Please use the opinions and ideas link on our website at [www.okawvalley.org](http://www.okawvalley.org) to share any ideas or concerns.

***"Learning is what most adults will do for a living in the 21st century."***  
**-- Perelman**

