

Principal's Report...

Roses - I observed a 6th grade class using technology in a way that brought remote and in-person learners together, reminding everyone that even when we have to be apart, we're still together. All students were on an online platform that tested knowledge about a book everyone was reading. As individuals answered on their chromebooks, a graph of the group appeared on the screen. Remotes learners were participating on Zoom (cameras off for confidentiality for all).

Buds - The BES internet speeds aren't up to the heavy internet use needed to connect so many staff and students throughout the day. Our download speed of 100MB is sufficient, but upload speeds of 10 MB are strained by remote learning. Jason Mix, Technology Director, is working with our Technology Integrationist, Edith Fogarty, to apply for E-Rate to determine what our options are.

Thorns - Teachers have been adding 6-12 hours a week to their usual schedules by supporting remote learners since September 8th. Most remote learners are doing an excellent job attending school, but there are a few we cannot connect with frequently enough. As a staff, we're investigating ways to adjust our plan for remote learners. The goal is to provide more connection and content for students while redistributing workload and easing strain on educators. We are looking to our other SU schools, and especially partnering with NES, for models that have been successfully implemented.

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