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

Technology

In the first newsletter of this school year, I highlighted our first district goal- Curriculum/Extracurricular. This newsletter will focus on our technology objectives as well as some possible activities for accomplishing them.

Objectives:

- Continue to utilize the district technology committee to help guide the technology plans for the district.
- Maintain updated district and teacher websites to be used as a source of information about the school district.
- Explore offering adult education classes dealing with technology for community members and parents.

While the objectives are very broad, we are looking at several specific activities to work towards accomplishing the objectives.

Activities:

- Continue quarterly district technology committee meetings and explore the possibility of having a QNS representative as part of the committee. If you would like to be a part of the committee or have ideas that you would like the committee to consider, please contact me.
- Maintain updated district and teacher websites as well as updated information/grades in STL.
- Offer adult education classes dealing with technology.
- Provide professional development opportunities to staff to ensure technology is taught across the curriculum and incorporated into the curriculum.
- Look at additional opportunities for technology in the classroom such as kindles, smartphones, laptops, etc.
- Create a podcast or vide on website showing how to navigate the website and where to find information.

As we all know, technology can be a great educational and communication tool but it is only effective when used and updated consistently. With increased training and use of technology in our schools, we hope to provide the means to enhance the education of all or our students.

If there are other activities that you feel need to be addressed as part of the district improvement plan please contact me at any time. You can also submit any comments, suggestions, or concerns at the Opinions and Ideas link on the webpage at

www.okawvalley.org

Important Upcoming Dates:

October 6th-Parent/Teacher Conferences-4:30 to 7:30

October 7th-No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences-8:30 to 11:30

October 10th-No School-Columbus Day

October 14th-End of 1st Quarter

October 21st-Report Cards Sent Home