



# Technotes



The Three Village Technology Newsletter

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## ***The Results Are In.....Teachers Want More Technology***

Last spring, each teacher was sent an internet link asking them to fill out an electronic survey to assess technology needs in the district. In total, we received responses from 392 teachers and here is a summary of some of the results:

- 90.8% of respondents stated that they have adequate access to a computer in their classroom.
- 90.8 also reported that the district provides adequate and timely support for hardware, software and network issues.
- 92% reposnded that technology is an integral part of unit plans and lesson plan preparation.
- 83% of teachers responded that they incorporate digital media in their lessons either *always* or *sometimes*.
- 84% of teachers believe that students are more engaged in learning where technology is present.
- 93% of the teaching staff found that the professional development offered in technology in the district was helpful to them.
- 83% strongly agree or agree that Infinite Campus is easy to use and is a valuable resource in their teaching.

As far as technology equipment items, teachers most requested more computers in their classrooms, as well as, SmartBoards (interactive white boards), tv's and DVD players, and a wireless laptop computer for teacher use.

Teachers most requested further training and instruction on how to evaluate web resources and gain a greater understanding of copyright information. **Moodle** was the most requested software program for further workshops.

## ***New Technology Arrives in Our Schools Document Cameras Are Here Think 21st Century Overhead Projector...***

Document cameras are now available at each of our schools. These devices allow objects to be placed under the camera and projected onto a large screen. Objects, such as a textbook page, sheet of homework, plant leaf or a map can be viewed as is, magnified, captured and saved through the camera.

The device requires a projector and is generally set up on a mobile, multimedia cart.



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### Three Village Instructional Technology

A blog for Three Village Teachers and Students on Educational Technologies and how to use them

### *Blogging in Instructional Technology*

What is a Blog? A blog, or web log, is a web site where a person, or persons, regularly post events or comments about a particular subject and readers can comment back. These interactive web sites can take the form of an online diary or journal, or can be used by corporations for the purposes of communication or marketing. There are many free blog hosting sites which have allowed for the massive increase in the number of people who write them. For teachers and students, this means that literally, any one with a computer and a blog can publish to a global audience of millions of people!!

Check out the Instructional Technology blog at <http://3vtech2.blogspot.com> where Jim posts interesting and current web site links.

Our secondary libraries also maintain blogs for use by teachers and students:

Ward Melville HS— <http://wardmelvillelibrary.blogspot.com/>

PJ Gelinis JHS— <http://www.3villagecsd.k12.ny.us/icweb/index.htm>

RC Murphy JHS— <http://www.murphylibrary.blogspot.com/>

### **Instructional Technology Strands Incorporated into Essentials of Learning**

During the 2007-08 teachers met to summarize and synthesize the various technology projects and programs used at each grade level, kindergarten through sixth grade. A standard set of technology skills and software application programs has been accepted and established at each grade level and are now published as part of the Essentials of Learning.

[www.3villagecsd.k12.ny.us/curriculum/curriculum.asp](http://www.3villagecsd.k12.ny.us/curriculum/curriculum.asp)

Teachers are receiving training on applicable software resources at each of the grade level meetings. **Moodle** is being used in the staff training workshops in order to provide teachers with a single, online resource that contains links and directions about the programs highlighted at each grade level meeting.

The CDC and the district's chair people will be meeting this year to develop similar standards in each of the secondary subject areas.

### **Sites to See - Websites for Educators**



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