



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### District Celebrates Digital Learning Day

The world celebrated technology through Digital Learning Day, March 13, but on any given day throughout Goose Creek CISD, students and teachers can be seen using cutting-edge technology to enhance learning and accelerate achievement.

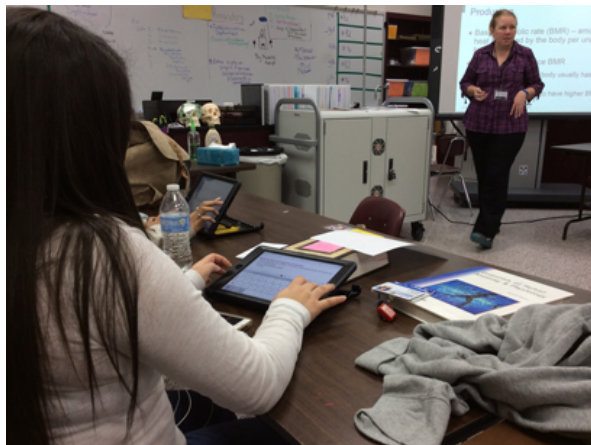
"It is a day to highlight great teaching practices and showcase innovative teachers, leaders and instructional technology programs that are improving student outcomes," said Matt Flood, chief technology officer.

District Technology Management Systems (TMS) technology experts explored numerous Goose Creek CISD schools during the past week, searching for Digital Learning All-Stars who are using technology innovatively in their classrooms. They tweeted out pictures to their Twitter account @gccisd\_edtech all week and presented teachers and students with stickers, proclaiming them to be Digital Learning All-Stars.

Lori Roberts, educational technology specialist, found students and teachers at every campus she visited using clickers, iPads, desktop computers and laptops. Christopher Scott's students at San Jacinto Elementary rotated in groups through four stations, including two Promethean Boards, one which was from a grant, a whiteboard and a flipchart.

"I was just blown away by his classroom," said Roberts. "Students were all participating, completely engaged. They all knew how to change from the pen to the eraser tool."

Robyn Sewell, educational technology specialist, set out to find Digital Learning All-Stars in the Ross S. Sterling High School feeder pattern. She discovered that Joann Fenley uses technology in a variety of ways in her 4th grade writing classroom. She uses the Promethean ActiveExpression (clickers) to allow students to respond to questions, and she displays them on the Promethean Interactive Board for students to sort information.



Digital All-Star Andrea Bechtel at Robert E. Lee High School uses her Promethean Board, while students take notes on their iPads using the Notability app.

"Students also use the mini iPads from DonorsChoose.org for students to create their own connected knowledge via App-Smashing," said Sewell. "It's obvious that students in Ms. Fenley's class enjoy using technology."

The Digital Learning Walks spotlighted Digital Learning All-Stars on every campus. For the 2014-2015 school year, all core curriculum teachers received a Promethean Board and a presentation station. As an expansion of the iPad initiative piloted last year with seniors, this year all high school students had the opportunity to check out iPads.

"We are grateful to the community for approving the 2013 Bond and helping our students become 21st century digital learners," said Flood.

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